

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
Calvert Regional Park
211 Brick Meeting House Road
North East, MD 21901

July 20, 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, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant, David Mencer Recreation Coordinator, Mario Gangemi 501c3 Chairman.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, June 20 , 2015
Motion to Approve: Bernie Brown
Second: Traci Bauguess

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Introduction: David Mencer – David joined the department 2 months ago as the Recreation Coordinator with a background in Sports. He was a college basketball and volleyball coach and has worked with the Boys and Girls Club in Harford County. He came to the department as the summer programs were about to begin and numbers are up almost 50%. Looking toward the fall schedule, the department will offer most of the same programs. Middle School Movers, Sports, and Art programs will be held. David is also looking at new ways to promote and advertise programs for next year. George Raley attended the Rising Sun Safetyville program graduation. He said the program was wonderful and the results were fantastic with the participants knowing everything they needed to know about safety.
- 501c3 Update: Mario Gangemi worked with Ella to fax a package to the IRS about 3 weeks ago based on a letter requesting additional 501c3 information. Mario followed up with the IRS and was asked to change a paragraph pertaining to the handling of any dissolution of the 501c3. The paragraph currently states in the event of dissolution, "501c3 funds will be transferred to CCPR". However, the IRS wants the paragraph to read "501c3 funds will be transferred to a non-profit organization or CCPR". The requested change will be completed and forwarded back to the IRS. The requirements to make the 501c3 official are 99% complete and the 501c3 is now in good standing with the State of MD. Mario would like to host a 5k event through foundation. He would also like to host a dinner for a "Cecil County Sports Hall of Fame". This dinner would honor phenomenal athletes who have come through Cecil County and would be held at Calvert Regional Park within the next year. A JV and Varsity Lacrosse play day with concessions is also planned. Other members of 501c3 Board will be selected as the mission, vision and business plans are written.
- General Project Update:
 - Calvert Regional Park: A brief tour and park layout was given by Director Van Dyke. The 3 week installation process for the synthetic turf field was explained. The process begins with the sewing and gluing of sections of turf. Only 10 yards of turf are sewn and glued at a time due to the number of lines for each sport. A different colored line will represent Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, and Soccer. The parking lot will have 3 different sections with an island in the middle. A bid for paving went out and numbers should be back in the next few weeks for the entrance road, parking lot, trail and basketball court. The basketball court is not yet on grade, but will be soon. The department has been approached about a donation to the basketball court. Work should begin on the trail the 2nd week of August. Delmarva is running power for lights which will be shipped this week and installed over the next 2-3 weeks. A concession and storage building will be on site as well as restroom facilities. Phase 1B was awarded to Meadows Construction and the E&S controls will be going up at the end of this week or early next week with mobilization beginning next week as well. Meadows Construction will be ready to move dirt by the 1st week of August and are expected to complete Phase 1B fairly quickly. A set of elevated bleachers with fencing will be located at the

synthetic turf field as well as a scoreboard. Three tournaments are currently scheduled for November.

- Bard Cameron Parcel: The department purchased the parcel adjacent to the Cecil Sports Complex last week. The Deed was recorded and the County is now the rightful owner. Possible future park acquisitions were discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

- Annual Elections
 - Chairman: Nomination for Don Harmer
 - Vice Chairman: Nomination for George Raley
 - Secretary: Nomination for Ella Briones

Nominations were made and passed unanimously by the Parks Board for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.

- Annual Program –
 - A motion was made to approve the 26 page FY16 Annual Program
Motion to Approve: George Raley
Second: Steve Minor

A motion was made and passed unanimously by the Parks Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

No public in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Traci Bauguess - said she is excited about the progress and the park looks great.
- Matthew Morris - said the Annual Program was clear and concise and thanked CCPR for putting it together.
- Bernie Brown - said he can see more of what park will look like. He also mentioned that the Lions Club would like to make a donation for the southern end of Conowingo to create a passive recreation area.
- Steve Minor – said he is excited about the progress as well.
- George Raley - said he was at a baseball tournament for his grandson and was able to see up close and personal what an economic machine tournaments create. He saw a lot of dollars being spent on hotels and restaurants.

Motion to Adjourn: George Raley
Second: Traci Bauguess

Meeting Adjourned: 6:20 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, September 21st at 5:30 pm, Calvert Regional Park.