

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
Thursday, October 4, 2018
5:30 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caroline King, Chairperson; Doug Bellis, Richard Buckler, Joe Longobardi, Patrick Murphy, Tom Nelson and Fred Parker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Colvin and Floyd Warren.

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Arthur Shepherd, Recreation and Parks Department Director; Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager; and Kathy Bailey, Recorder.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Caroline King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Doug Bellis moved, seconded by Fred Parker, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2018; motion carried with all in favor.

RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager, provided an update on recent activities of the Recreation Division. Items covered included:

- New availability of online registration for facility rentals
- Kids Club at Carver Recreation Center
- Basketball registration begins October 22, 2018
- Summer camp recap
- Verbic Golf Tournament October 12, 2018
- TR Kids/Parents Night Out
- 2018 Summerstock Musical held with record ticket sales
- Mother / Son Dance November 3, 2018

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CONCEPT PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE LEXINGTON MANOR PROPERTY

Director Shepherd provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Lexington Manor Concept Planning process. Preliminary vision includes: provide clear lines of site throughout the property by removing understory vegetation; construct lighted bike/pedestrian trail from the Willows Road/Shangri-La Drive intersection to Coral Place along an extended Misima Court; improve condition of roads and walking paths; improve the condition of open space grass areas; minimize vehicular traffic south of Lei Drive; utilize Lancaster Park as the entrance to the Interpretive Center; establish parking areas; and engage regional artists in the design process for lighting, curbing, fencing, murals, benches etc. There will be opportunity for public input at future public informational meetings. **Fred Parker moved, seconded by Patrick Murphy, to express support and concur with the Lexington Manor concept planning efforts as presented.** Patrick Murphy volunteered to serve on the Stakeholders Committee.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PROJECTS

- Proposed Multi-use Game Field Plan – As briefed during the last meeting, meetings have been held over the summer with league representatives to discuss issues with multi-purpose game fields. Concerns centered on: condition of natural field turf; irrigation; number of fields; grass

cutting; and lighting. Mr. Shepherd provided handouts on the proposal to improve existing fields, current field usage, anticipated needs and potential funding mechanisms. The Board expressed general support for the plan and to keep moving forward with the proposal. Additional meetings are anticipated to be held over the coming months in advance of the FY2020 CIP budget process. The Board will be updated on the status during the next Board meeting.

- Memorial on Three Notch Trail – Fred Parker reminded those present that the Board previously indicated support for a memorial on Phase Seven of the Three Notch Trail for Jim Swift, former Board member and bicycle advocate. He will develop options to present during the next Board meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Director Shepherd provided the Board with some brief project updates which included:

- Wiecks Playground – Well attended ribbon cutting held September 11, 2018.
- Three Notch Trail – The Governor/MDOT announced on September 26th that St. Mary's County was awarded funding from the Maryland Bikeways and Transportation Alternatives programs to assist with construction of Phase Seven of the trail. The award totaled \$4,135,743 (\$624,940 Bikeways and \$3,510,803 TAP).

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Shepherd presented a request for an Alcohol Consumption Permit from the Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums for a reception at SCIM to be held on October 28, 2018. **Patrick Murphy moved, seconded by Fred Parker, to approve the Alcohol Consumption Permit from the Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums; motion carried with all in favor.**

Patrick Murphy thanked staff for a job well done at two recent golf tournaments he attended at the Wicomico Shores Golf Course.

The next meeting of the R&P Board will include Hourly Employee Recognition.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Kathy Bailey, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on November 1, 2018.