

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2023

Those present during the meeting were:

**PRAB MEMBERS:** Commissioner Jim Moran, Matt Tuma, Marlene Stanton, Leigh Dillon, Sid Pinder, Paul Lombardo, and Phil Starkey.

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF:** Steve Chandlee, James Miller, Beryl Eismeier, and Breanne Waters

Matt Tuma motions to approve July 2023 Minutes, Leigh Dillon seconds, all in favor.

**Board of Education Update:**

- Resurface QACHS track, it is now measured in meters not yards.
- The artificial turf helps with the rejuvenation of the grass fields allowing breaks on the grass.
- Storm water management at KIHS is almost complete. It helps keep the critters away and helps increase the water storage in the ponds.

**Public Comments:**

- Kevin Brenner and Daryl Knight presented Team Trace AED Safe Stations
  - [See attached presentation.](#)
  - Team Trace will fund the project.
  - Kevin will run the program and help with install and budget amendments.
  - Electric is the major issue because the AED safe stations require 15amp breaker for each unit.
  - North Easton Park currently has a safe station, they are a good resource for install questions.
  - Ordering an AED is a 6-month lead time and safe station cabinets are a 6-week lead time.
  - Route 18 Park alone would need 18 AEDs to meet the 3-minute gold standard.

**Division Updates**

- [Updates from each division](#)

**Board Comments:**

- Could we install a playground at White Marsh Park?
- Church Hill Park Artificial Turf sign- where are parents supposed to stand if they can not stand inside the fenced area. Challenging for the elder to get to the bleachers. Maybe have the sign look more official.
- How did the food truck permits workout? We had six food truck vendors participate. Feedback would be that the food vendors are overpriced.

**New Business**

- Rec Center feasibility study is attached.
  - We picked a group of people from different departments to serve as an advisory committee.
  - We are not stating what needs to be in the facility to the potential vendor, we are letting them put surveys out to tell us what would be best suited.
    - A must would be a minimum of 2 to 3 gyms and classrooms.
    - Not opposed to two separate smaller building locations.
    - The vendor would also pick out the best location.
- BPAC Master Plan survey is out, ends Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. Three separate group meetings to discuss the plans.
- Award with LGIT for three staff members that helped save another employees life. The County Commissioners will also recognize the three staff members.
- Cross Island Trail at Piney Narrows Road- Parks is contributing \$100k towards a curb and gutter system in along with paving the road and trail.
- County now has a grant writing firm called the 11<sup>th</sup> House out of Eason.
- Becker Arena boards have been approved and order on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. The old boards have been removed and new ones to be installed in October. Lining of pavement will happen the end of September.
- Box lacrosse group no longer wants to use Batts Neck turf, they have found another location.

- Route 18 shop roof -action item to be sent for next County Commissioners meeting. A roof coating should be able to fix the leaking water issue.

### **Continuing Business**

- Batts Neck Hockey rink paving is complete.
- ESPB pickleball tournament had 185 participants. The event went smoothly. Parking was along the road and at the school.
- Matapeake Beach restroom- now looking at a pole building/frame structure. Still waiting on DNR's approval. Hopefully out to bid in the next 5 weeks.
- Route 8 trail update- Dave M. has been moving along with the easements. Lane engineering is working on Phase 1 of the plans. Hope to start construction November.
- White marsh Dog park-gates are on order.
  - Ordering trees, dog amenities, solar lights, and a shade structure.
  - A line is trenched from the house for a water spicket.
- Sudlersville Park- Futsal, basketball, tennis and pickleball courts should all be completed mid-October.
- Opioid trail at Route 18 complete, Church Hill Park is pushed back till October.
- Topic for next meeting is E-Bike rules.
- Next Meeting: September 18, 2023.

Paul Lombardo motions to adjourn, Leigh Dillon seconds, all in favor.

### **Follow Up Items for Parks**

- Can Parks provide an electric map for each park, Route 18 Park first.
- Can Parks provide PRAB with the final RFP before it goes out.
- Can Parks repaint the OLP Opioid trail.
- Long Point Park weeds in the island.
- Mowbray Park swing needs to be repaired/replaced.
- Could we provide an update for the flashing lights along Route 8.
- Look into the trail bubbling up at Terrapin and Long Point Park.
- Boardwalk spraying for the mile a minute weed.

### **Follow up Items for PRAB**

- Provide comments for Rec Center RFP.