

## MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation

Cecil Arena

2706 North East Road

North East, MD 21901

November 22, 2016



### OPENING: 5:00 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chair, George Raley Vice Chair, Steve Minor, Bernie Brown, Matthew Morris, Matthew Roberts Board of Ed Rep, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Cindy Cantor Superintendent, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant, Jen Callaghan,
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2016  
Motion to Approve: George Raley  
Second: Steve Minor

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- General Update – Per Director Van Dyke, A 51 team girl's lacrosse tournament was held on 11/5 at Calvert Regional Park with an impact of \$15,600 to the general fund. The restaurants in the area reported being full and seeing kid's in lacrosse uniforms. On 11/19, the Cecil Soccer League played at Calvert and used the synthetic turf and front 2 fields. At Calvert Regional Park two weeks ago, 450' feet of copper wire was stolen from the ground boxes around the lights for the synthetic turf field. We are receiving quotes for replacement wiring as well as locking concrete boxes with security hex bolts to deter future thefts. The flag poles are being installed at Calvert next week. There was a delay with the shipping and delivery of the poles, but they are now in and will be installed near the basketball court. Engineering of Phase II of Calvert is ahead of schedule and we are currently in the concept phase. We are looking at up to 7 possible tournaments for 2017/2018. These tournaments could generate up to \$180,000.
- Board Members George Raley, Steve Minor – Plaques were presented to Steve Minor and George Raley for their service to the Parks Board. Their dedication and efforts over the years have helped Parks and Recreation continue to move forward.

*Moved from Informational Items to Action Item at 5:20 pm*

### ACTION ITEM

- County Park Tobacco Policy – Per Director Van Dyke, 8 Counties have banned tobacco in any form, 14 Counties have restrictions, and only 2 Counties have no restrictions in place. Cecil County Public Schools currently has a Tobacco Free policy in place. Harford County has a total ban on smoking on any county property including parks. With our parks signs promoting healthy lifestyles, we believe the issue needs to be addressed. We have received some complaints regarding smoking in our parks.

Motion: The Board recommends Parks and Recreation draft a policy to prohibit smoking in parks.

First: Steve Minor

Second: George Raley

Motion passed unanimously.

*Moved from Action Item to Public Comment/Questions at 5:33 pm*

### PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

- Andrew Farris, Alexis Farris, Dawn Farris – Wanted to let the Department of Parks and Recreation know that they were grateful for the efforts made to create and maintain the parks.

*Moved from Public Comment/Questions to Closed Session at 5:37 pm*

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Moved from Closed Session to Board Members Comments/Questions at 5:47 pm*

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Matthew Morris thanked the department for the trail dedication in Tari's honor and thanked Steve and George for their service.
- Steve Minor said he was glad he participated on the Board for as long as he did and was able to see all of the improvements with the department and programs over the years.
- Matthew Roberts thanked Cindy for the relationship and working to get CCPS sports teams on the turf and looks forward to spring and a bigger and better relationship in the future
- George Raley said it was a privilege to be of service to the Board.
- Bernie Brown thanked both Steve and George for their service.
- Don Harmer said he was glad Steve stuck around and is going out on a big note with all of the things currently happening in Parks and Recreation. He also said he valued George for his wisdom and he was always more than happy to attend Board functions. He finished by thanking both Steve and George for their service.

**Motion to Adjourn: George Raley**

**Second: Steve Minor**

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:53 pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17th at 5:30 pm, Rising Sun Room of the County Administration Building.**