

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021

Those present during the meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Commissioner Jim Moran, Paul Lombardo, Laurie Dalziel, Matt Tuma, Phil Starkey, Leigh Dillon

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

Approval of May 2021 PRAB Minutes

Motion to approve: Phil Starkey and Matt Tuma

New Business

- Commissioners Update July 2021 ([Power Point](#))
- Blue Heron Golf Course Maintenance Bid Closes 10/5/21
- Rt. 18 Playground ribbon cutting November okay
- Awareness Trail ribbon cutting Sept 30
- Two new FT Rangers hired
- Sept 1 BPW for FY22 POS
 - \$200k to Route 8 Trail Extension (*awaiting BPW date*)
 - \$93,526 to Terrapin Ranger and Restroom (*awaiting BPW date*)
 - \$1.3 million lights at White Marsh Bermuda Fields (*approved*)
- Cross County Connector Trail Accident, 2 cars hydroplaned into trail bridge section
 - Asking for 2 separate estimates from 2 contractors for insurance purposes
 - Corman thought they could mobilize in a month

Parks and Resource Planning – Nancy Scozzari

- Ferry Point, the eastern point washed out 100yds of material from hurricane Ida, DNR is evaluating and will hopefully give us emergency money to replace the wash out
- Off-Road Trail @ Terrapin update
 - Ribbon cutting was held last week
 - Bike Doctor donated bike repair station, other local stores have also donated supplies
 - Is now a community service project through the National Honors Society
 - Have had many volunteers help with the project
- 3 Eagle Scout projects at BHNP currently
- Wells Cove project starting today, fixing pavers and landscaping
- OLP & KNW North trail safety lights still waiting on Delmarva Power
- Approved electric service for Terrapin Restroom & Ranger Station, waiting on a quote
- Received grant for Matapeake Clubhouse exterior, waiting on quotes

Recreation – Joan Brooks

- Camps- Went 8 weeks with no COVID, max kids 30, always full
- Hosted 3 Basketball camps and camps for kids with disabilities
- Pavilion rental numbers are up
- Received a \$25k Grant for out of School Time
- Received \$6k from DSS, \$5k from Rainy Day board, \$5k from Mental Health through Disabilities, and Children's Council sponsored 2 kids to go to camps
- Conquest Run on Oct 17

- Hosted Picnic in the Park this Summer
- Baseball Tournament planning for next year in the works “Bash by the Bay”
- Partnering with Kent County this year for basketball since Kent County numbers are low
- Fireworks date set for July 4, 2022, same thing as last year; vendors, music, and \$5k more towards fireworks
- Mask policy for indoors, following BOE Policy, must wear a mask if not actively participating
- Hosted Corsica River Day

Parks Update – Mike Watson and Robbie Blackiston

- Equipment ordered – (2) Mini Transit Connect Vans and (1) Walk Behind Flail Mower for trails and Nature Areas
- Field sports lining (football, soccer, and field hockey) underway
- (4) new fiberglass pitching mounds installed on 90’ diamonds
- Baseball field warning track rehab underway at Rt. 18 Park
- New lights installed at OLP
- New backstop mesh installed at OLP
- Basketball Court rehab complete at OLP, Pinkney and Church Hill Park
- Roundtop Park tennis/pickleball court rehab complete
- Lights for WMP Bermuda fields ordered, install possible in November
- Weekend Park attendant shifts over for FP, Terrapin and Matapeake
- Weekend trash pickup ongoing on Saturday and Sunday
- Bermuda fertilizing complete
- Waiting on seed for overseeding for 6 weeks now
- Eagle scout project: Completed a boardwalk at Terrapin, 150ft in 3 days
- UQA Football has moved their practice field from Church Hill to CMS fields and paid for the QA Turf Field for games

Public Landings – James Wood

- [Landing’s update](#) is attached
- Sunk boat issue at Kent Narrows for third time: Jim’s suggestion for the sunk boat, maybe we mandate that any boat in the Marina must be inspected by the Coast Guard

Continuing Business

- [Project Tracking Sheet](#) provides updates on projects
- Route 8 Trail extension update: the property owners want water and sewer in exchange for land use for trail. DPW is also stating there will be a huge storm water issue around the trail.
- Asking PRAB if they have any budget ideas for next fiscal year as planning is approaching?
- 10 Parks now have AED’s
- Next meeting: October 18, 2021
 - Would like to see finished plans for Wells Cove improvements
 - Would like to see a rendering of Rt. 18 Playground
 - Tournament fees for in and out of county want to go over next meeting

Motion to Adjourn: Leigh Dillon and Phil Starkey