

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023

Those present during the meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Commissioner Jim Moran, Matt Tuma, Mark Cascia, Laurie Dalziel, and Phil Starkey.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: Mike Watson, Steve Chandlee, Billy Benton, Beryl Eismeier, and Breanne Waters

Mark Cascia motions to approve May 2023 Minutes, Laurie Dalziel seconds, all in favor.

Board of Education Update:

- None.

Public Comments:

- Fred & Erik Long- Batts Neck Hockey rink in its current state is very unsafe with the concrete barriers and the tar on the cracks.
 - Would be nice to have the flooring finished in ice blue acrylic paint for hockey along with box access ways so they don't interrupt games.
 - Additional features that would improve the facility would be bleachers and lights.
- Tim Adelman-Would like to see box lacrosse at the Batts Neck rink using artificial turf as the flooring.
 - Currently there is a box lacrosse league with JP Dalton that had 150 kids signed up for last year. Only playing location was in Anne Arundel County, where they set up temporary boards on turf for 5 weeks.
 - Would generate a large income stream for the County.
 - Online petition was created to support box lacrosse at Batts Neck, they had 420 signatures in one week.
- JP Dalton-Would just like to see a suitable box lacrosse facility in the area for kids.
- Carol Lloyd- Would like to see artificial turf on the Batts Neck Hockey rink for field hockey. That unless the grass is mowed short it is very difficult to play on regular grass versus artificial turf. We need more facilities based on the number of residents in the County.
- Terry McCartie- Box lacrosse provides additional stick skills to make kids better.
- PRAB and Public Comments on Box Lacrosse- box lacrosse is a hybrid of lacrosse and hockey at a fast pace.
 - If raining box lacrosse, field hockey, soccer can not play on asphalt or rubber.
 - The USA Lacrosse league would never allow a tournament to be played on asphalt because it is not safe for kids.
 - Would box lacrosse travel north? Some people would travel but some would not.
 - Laying over turf over asphalt is an issue for insurance purposes because it will not pass the gmax test.
 - Box lacrosse could possibly play on Batts Neck Artificial turf field if the organization can provide one set of boards and could borrow another set from the Navy or Yale.

Division Updates

- [Updates from each division](#)

Board Comments:

- Bathrooms at Terrapin- parts were ordered to fix the issue.
- Pond at Church Hill has algae, Charlie Rhodes is supposed to get blue dye for us to put in.
- QACHS turf closed for 7 weeks for new track installation.
- Recreation Center status- Our goal is to have an RFP ready by Sept. 15. Possible areas Davidson, Kudner and White Marsh.
 - Phil would like PRAB to see the RFP before it goes out.
- Oil spill at Batts Neck Parking lot, from either food truck or concession stand.
- Bike and Brews issue on Bennett Point Road- was that there were no shoulders at the turn around spot so cars could not get around the bikes.
- CHVC concrete should be done by August. Plantings should be completed in October.
- 4th of July- parking lot filled up, ran smoothly. Steve thinks the fireworks should be slightly shorter.
- The Facebook postings for QAC Parks has been wonderful.

New Business

- BPAC master plan draft survey going out, Steve will email everyone for their comments.
- Partnering with Crabby Pickleballers for ESPB tournament, 170-180 participants.
- Matapeake Beach restroom renovation- Beryl has been tracking down people at DNR for their approval.
 - Taking consideration for the delivery of the prefab unit so that it does not destroy the property with a crane.
- Working with tourism to update the bike trail maps, possibly using QR codes.

Continuing Business

- Hosted our Bash by the Bay tournament, we were only able to host one day due to the rain.
- Skate Park construct has been pushed back to due to permitting and builders schedule to April 2024. The parking lot seems to be our main issue currently.
- Church Hill basketball courts color coating will be completed this week.
- White Marsh Dog park fencing is scheduled for next week, all weather depended.
- Sudlersville Park Projects
 - Futsal and basketball refurbish with lights to start in August/September
 - Tennis and pickleball courts schedule to start in August.
- LPPI Projects:
 - Court work is completed for the Round Top Pickleball/Basketball courts.
 - Work is completed for the Pinkney lights and Basketball Court color coating.
- Blue Heron Golf Course Cart path paving holes 1-9.
- Opioid Trail at Route 18 and Church Hill Park are to start in October.
- Current Vacancies:
 - Crew Supervisor (2) will be advertised this Wednesday.
 - Park maintenance Worker I interview on 7/13/23.
- Next Meeting: September 18, 2023.

Laurie Dalziel motions to adjourn, Mark Cascia seconds, all in favor.

Follow Up Items for Parks

- Send PRAB the Recreation Center RFP before it goes out.
- Weed Opioid trail at Old Love Point Park.
- Parks needs to look at the Trail by pond by KRM some asphalt is missing.
- Parks should call Saint Mary's to see how box lacrosse worked out on the artificial turf to see if the walls damaged their grass.
- Provide cost of field rental to box lacrosse group.

Follow up Items for PRAB

- Provide comments for BPAC Master plan survey.