

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021

Those present during the meeting were:

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

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

GUESTS: Bob Zillig, Steve Pringle, Leslie Sandoz, Jason Jacobs, Terry Morris

Approval of February 2021 PRAB Minutes

Motion to approve: Leigh Dillon and Matt Tuma

General Discussion

- Board of Education Update: March 22nd Starts Full School Hybrid Days
- No field issues since Parks is allowing BOE to use their turf time.
- Spectator Policy: Visitors from opposing teams still not allowed to attend.

New Business

- Cremation remains policy on park property, currently there is no policy.
 - Pat Thompson stated there was no rule against it.
- [BPAC Presentation](#) for trail connectivity and safety recommendations
 - BPAC is available to assist with funding or help Parks apply for grants.
- [MORE Presentation](#) for KI Off-Road Trail at Terrapin

Parks and Resource Planning – Nancy Scozzari

- BHNP still has 12,00 tree whips and signage going in this Spring, working with DNR.
- Matapeake Clubhouse – just submitted for a grant to paint the exterior of the building and install an ADA accessible walkway toward the beach area.
- Landscape improvements in Kent Narrows area
- Long Point Park: will spruce up pond and landscaping
- Opioid awareness walk benches, 3 more orders
- Working on 3 to 4 Eagle Scout Projects
- Traffic lights for trail crossing update:
 - Waiting on the State to sign the package that Jim had completed for Love Point Rd.
 - Will be more cost effective if we install all signals at once

Parks Update – Mike Watson and Robbie Blackiston

- Have been working on ballfield maintenance for Spring
- Changing field usages on BOE fields on Kent Island, soccer to football
- Lining ballfields for both spring and fall sports
- Paving of basketball courts will happen in April or May for recreation programs
- Partnering with Public Library for Book on Boards Program by bringing story books to Parks
 - Looking at Church Hill, Sudlersville, Library section of Cross Island Trail, Mowbray Park
 - Would run June, July, and August
- Cross Island trail pavement repair, hopefully will done mid-April

Recreation – Joan Brooks

- Spring Programs are open and almost full
- BOE is allowing us to have Summer programs at CMS, Kennard, Matapeake Elm & Middle, and Sudlersville Middle
- Fireworks approved for July 4th with vendors
- Park rentals/pavilions/clubhouse fully open for rentals
- Offered a PT Recreation Specialist position, will also be hiring PT staff for camps
- Will host Corsica River Conservatory Runs and Drive-in-Movies
- Paired with vendors for camps at Matapeake Clubhouse

Continuing Business

- Park Rental Fees:
 - Will review the fee's and see what needs to be changed for FY23 budget.
 - Would like to look at cost of materials to align with rates.
 - Simplify rates – flat rates
- [Capital Budget submitted](#) and narrowed down to top five requested items.
- Park Sign Wording
 - If PRAB members could submit to Steve their thoughts on how the Park Rules signs should be worded for Terrapin, Matapeake and Ferry Point.
 - Also having Tourism reach out to State Highway to take down or update the Terrapin Beach sign located on the 50/301.
 - WR&R advertises “Come to QAC Beaches”
- Next meeting: April 19, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: Phil Starkey and Mark Casica