

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
Cecil Arena
2706 North East Road
North East, MD 21901

January 19, 2015



OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, Steve Minor Vice Chairman, Bernie Brown, Matthew Morris, George Raley, Traci Bauguess, Councilman George Patchell Ex-Officio, Clyde Van Dyke Director Cynthia Cantor Superintendent, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2014
Motion to Approve: George Raley
Second: Steve Minor

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Introductions- Councilman Patchell – Ex-Officio
- CCPS/CCPR Facility User Fees - Director Van Dyke and Superintendent Cantor spoke with Perry Willis to make sure CCPS and CCPR proposed fee schedules are in alignment. Fees will be based on an hourly rate. CCPR fees will drop slightly from around \$7.50/hr to about \$5/hr. The implementation time line will be August 2015.
- CCPS/CCPR MOU - The department continues to work toward an MOU with CCPS that mirrors Harford County Public Schools. Harford County Parks and Recreation maintains most of the fields for Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) and schedules those fields after HCPS priority hours (M-F after 6 and Sat after 11).
- Calvert Regional Park Update - Per Director Van Dyke, after a brief shutdown due to weather, work began again on the park last week. Work will continue for the rest of January with a winter shutdown beginning in February and continuing into March depending on weather. To date, 3 traps are done, not converted to full ponds, but sediment traps are complete, the earth dikes are done, field 2 is on grade and they are working on field 3. In doing that, field 1 (synthetic turf) was opened up. The synthetic turf field is being left 6"-8" above sub grade while on winter shutdown. Phase 1A is expected to be completed in June of this year. To be completed are 4 traps, the entrance, the parking lot, trail, laying sod, and synthetic turf. Funding is not currently available for paving the parking lot and lighting for the parking lot and synthetic turf field.
- POS Funding Update – Funding is still split 50/50 between development and acquisition until we meet the state mandate of 30 acres per 1000 residents.
- FY16 CIP – \$3.4 million is needed to finish Phase 1A/B, and Phase 2. \$1.8 million would help to finish 1A/B.
- 501c3 Update – Peggy McQuitty has helped Mario with application questions. The application is 99% complete. Values for naming rights have been discussed as well as the appearance of the entrance. Director Van Dyke suggested a Veterans/1st Responders Memorial Wall as a focal point. Mario will be meeting with a Retired Colonel and discuss ideas and fundraising. A 3 year capital campaign for \$10 million is planned. Mario and some members of the Staff and Board met with Bill Pugh to discuss a capital campaign. Mr. Pugh's firm develops capital campaigns and conducts research for areas before fundraising efforts begin. A \$30,000 fee would be charged for a feasibility study. Discussions have taken place with David Thomey regarding 501c3 Board. Old Dominion Electric Cooperative is on target and preliminary discussions are taking place. The 501c3 would like members of the Parks Board to identify one or two people in the community who would be interested in getting involved with the 501c3 or fundraising efforts.

- Volunteer Request at Parks – George Raley knows of a community member interested in developing gardens along the park paths and she would be willing to work with Parks and Recreation to have this completed. Superintendent Cantor mentioned various garden groups that would probably like to be involved in projects on the park grounds.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

No public in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Traci Bauguess – Traci would like to see us put more information out to the public regarding what is happening in Parks and Recreation. The Winter Lacrosse parents did not know Calvert Regional Park had broken ground. Information is currently shared via Facebook and upcoming activities are featured in the Cecil Whig.

Steve Minor – Steve will look into some potential names for the 501c3.

Chairman Don Harmer – Don asked Tari not to stop the momentum of the park at the Town Hall meeting. The comments from that meeting are available on audio. Don went to Cecil Night in Annapolis. The Speaker of the House, Budget Senator, and a host of Delegates and Senators were available during Cecil Night. Carl Roberts orchestrated the whole day and the event had a great turnout.

Motion to Adjourn: Matthew Morris

Second: George Raley

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Cecil Arena.