

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation

Via Zoom

200 Chesapeake Blvd.

Elkton, MD 21921



April 21, 2020

Due to the current COVID 19 health crisis and Governor Hogan's "Stay At Home Order", we, the Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation, are hosting this virtual meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The Attorney General advises us to provide the best possible opportunity for the public to observe and participate in our meetings. Once the meeting moves into Public Comment, the public must identify themselves before speaking. The Board Chairman will ensure there is a quorum.

OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer
- In attendance: Don Harmer-Chairman, Brian Morgan-Vice Chairman, Jen Callaghan, Megan Coleman, Matthew Morris, Bernie Brown, Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Admin. Budget Assist.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 18th, 2020
Motion to Approve: Megan Coleman
Second: Jen Callaghan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation Update – Thomas McFadden provided an update on the 501c3. The Friends held their March meeting via Zoom. The 990e was filed in March. The Friends are looking at proposals for web and graphic design including their logo. New revenue sources being researched include grants and memorial benches. The signature special event is on hold due to the pandemic.
- Social Distancing / Park Use – Parks are being maintained by priority. Playgrounds remain closed as well as basketball courts. The rims on the basketball courts were removed. Parks are seeing heavy use.
- General Board Member Discussion – Almost 500 refunds were processed for spring programs. Tournaments scheduled for June were moved to August. Summer programs are open for registration without paying up front. Story Boards, donated from the Cecil County Public Library, were placed at the Calvert Regional Park. The ribbon cutting for the Story Boards is on hold. The budget hearing for Parks and Recreation will be held on May 5th. Calvert Regional Park 3B and Elk River Dredging (all grant funded) are in the CIP. The second survey for Brantwood Park is being revised and will be online soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

None

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Brian Morgan – Mentioned the far reaches of programs and solid relationships developed with CCPS & CCPL.
- Jen Callaghan – Mentioned the Sheriff's Office and having them bring their drone out to our parks.
- Matthew Morris – None
- Bernie Brown – Thanked everyone and mentioned Conowingo Park looked great.
- Megan Coleman – Mentioned she was sad that lacrosse was canceled.
- Don Harmer – Mentioned the integration of Parks and Recreation into other areas.

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Morgan

Second: Jen Callaghan

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 pm, Via Zoom