

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
Calvert House
2826 North East Road
North East, MD 21901



January 19, 2021

OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Brian Morgan
- In attendance: Brian Morgan-Vice Chairman, Jen Callaghan, Megan Coleman, Bernie Brown, Councilman Patchell, Jim Leitgeb-Board of Ed. Rep., Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Admin. Budget Assist.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2020
Motion to Approve: Bernie Brown
Second: Megan Coleman

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation Update: Thomas McFadden provided an update on the 501c3. The Disc Golf tee pads are going in at Brantwood Park. Lumber and crusher run was purchased for the gold tee pads and there should be enough material left over to complete the blue tee pads. The volunteers are doing a great job. A few requests for the new disc golf course area were discussed. The 501c3 is also working to find additional businesses for sponsorships. A 12' x 17' lacrosse wall will be added to Calvert Regional Park. The new logos are being reviewed. The Finance Committee and Communication Committee are doing a great job. A membership drive is being planned.
- General Board Member Discussion: Phase 3 of Calvert Regional Park - Surface paving is almost complete. Striping of the parking area will need to be done after paving is complete. The plantings for the islands will be completed in the spring. Sod has been placed on the new fields. Fencing and some additional curbing are being finished and the entire project will be complete by May 1st. In the Cecil Arena, we have rentals for baseball, softball and soccer. Lacrosse tournaments will begin in April with every weekend booked in June and July. The lacrosse arc area on some of the fields at Calvert Regional Park were re-sodded. We anticipate all fields to be ready for June tournaments. We are in the process of updating the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan with a draft due to the Department of Natural Resources in December of 2021. Legislation for a clean parks bill has been proposed by MDDNR. The Maryland Recreation and Parks Association will be opposing the bill as its verbiage is covered under most jurisdictions existing park rules. This spring, story boards, like those at the Calvert Regional Park, will be placed at Brantwood Park through a partnership with the Cecil County Public Library. The protocols put into place at the Cecil Arena are working well. Protocols are as follows: temperature scans, cleaning and wiping down frequently touched surfaces, allowing only 1 parent per family to spectate, no concession sales except for water and Gatorade and the wearing of masks while in the facility and in play. If a health condition warrants a participant to not wear a mask, a shield is recommended. The adult soccer program is following the same protocols and players are wearing masks while in the facility as well as in active play.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

None

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Jen Callaghan: Asked about the Beechwood property in Port Deposit.
- Megan Coleman: No comment

- **Bernie Brown: No comment**
- **Jim Leitgeb: Said CCPS is thankful and appreciative for everything Park and Recreation did in the fall.**
- **Brian Morgan: Reached out and welcomed the new administration.**

Motion to Adjourn: Megan Coleman

Second: Jen Callaghan

Meeting Adjourned: 6:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th at 5:30 pm, TBD, May be held at the Calvert House, the County Administration Building, or via Zoom due to the current COVID restrictions.