

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2021

Those present during the meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Commissioner Jim Moran, Paul Lombardo, Laurie Dalziel, Mark Cascia, Matt Tuma, Phil Starkey, Vicki Paulas

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

GUESTS: Todd Mohn, Dan Worth, Joanne Baker, Royden Powell, Carl Hedges

Approval of March 2021 PRAB Minutes

Motion to approve: Phil Starkey and Laurie Dalziel

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New Business

- Queen Anne's County Railroad Society presented their [plan](#) to restore the railroad building at Bloomfield Farm.
- Staffing
 - Hired new Administrative Assistant I, she started last week
 - Vacancies: 2 FT Rangers, 1 PT Ranger, 1 Equipment Operator III and several Park Attendants Positions vacant.
 - Job openings just closed, only had one person apply for Park Attendant Position
- Closed POS Davidson Project and shifted \$125k to OLP Lighting on Field 4. This will be replacing the current lighting where the bases of the poles are deteriorating.
- 6 Eagle Scout projects in the works. Influx of participants since BSA is going bankrupt.
- COVID Protocol for Rec Sports- must email Maggie Schmidt (with Health Dept) and cc James Miller if a positive case is received.
- Parks will be using a [Project Tracking Spreadsheet](#) to coordinate Capital Projects

Parks and Resource Planning – Nancy Scozzari

- April 22, National Trails Day. KI Rotary and Friends of OAC Trails will be out on trails distributing information.
- Traffic lights for trail crossing update:
 - SHA is now requiring a pedestrian count for the OLP crossing, causing delays
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation came back with grant money for Batts Neck, Conquest & Kudner
- BHNP still has 12,00 tree whips over 30 acres and signage going in this Spring, working with DNR. Great volunteer Opportunity
- Matapeake Clubhouse – just submitted for a grant to MHAA to paint the exterior of the building and install an ADA accessible walkway toward the beach area.
- Removing the Bradford Pears along the Kent Narrows Bridge
- New reset at Wells Cove in the works.
- Long Point Park: will spruce up pond and landscaping
- Assisting with Terrapin site plan and the ORT

Parks Update – Mike Watson and Robbie Blackiston

- New infield material/turfice has been delivered and laid for ballfields
- High School sports fields turned fields over from Fall to Spring
- Fertilization has started on Bermuda fields
- Irrigation start-ups: changing valves, heads, and control boxes
- Church Hill and Pinkey Basketball courts have been repaved
 - Up next are OLP Basketball, Round Top Tennis
- Mulching schools
- Marked property line and mowed trail at Crumpton Park
- Weekend trash pickup has started
- Reminder to everyone, if you see any vendors at our parks please refer them to our office. They must have a park permit to operate in our parks, this in addition to the Health Dept.
- White Marsh Park road- could a paint line be added, or road widen to accommodate walkers?

Recreation – Joan Brooks

- Summer program registration in progress
- Successful Easter Egg Hunt
- Approved to use school building this summer by BOE, so we can have summer programs
- Submitted to Carla the request to host a Youth Indoor Basketball league
- All staff attendant MRPA
- 4th of July Fireworks in progress
- New Part-time specialist has started
- Joan is working on renaming staff titles
- All staff was certified as Youth Administrators during COVID and we will use this as a model so all coaches that come to us will start to have to be certified as well. This will help coaches learn how to interact with players, concussion protocol, etc.
- Park and Pavilion rentals are very busy
- Still currently not booking trips & tours
- We currently do not have a sport field calendar and would be best not to have it until things get back to normal for the time being.

Public Landings – James Wood

- [Hannah Ash's Awareness Boast Safety Campaign](#)- information will distributed at four landings on Memorial Day weekend. The boaster safety awareness program is in response to a fatality of Hannah Ash, last Labor Day weekend on the Corsica River.
- Fishing Line Recycling-refurbished and installed several new recycling collection stations with new decals and signage.
- Heroes on the Water- requested to host kayak fishing event and cookout for wounded warriors at Romancoke Pier on June 19.
- Corsica River Dredging completed in February. Received as-built drawings March 24.
- Marinas- New leases sent out for 2021 season
- KN Marina Surveillance camera system
 - Provide images to Sheriff Office and NRP in response to alleged theft of power tools
- Natural Resources Police saved an Osprey Nest from abandoned boat
- Two ladders were installed at Wells Cove incase someone falls in the water
- Coordinating with Nancy and others on various improvements at Wells Cove.
- Received quotes for Wells Cove for LED bollard lights.
- Landings staff refurbished Romancoke pay machine kiosk and installed gutters to bathrooms
- Romancoke and Centreville Landing bathrooms opened April 6.

- Met with landowners and DNR about erosion concerns that may impact QAC's Little Creek Landing and Dominion marina and neighboring private marinas.
- Arranged for sediment sampling for Price Creek, Southeast Creek and Kent narrows dredging projects. Preliminary report for Price Creek received last week.
- Received request from several fisherman to allow fishing after sunset at Matapeake Pier.

General Discussion

- Could Golf course provide updates next meeting
- Chester River Beach Property, did we every acquire the property next door?- No, and to add a kayak launch the waters are extremely shallow.
- Bloomfield house open to a curatorship
- Church Hill Park, irrigate back football field? Should be re-graded if irrigation is put in.

Continuing Business

- Budget meeting with CA and Commissioners on 4/8/21
- Design of park signs at Terrapin, Matapeake and Ferry Point
- Next meeting: May 17, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: Paul Lombardo and Mark Cascia