

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
Cecil Arena
2706 North East Road
North East, MD 21901



February 21, 2017

OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Matthew Morris, Vice Chairman
- In attendance: Matthew Morris Vice Chairman, Bernie Brown, Traci Bauguess, Jen Callaghan, Matthew Roberts, Brian Morgan, Cynthia Cantor Superintendent, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 22, 2016/ January 17, 2017
Motion to Approve: Bernie Brown
Second: Jen Callaghan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Athletic Field Use and Allocation Policy Handbook Draft – A draft of the new field use policy was submitted for review and comment. The policy covers fees for permits and new fee structures. The policy would take effect beginning July 1.
- Phase II plan update – The phase is on schedule for plan submittal. Construction is scheduled to start the 2nd or 3rd week of July.
- C.I.P. Budget Review – Calvert Phase II was included in our CIP request with a new field and parking across from the park and 2 fields and parking by the barn.
- Operating Budget Review – The operating budget included 1 F/T Recreation position, 1 F/T Parks position, and 3 Seasonal staff (if additional land acquired).
- Update on Senate Bill 0116 (P.O.S.) – This bill has passed in the Senate and had its first reading in the House on 1/10. Emails of support can be send to Sen. Hershey and Del. Hornberger.
- Part Time Staff Needs – Part-Time staffing needs have been placed on the Parks and Recreation website and linked to HR. Staff will be needed to assist with after school programs. The department is researching the use of VIC students, retiree's, and students in need of service learning hours to fill the need. The after school program would have a 10/1 ratio with a cost of \$15/wk for M-F from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm. A program for days when school is out is also being reviewed.
- Youth Lax League starts March 1/Youth Flag Football starts April – Registration has closed for our LAX program. Five boys and three girls teams have been formed. LAX practice will be held on Tues/Thurs. The Flag Football program is sponsored by the NFL with over 100 participants and will be held on Fridays.
- Tournament Information: Corrigan Group/Victory Group – These groups are interested in several dates at Calvert Regional Park. We tentatively have 2 boys and 1 girls LAX events scheduled. The NXT group is also interested in the park and has booked a weekend 2018.
- Tobacco Free Policy – An amendment to the County Code for Parks and Recreation to ban tobacco products at all County Parks will go before the Council.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

Scott Carlson, Elkton, MD – Mr. Carlson attended the meeting to discuss some ideas he has for Elk River Park. He would like to see some improvements to the park, including new signs, playground updates, a trail, new parking bumpers, and supports removed from the trees planted near the entrance. A Park Pal program was discussed and Clyde will meet with Mr. Carlson to discuss the program in further detail.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Matthew Roberts – Mentioned Calvert will be hosting LAX games this spring and a bocce ball tournament on the synthetic turf field. On Oct. 17th, a cross country meet will be held with the 5 high schools utilizing the trail at Calvert Regional Park.

Motion to Adjourn: Jen Callaghan

Second: Bernie Brown

Meeting Adjourned: 7:14 pm

Next meeting – March 21st, 5:30 p.m. - Rising Sun Room - County Administration Building