

## MINUTES

Cecil Arena  
2706 North East Road  
North East, MD 21901

February 24, 2014



### OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, 5:35 PM
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, Steve Minor Vice Chairman, Bernie Brown, George Raley, Matthew Morris, Jennifer Smith, Chris Hersl, Michael Dunn Ex-Officio, Danielle Hemling Recreation Coordinator, Cynthia Cantor Superintendent, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2014  
Motion to Approve: George Raley  
Second: Matthew Morris

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A list of Park benefits and community organizations in favor of the park were distributed to all Board members. A copy of the Economic Impact study was also passed around. The study is also available online on the Parks and Recreation website under the heading Announcements, Calvert Regional Park Updates.
- Sponsorship fee levels were discussed during the meeting. Different sponsorship ideas were discussed (tree plantings, plaques, bricks, field naming rights, etc). A draft of the policy will be sent to the county attorney for review.
- Parks and Recreation will present their budget on April 1, 2014 at 1:00 in the Elk Room. Landmark will have an engineering representative at the meeting. The requested budget is \$2.5 million, down from the initial \$5 million. Parks and Recreation will only request what we can develop during FY15. If approved, Phase I would break ground in late September/early October 2014 with anticipated completion date of Dec 2015. Phase II would begin in FY 16 pending budget approval. A date of December 2017/January 2018 is anticipated for an entire park build out.
- The Annual Program is being revised. It will be ready to review for a vote at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The towns of Chesapeake City and Perryville have requested POS acquisition funding from Cecil County Parks and Recreation. Clyde has been in touch with both towns and asked for more information. Also, Gov. O'Malley would like to use lotto funds from one week during the month of July for additional funding for Program Open Space due to lack of recent funding.

### PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- George Raley - talked about the importance of citizen support, he has gotten a lot of interest and signatures of support within his running group.
- Matt Morris/Mario Gangemi - 501c3 paperwork is being reviewed by county attorney.
- Steve Minor - has created a shortened version of the park support presentation, it is available for use.
- Bernie Brown - Once a 501c3 is established, it will have a tremendous increase on funds that can be accessed.
- Don Harmer - will try to stay as involved as possible throughout the process.
- Chris Hersl - School Board Budget is requesting funds to resurface all tennis courts at all high schools except Bo Manor High, a request will also be made to replace the gymnasium at Bo Manor High, a 3 yr plan for 5 (2,2,1) turf fields - one at each at high schools will be requested as well. The state cross country championships will be moved to Fair Hill, the location will be ideal for the championship.

**Motion to close open session 5:25: Bernie Brown  
Second: George Raley**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion to Adjourn: Steve Minor  
Second: Matthew Morris  
Meeting Adjourned: 6:45pm**

**Next Meeting: to be held Monday, March 17th at 5:30 pm, in the Rising Sun Room of the County Administration Building.**