

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA

July 17, 2023

Parks and Recreation HQ

1945 4 H Park Rd.

Centreville, MD.

PRAB Members: Mark Cascia, Laurie Dalziel, Commissioner James Moran, Marlene Stanton, Leigh Dillon, Sid Pinder, Paul Lombardo, Phil Starkey, Matt Tuma

1. Roll Call/Welcome- **ROBERT'S RULES**
2. Review/Approval of Minutes –
3. Board of Ed Update-
4. Division Updates- attached
5. General Discussion
 - a. Public Comments-
 - i. Fred Long
 - ii. Erik Long
 - iii. Tim Adelman
 - iv. Ryan Smuz (letter attached)
 - b. Board Comments-
6. New Business-
 - a. Proclamation: July is Parks and Recreation Month
 - b. Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan
 - c. ESPB Pickleball Tournament September 9 and 10
 - d. Matapeake Beach Restrooms and DNR
 - e. Working with Tourism to update Bike Trail Maps
7. Continuing Business-
 - a. Bash By the Bay – this past week-end
 - b. Skate Park- Construction pushed to April 2024
 - c. Church Hill Basketball courts color coating (Next week)
 - d. White Marsh Dog Park- (September)
 - e. Sudlersville Park Projects
 - i. Futsal and Basketball (refurbish) Courts with lights- (August/September)
 - ii. Tennis (1) and (2) Pickleball Courts (August)
 - f. LPPI Projects \$1,000,000
 - i. Round Top Pickleball and Basketball courts work **COMPLETED**
 - ii. Pinkney lights and Basketball Courts color coating work - **COMPLETED**
 - g. Blue Heron Golf Course Cart pat paving Holes 1 – 9
 - h. Opioid Trail – Rt. 18 and Church Hill Park (October)
 - i. Current Vacancies:
 - i. Crew Supervisor (2) (to be advertised next week)
 - ii. Park Maintenance Worker I (interviewed 7/13/23)
8. Next Meeting:

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6/23/2023

Subject: Refurbishing the Batts Neck Park Roller Hockey Rink

I am writing to express my strong support for refurbishing the roller hockey rink at Batts Neck Park. Investing in the renovation of this facility will bring numerous benefits to our community.

- **Health and Fitness:** The roller hockey rink provides a space for residents of all ages to engage in physical activity, promoting cardiovascular health and overall fitness.
- **Youth Development:** Renovating the rink will encourage young people to participate in healthy outdoor activities, fostering their development and engagement.
- **Economic Impact:** A renovated roller hockey rink can attract visitors, generating revenue for local businesses through tournaments and events.
- **If done properly, maintenance can be easy and affordable.**

To elaborate on my last point, when surfacing a hockey rink there are 2 main choices. A painted asphalt solution like *SkateMaster* or a hardened plastic material like *VersaCourt*. Of these 2, hardened plastic would be the preferred solution when it comes to maintenance, durability, and long-term affordability. A painted solution will eventually crack, need to be repainted, and would cause more wear and tear on team equipment. *VersaCourt* (or something similar) snaps together like plank flooring. If there is an issue with a piece of hardened plastic, a single piece can be removed and replaced in minutes. No need to repaint or resurface. This type of surface can be used for roller and street hockey alike.

I kindly request that you consider the significance of this project and explore funding sources, grants, or community partnerships to support the renovation.

Thank you for your consideration. I am willing to assist in any way possible to get this project done. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,
Ryan Smuz