

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation, Via Zoom
200 Chesapeake Blvd.
Elkton, MD 21921



March 16, 2021

Due to the current COVID 19 health crisis, 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-Chair, Brian Morgan-Vice Chair, Jen Callaghan, Megan Coleman, Bernie Brown, Jim Leitgeb, Matt Morris, Councilman George Patchell, Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Admin. Budget Assist.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 16th, 2021
Motion to Approve: Brian Morgan
Second: Jen Callaghan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Friends of Cecil County Parks & Recreation Update Provided by Maryanne Dolan: At 9 am on April 25th, a disc golf tournament will be held at the Brantwood Regional Park. The Friends are working with the Elkton Art Alliance for an Arts in the Parks event. A signature event 5k is scheduled to be held in September. The Friends are working on making this a home-grown family-oriented event.
- General Board Member Discussion Provided by Clyde VanDyke: Registration for spring programs has exceeded capacity with several programs having wait lists. There are record setting registrations for Cecil Lacrosse, Wiffle Tee Ball & Field Hockey. The Park Operations staff are wrapping up winter projects & starting spring preparations. Completion for Phase 3 of the Calvert Regional Park is expected to be May 1st. The Department of Natural Resources will be evaluating & moving channel markers in the Elk River tomorrow. Three stone parking areas are being placed on the southside of Williams Road at Brantwood Park. The Winter season ended well with no COVID exposures at any of our indoor programs. As programs move outside, the mask mandate will be lifted for players. Spectators in common areas must continue to wear a mask. We are addressing some behavior issues/concerns over loud music around the basketball courts at Calvert Regional Park, signage will be placed in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Jim Leitgeb: Thanked Clyde for working with CCPS & is glad to hear program numbers are up.
- Jen Callaghan: Asked about the open Rec Specialist position. The new hire will start at the end of March.
- Matt Morris: No comments
- Bernie Brown: Mentioned Blue Cheetah as a possible race organizer for the Friends 5k in September.
- Megan Coleman: Is excited about outside rentals & watched great lacrosse games this weekend at NEHS.
- Brian Morgan: Said it was easy to be on this Board & is blown away that concerns are addressed so quickly.
- George: No comments.
- Don Harmer: Said he had a chance to meet with Administration and was able to discuss the Board, the Friends & how they work together with the Department.

Motion to Adjourn Closed Session: Matt Morris

Second: Bernie Brown

Meeting Adjourned: 6:24 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th 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.