

## MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation  
County Administration Building, Rising Sun Room  
200 Chesapeake Blvd  
Elkton, MD 21921



January 15, 2019

### OPENING: 5:33 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer
- In attendance: Don Harmer-Chairman, Brian Morgan-Vice Chairman, Megan Coleman, Jen Callaghan, Councilman George Patchell-Ex-Officio, Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Administrative Budget Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2018  
Motion to Approve: Jen Callaghan  
Second: Brian Morgan

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Update: Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation - Bunny Renshaw is heading up the Advocacy Committee for Brantwood Park. Their next meeting is on Thursday (1/17). The main focus of the meeting will be the call to action for the Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing for Citizen Input on the FY20 Budget. They are gathering support through social media and the distribution of flyers and hope to have several members of the community speak at the hearing in support of park funding.
- Fees Discussion - Director VanDyke discussed the out of county Sports Tournament Fee for Calvert Regional Park, currently set at \$500 per field per day, noting it should be raised to \$700 starting in the Fall of 2019. He also mentioned the need to set a fee for field damages and a deposit or fee for trash left on or around the field by rental groups. He would like Indoor Facility Fees to remain unchanged. Chairman Harmer mentioned possibly setting a fee based on the square footage of field damage. Deposits/Fees for field damages and trash left on fields will be discussed further at the February Parks Board meeting.
  - ❖ Motion: To adjust the Sports Tournament Fee from \$500 per day per field to \$700 per day per field for Tournament Groups and to keep fees for Indoor Facilities set at the current rate.  
Motion to Approve: Brian Morgan  
Second: Jen Callaghan
- Budget Review - Director VanDyke noted the biggest increase in the FY20 Operating Budget request would be in Buildings and Improvements and Program Supplies. We're hoping to address the aging tennis courts at the Community Center, add 25-30 parking spaces the Calvert House, place concrete at the entrance to the synthetic turf field at Calvert, adjust the configuration the of fencing in front of the bleachers at Calvert, and add a parking area on the 2 vacant acres at the Cecil Sports Complex. The FY20 CIP Budget request includes Phase III of Calvert, the North East High School Turf Field, Elk River Park (State Funded), and Brantwood Park. Land and Water Conservation Funds were requested for Calvert Regional Park and Brantwood Park.
- General Update – Director VanDyke will be attending a meeting to discuss expanding after school programs. Chairman Harmer mentioned that the MOU between CCPR and CCPS was one of the greatest documents. Cecil Night in Annapolis was held on 1/10 and was well attended.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

None

## **BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- **Brian Morgan – Wanted to mention seeing the programs on the monitors and all of the brochures on the counter at the Cecil Arena was amazing. A Lacrosse player heard positive feedback from the store/gas station across from the Cecil Arena. The owner mentioned how well informed the Parks and Rec staff keep them regarding upcoming events and tournaments.**
- **Jen Callaghan – Wanted to comment on how much progress has been made at Brantwood and said it is impressive.**
- **Megan Coleman – What can we do for you? Director VanDyke said continued support.**
- **Don Harmer – Wanted to mention again how well attend Cecil Night was, lobbyist were discussing the opioid crisis, at risk children and how active Cecil County is the job market.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Brian Morgan**

**Second: Jen Callaghan**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19th at 5:30 pm, at the Calvert House (2826 North East Road, North East, MD).**