

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2021

Those present during the Virtual GoTo Meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Leigh Dillon, Commissioner Jim Moran, Paul Lombardo, Carla Viar Pullen, Vicki Paulas, Mark Cascia and Phil Starkey and Matt Tuma

GUESTS: Sarah Guy from Salisbury University, and Todd Mohn

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: Steve Chandlee, Nancy Scozzari, Mike Watson, Joan Brooks, James Wood, Robbie Blackiston and Breanne Waters.

Approval of December 2020 PRAB Minutes

Motion to approve: Phil Starkey and Vickie Paulas

General Discussion

- Welcome Matt Tuma
- South Island Trail status: Still waiting on appraisals for easements, won't arrive till Feb 2021
- Board of Education Update:
 - Anticipate school to start Jan 28.
 - Sports winter season is now cancelled
 - South Island Trail easement was reviewed, and they think it will be a good addition to the school. Will Parks draw up documents to show plan for BOE to review?
- Cross Island Trail Repair: The engineer is not returning our phone calls or emails.
- If the potential hockey rink team did remodel the indoor hockey rink, they would priority not exclusivity, also unsure of cost. Highly unlikely now due to COVID.

Parks and Resource Planning – Nancy Scozzari

- Sarah Guy presented the Needs Assessment Survey results for the LPPRP, see [Power Point](#) or [Report](#) attached.
- Still working on completing the 5 projects with DNR from last meeting.
 - We forested about 17 acres
 - Provided meadow habit and urban tree canopy in 5 acres.
- Still working with the State to have the traffic lights for crosswalks installed.

Public Landings Update- James Wood

- Corsica River Dredging update: Might be wrapped up this week
- Video Surveillance system installation for Kent Narrows marina is complete.
- Price Creek Dredging- request \$10k grant from DNR for sampling. Continue to explore placement options for dredge materials including “thin-layer placement” at CBEC, pending permits and timing. Living shoreline at BHNP is unlikely.
- Plastic Free OAC have located a free, shipping included, fishing line recycling outlet. Plan to refurbish 6 existing receptacles and add new ones at five locations: Visitor's Center, Centreville Wharf, Deep Landing, Southeast Creek Landing and Cabin Creek Landing.
- Collaborated with community and fire dept. on lighted Christmas tree at Romancoke entrance

Recreation and League Update – Joan Brooks

- Currently in planning mode for all seasons
- Need to know from BOE if we can have access to the schools for summer programs.
- Can not use senior center because seniors aren't even allowed back in there yet.

Parks Update – Mike Watson and Robbie Blackiston

- 90% complete cleaning along the Cross-Island Trail shoulders
- Batts Neck parking lot plantings complete
- Currently trimming trees throughout all parks
- Could start field maintenance early if weather is good.
- Starting to have COVID staffing issues
- Dealing with the beaver issue at Ewing Pond Park

Continuing Business

- POS for Terrapin Restroom and Ranger Station was approved by BPW on 1/6/21, so we may now begin to work on getting utilities and clearing the area.
 - Riding contract so will not have place it out to bid.
- Subcommittee for Park attendants
 - Working on signage that softly address what you can and can't do at each location
 - Trying to finalize staffing whether it should be 4 or 7 days a week
 - Working on marketing the beach areas
- Operating budget due Feb 5, 2021
- Ranger Interviews 1/13/21

New Business

- We had the same issue last year at Ewing Pond Park with the beavers
- Single Track Trail at Terrapin- walked the site with Steve Pringle to discuss track location.
 - Signed final MOU with MOORE, 5-year agreement
- Next meeting: February 8, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Jim Moran and Phil Starkey