

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
County Administration Building – Parks and Recreation Office
200 Chesapeake Blvd.
Elkton, MD 21921



September 27, 2021

OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer
- Board Members In attendance: Don Harmer-Chair, Brian Morgan-Vice Chair, Jen Callaghan, Bernie Brown, Amy Sexton-BOE Rep, Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Admin. Budget Assist., Via Phone: Matthew Morris, Megan Coleman
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2021
Motion to Approve: Matthew Morris
Second: Jen Callaghan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Friends of Cecil County Parks & Recreation Update: Provided by Thomas McFadden. On Saturday, 9/18, there were 2 events held, the Plant Your Promise event at Brantwood Regional Park in partnership with Youth Empowerment Source and a 5k-Pack The Park event. Another 5k will be held in April 2022 that will partner with Volunteer Cecil and well as other non-profits. For Cecil Cares Day on 10/5, the Friends will be assisting with a rain garden installation at the North East Community Park. The Friends were notified of a grant award from the Delaware Nature Society and a press release will be held on 9/28. The grant will fund tree plantings on the disc golf side of Brantwood Regional Park. The Friends will partner with CCPS and the School of Technology to have students assist with the project and possibly sponsor buses for trips to the park next year. Approximately 80 birds hatched from the bird houses around Conowingo Park. Jon Yandell is now part of the Friends Board. The Friends are researching the possibility of adopting a section of Williams Road.
- General Update: Provided by Clyde VanDyke. Around 10 volunteers, along with staff and Councilman Al Miller, attended Cecil Cares Day at the Calvert Regional Park Disc Golf course. Holes 17-18 were the focus. The Rising Sun High School is utilizing fields at the Calvert Regional Park. Tournaments begin in mid-October and run through late November. We're addressing some issues with trash around the synthetic turf fields after games. Phase 3 of the Calvert Regional Park is complete. The Farmers Market held in August at the Cecil Arena went very well. The Puppy 5k Fun Run went well but had competition from other 5ks being held in the area. Pickle Ball lines will be added to the courts at Rising Sun Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Bernie Brown: Congratulated the Friends on their grant award and welcomed Amy to the board.

Matthew Morris: No comments

Megan Coleman: Said she is all for the Pickle Ball lines on the courts at Rising Sun Middle.

Jen Callaghan: Mentioned she attended a booster meeting and parents were discussing turf fields

Brian Morgan: No comment

Motion to Move to Closed Session: Bernie Brown

Second: Jen Callaghan

Moved to Closed Session at 6:15pm

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Morgan

Second: Jen Callaghan

Meeting Adjourned: 6:25 pm

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