

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020

Those present during the Virtual GoTo Meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Laurie Dalziel, Leigh Dillon, Commissioner Jim Moran, Paul Lombardo, Carla Viar Pullen, Vicki Paulas and Mark Cascia.

GUESTS: Bob Zillig, Steve Pringle, Leslie Sandoz

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

Approval of October 2020 PRAB Minutes

Motion to approve: Mark Cascia and Leigh Dillon

General Discussion

- Board of Ed Update: QAC is 100% Virtual Learning and Spring Sports are on hold per the Robo Call that went.
 - This will impact Recreation because we will not be able to offer winter sports
 - If COVID rate is over 5% kids are not allowed in schools.
- South Island Trail status: Todd will be reviewing the appraisals for the easements once received
 - Final BPW approval for trail extension
 - Carla looked at the possible alignment that would be on BOE property and saw no issues with it but must run it by the Superintendent when she returns from leave.
- Vicki requests that the LPPRP survey link be sent to her so she can send it to CBEC members.
- Batts Neck Striping and Bumpers completion date- Waiting on landscape stone before bumpers can go in. Waiting on price quotes for striping, we don't expect them to paint before +Springtime.
- KIHS Lacrosse nets not up because spring sports are 100% suspended.
- Drainage of field 4 at Batts Neck top of the list to get correct but we need the fields to be dry in order to get the equipment out there to work.

Public Landings Update- James Wood

- US Army Corp Permit received Oct. 30, 2020. Permit was delayed due in large part to COVID-19 impacts.
- Dredging began November 3, 2020 and is going well.
- BayLand has done several sections of channel stakeouts in advance of dredging operations.
- Arrangements underway to notify and coordinate with County and Town slip renters of dredging of slips in late November.
- Dredging anticipated to be completed in early to mid-December.
- Work planned this week to regrade construction entrance, and other steps to redirect surface runoff water away from barns on neighboring. This is unrelated to ongoing dredging activity. Heavy rains last week and earlier in 2020 have indicated new runoff patterns following the prior remediation earthwork in field adjacent to dredge material placement site.
- Dredging Contractor: Ray Nornes, Inc., Berlin, MD

- Engineer: BayLand Consultants & Designers, Inc. (Hanover, MD)
- Project Funding: 100% MD – DNR – Waterway Improvement Program Fund
- Two part-time contractual Park Rangers for Public Landings began work November 2, 2020
 - Michelle Brown-Echard, RP 11
 - Bob Hackley, RP 85
- Orientation and ride-a longs with Landings staff and Park Rangers slated through November.
- Duties incl. fishing pier gate opening and closing, enforcement, litter patrol, public outreach, etc.
- Also enlisted Milt Stewart to assist with gate closing beginning in November. Milt already closes Blue Heron driving range.
- 2021 QA County Public Landings annual permits to be received Nov. 17.
 - Color for 2021 is Light Blue
 - Permits to be distributed to vendors soon, thereby providing “early-bird” customers with about a 13-month permit.
- 2021 brochures revised with new policies, begun July 1, 2020, for fishing piers:
 - \$2.50 / hour / vehicle parking fee
 - Hours: Sunrise to Sunset
- Piling replaced at KN slip#1
- Seeking specs and quotes for Video Surveillance system for KN, using CARES money
- Fall Payments were due October 30, 2020
- Price Creek dredging – exploring options for dredge material, possible BHNP
- Collaborating with Plastic Free QAC on litter and fishing line recycling projects

Parks and Resource Planning – Nancy Scozzari

- Land Preservation Parks & Recreation Plan – Survey open to Nov 20th (this Friday)
- Batt’s Neck Park paving/planting completed – DNR Grant existing wetland seeding this week
- Conquest wetlands project by USFW completed – looking for volunteer efforts
- Blue Heron Nature Preserve – trail network established through meadows/riparian forest planting, about 10,000 trees
- Kent Narrows projects: tree removal, plantings, signage
- Development Review – Four Seasons, Bell Property, Gibson’s Grant – various impacts on Park system
- Traffic signal at several trail crossing areas, we have the go ahead to coordinate with SHA from the Commissioners. The Commissioners will find the money to pay for them.
- Gibson Grant wants to remove the public access easement. Commissioner James Moran states that Gibson Grant should have to pay for relocate fishing somewhere else if they want out of their easement.
- Trail repair at Piney Narrows-met with engineer to discuss solution this morning

Recreation and League Update – Joan Brooks

- All fall programs concluded with great success.
- Winter sports on hold for now
- Planning for Spring and Summer leagues next year
- Planning for 4th of July Celebration modeled after Oxford
- Rotary Run planning for Spring of 2021 set up a GoTo meeting

Parks Update – Mike Watson

- Batts Neck Parking lot paving complete, landscaping trees and plants complete, waiting on stone for landscaping beds and front parking lot curb estimates.
- Cross Island trail shoulder work started, will continue once weather changes. Very difficult to work with the amount of trail users. We are about 95% complete from Love Point to Castle Marina and back. Maybe two to three before entire trail is complete.
- Drainage repairs at Church Hill Park and Sudlersville Park.
- Rt 18 outfield fence project approved, waiting on contract for start date.
- Sudlersville restroom repaired, control panel replaced. Saved County \$9,000 on new system cost
- Mowbray Park Tennis Court and security lights upgraded to LED's
- 1 of 2 batwing finish mowers received. 2nd mower waiting on equipment to be build it by vendor
- New Toro Reel mowers scheduled for delivery next week
- All Recreation and Youth Fall league sports complete.
- Field over seeding complete
- Parks / DPW snow meeting complete, all snow equipment checks complete
- Piney Narrows Trail Repair- Received quote from Gillespie precast for 36" box culvert with 6' wing wall on each side, waiting on engineers plan to proceed.
- All restrooms have been winterized.
- Irrigation will be winterized next week.
- Started wrapping Rt 18 pavilion in metal.
- Waiting on materials for 3 new roofs for pavilions in north part of county

Continuing Business

- Increase Turf Fees for Out of County effective July 1, 2021

	Current Cost	PRAB Proposed Cost	Commissioners Changed Rates to
In County	\$50 per hour	\$50 per hour	\$50 per hour
Out of County	\$75 per hour	\$100 per hour Youth \$125 per hour Adult	\$125 per hour Youth \$150 per hour Adult
Tournaments	\$100 per hour	\$150 per hour	\$150 per hour

- PRAB Subcommittee for Park Attendants to meet to discuss:
 - Do we have attendants 7 days a week or just Fri, Sat, Sun?
 - PSA for Ferry Point, Terrapin and Matapeake
 - Broadened committee and reach out to Sheriff's Office, Economic Development team, Emergency Services to cover all the basis
- Ranger Station and Restrooms at Terrapin
 - Has been approved by POS
 - Waiting to get on BPW Schedule for their approval
 - See [attachment](#) for building design, estimated cost \$585,000
 - Goal is to have one central entrance for Terrapin so we can know how many people are entering the park.
 - Also have a concrete picnic area in the back.
- Parking meters at Terrapin, Matapeake and Ferry Point
 - See [attachment](#) for one cost proposal

- The money received would go to Public Landings to help pay for Rangers or hire additional staff as needed.
- Batts Neck Hockey Rink
 - 2 different users groups have approached us to use the hockey rink for indoor lacrosse.
 - Possibly will place it out to bid to have boards replaced and repainted inside. We would give them a 3 to 5 year agreement to use the facility.
- Capital Projects Ideas
 - Lighting at Batts Neck Baseball fields and White Marsh Baseball fields
 - Lighting would be LED if cost friendly
 - Fencing at Rt 18 for outfield, backstops, player protection areas that are 20-25 years old
 - Trail Development for connectivity

Motion to Adjourn: Paul Lombardo and Commissioner James Moran