

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

Those present during the meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Commissioner Jim Moran, Paul Lombardo, Leigh Dillon, Matt Tuma, Mark Cascia, Laurie Dalziel, Marlene Stanton, and Phil Starkey.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: Mike Watson and Breanne Waters

Mark Cascia motions to approve March 2023 Minutes, Matt Tuma seconds, all in favor.

Board of Education Update:

- None.

Public Comments:

- None.

Division Updates

- [Updates from each division](#)

Board Comments:

- White Marsh Fields look great, comments from teams not from the area agreeing.
- The condition of Southeast Creek Landing is heavily silted in, when would it be dredge?
- Paul stated that no one has contact Joe Cutroneo, owner of Blunt Marsh Lane, for permission to cross over his lane when extending the South Island Trail.
- Status of the Hockey Rink at Batts Neck- Is in the capital budget for FY24. Looking at resurfacing the pavement and use the existing boards but just reskin them.
 - Waiting on the contractor to visit to provide a quote and see if we can still use our steel frame versus putting in new aluminum frame.
- Food Trucks at Batts Neck will hinder the concession stand sales for the Piranhas Youth League.
 - Mike found a previous contract from 2006 stating that they had to pay \$300 a year.
 - Does the Piranhas have historical data that they can provide showing the amount of sales every year?
 - Parks could add 4 blackout days to the food truck calendar if the Piranhas were to rent/pay for the concession stand this year.

New Business

- Piranha update on shed material: waiting on contractor to fix the broken door, along with other items.
- Any update on Piranha's and Bay Bulldogs: at this point still 3 youth programs for football.
- Bash By the Bay: need local teams to participate. Is there a discount for local teams? Cost is already relatively cheap compared to other tournaments.
- BPAC Master Plan: Working with Kimley Horn, recently walked/road trail to find connectivity issues.
 - Possibility of using Fee in Lieu funds to help with connectivity issues.
 - Looking for funding source for pedestrian bridge.
 - Add Jim Moran to next BPAC meeting.
- Construction at CHVC has started which means the parking lot and Ferry Point Park are closed.
 - Possible issue with parking at Swan Cove Road to visit Ferry Point.
- Vacancies:
 - 2 vacancies for Park Maintenance Worker
- Playground Training to be held May 24. We are trying have one person from each district to be a certified playground inspector.

Continuing Business

- Proposed Capital Budget that has gone through the CA budget is [attached](#).
 - The Recreation Center planning was pushed back one year (\$100, 000).
 - The Recreation Center was not ranked because it was part of the Recreation budget not Parks budget. However this was a top property for PRAB Members and Jim Moran said he would look into it.

- The \$1.5 for Trail Development is to get us through the property we have easements for, up to Bay Bridge Cove.
- Skate Park concept drawing [attached](#).
 - Possible handicap sidewalk access from parking area to ramp.
 - Suggested to add a pavilion or picnic benches to the park.
 - No fence around the ramp.
 - Jim would like an elevation and layout of the Skate Park on the property before the next PRAB meeting.
 - The ramp is made from all concrete.
- White Marsh Dog park drawing [attached](#).
 - Concrete mow strip under the 6ft black fencing.
 - Water source is still an issue.
 - The park will be open to all.
 - Waiting on the contractor to give us a start date so that we can take it to the County Commissioners.
- Mowbray Park Pickleball walkway is now completed. Also removed current bleachers and replaced with benches since the bleachers stuck out to far.
- LPPI Projects:
 - Work has started on the Round Top Pickleball/Basketball courts.
 - Work is completed for the Pinkney lights and Basketball Court color coating.
- Opioid Trail at Route 18 and Church Hill Park are the next projects to start.
 - Route 18 will be by the triangle section behind the building.
 - Unsure of where to put the trail at Church Hill Park, possible by the pavilion.
- Vacancies filled:
 - Beryl Eismeier is the new Project Manager
 - Hannah Glanding is the new Administrative Assistant.
- Batts Neck and Church Hill Artificial Turf Open
 - There was a settling issue at Batts Neck that the contract has already come out to repair.
 - Suggest making a change to the gate for access to handicap visitors.
- Next Meeting: July 17, 2023 unless meeting is needed in June based on topics.

Mark Cascia motions to adjourn, Paul Lombardo seconds, all in favor.

Follow Up Items for Parks

- Email Paul proposed South Island Trail Extension map.
- Email Laurie Batts Neck Concession Contract.
- Provide PRAB with an elevation and layout of the Skate Park on the property.
- Add Jim Moran to next BPAC meeting.

Follow up Items for PRAB

- None.