

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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, Mark Cascia and Phil Starkey.

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

Approval of November 2020 PRAB Minutes

Motion to approve: Vicki Paulas and Phil Starkey

General Discussion

- South Island Trail status: Still waiting on appraisals for easements, won't arrive till Feb 2021
- Board of Education Update:
 - Hopefully students will return to school after winter holiday if COVID levels are lower.
 - South Island Trail easement plans not reviewed until Superintendent returns.
- Cross Island Trail Repair: Waiting to hear from DPW to see if they will manage construction of the 60in pipe to be installed. If not, then we will place it out to bid.

Parks and Resource Planning – Nancy Scozzari

- Working on getting pricing for traffic counting measures at Kent Narrows
- Point person for Kent Narrows Foundation, maybe have them assist funding for capital projects
- THE LPPRP survey results will be presented at next PRAB meeting
- See [attachment](#) for water quality focused projects of 2020

Public Landings Update- James Wood

- Corsica River Dredging update: Dredging going well and anticipate being completed in late December or early January.
- Video Surveillance system installation for Kent Narrows marina is almost complete.
- The two new rangers that came on board in November are working out well for gate opening and closings.
- Submitted the FY22 Capital Budget, 1st four match FY22 MD-DNR Waterway:
 - Crumpton Bulkhead and ramp replacement- #1 priority grant request
 - Southeast Creek Landing Dredging
 - Centreville Landing Bulkhead and Parking Lot-Phase 1
 - Chesapeake Heritage & Visitor Center – pier and ramp
 - Thompson Creek Landing Bulkhead – FY 23 project
 - Land Undesignated – ongoing project
- Plastic Free QAC have located a free, shipping included, fishing line recycling outlet
- Collaborated with community and fire dept. on lighted Christmas tree at Romancoke entrance

Recreation and League Update – Joan Brooks

- Indoor sports still on hold
- Hope for camps and sports come Springtime both indoor and outdoor
- Large amount of rental request. Working on new policy and procedures for the rentals

Parks Update – Mike Watson

- Parking lot striping at Batts Neck and Ewing Pond have been complete
- The bumpers are in place at Batts Neck, just not yet pinned down
- Winter prep equipment for snow
- Continue to work on Cross Island shoulders, weather permitting

Continuing Business

- PRAB Subcommittee for Park attendants, held a meeting and came up with the following ideas, see page 2 of Agenda. Questions/comments from PRAB members below:
 - Kent Narrow Development Group- Can they help fund some of the positions since they are funneling visitors to our Parks?
 - Fee's were based off of Maryland State Park Pass(\$100 yearly) and daily rate at Sandy Point(\$8pp weekend and \$6pp weekday). Our fees are based off of per car not per person.
 - How would you handle parking at Terrapin Nature Area if they are there for the Cross Island Trail?
 - We will try and have Cross Island trail users park at other locations by rolling out several PSA's.
 - New Cross Island trail maps are being designed, will show parking areas.
 - Check with Pat Thompson or Jonathan to make sure it is legal to make the permits a line item on tax bill. If that is not an option, citizens that want a parking pass can come to Parks HQ and show proof of residence and we will give them a pass.
 - Are additional tags for a household an extra cost and is there a limit?
 - Different color tags for county residences?
 - Limit the amount of hours parking is allowed per day? Goal is to meet and inform visitors as they come in that grills, coolers, blankets, etc are no longer allowed.
 - Motion that the fees Parks came up with are adequate at this time to move forward: Phil Starkey and Mark Cascia
 - Motion to approve parking rates fees: Vicki Paulas, Phil Starkey and Mark Cascia
 - Is Ranger training needed for hostile uncomfortable situations? DNR is a great help.
- Potential partnership for Batts Neck Hockey Rink with a lacrosse group
 - The group would renovate the hockey rink and rent for free or low cost
 - Other users would then have to pay to rent
- Capital Budget submitted 12/9/20, see [attachment](#).
- Operating Budget due by Feb 5, 2021
- Promoted Austin Barret to Crew Supervisor
- Ranger position listed online closed on 12/8/20, interviews to follow
- Held interviews for Maintenance Worker I, filled two positions
- The Commissioners approved the MOU for MOORE to build a single off-road track at Terrapin.
- Next PRAB meeting will be held Jan 11th, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: Vicki Paulas, Mark Cascia