

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
Meeting of Thursday, December 1, 2011
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Wainger-Rush, Chairperson; Richard Buckler, Vice-Chairperson; Al Harrison, Sabrina Hecht, Julie Lemmon, Tom Nelson and David Phalen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Hicks and Patrick Dugan (resigned from the Board).

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Rollins, Director; Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager; David Guyther, Parks Division Manager; Kyle Kebaugh, Sports Coordinator; and Kathy Bailey, Recorder. Members of the community that participated in the volunteer Myrtle Point Park cleanup and the improvements to the entrance areas at Dorsey and Miedzinski Parks were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order by Lisa Rush, Chairperson, at 5:30 p.m., in the Chesapeake Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Buckler moved, seconded by Al Harrison, to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011; motion carried 7-0.

RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

Phil Rollins, Director of Recreation and Parks, introduced Ms. Jessica Hale, new Recreation Division Manager, to the Board. Ms. Hale provided a report on the following items.

- Gymnastics Center Lease Agreement – Staff is working with the owner of the building to draft the new lease; the old lease expires next spring.
- Northern Senior Activity Center Programming – Staff is working with Department of Aging staff on programming opportunities at the NSAC. It is anticipated that programs such as leisure and fitness classes may be offered there for north county residents.
- Carver Recreation Center – The afterschool program at Carver Recreation Center recently held a dinner / craft night for children and parents; over 100 attended the event.

Ms. Hale introduced Kyle Kebaugh, Sports Coordinator, who provided an update on the fall 2011 Community Standards and Youth Sports report.

- 564 coaches; 506 background checks; 3 disqualified
- 505 coaches trained
- 258 teams; 232 teams in compliance

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR CLEANUP OF MYRTLE POINT PARK

Director Phil Rollins, the R&P Board, and David Guyther, Parks Division Manager, provided certificates of appreciation to the following groups of community partners for their valuable assistance in the recent clean-up of Myrtle Point Park.

- Friends of Myrtle Point Park

- Employees of Booz, Allen, Hamilton, Inc.
- Cub Scout Pack 428
- Girl Scout Troop 1276
- Girl Scout Troop 5007
- Girl Scout Troop 6625
- Girl Scout Troop 3396
- Girl Scout Troop 4946
- Girl Scout Troop 994

RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 303

Mr. Guyther introduced members of Boy Scout Troop 303. These scouts and others volunteered to make improvements to the entrance sign areas at Dorsey and Miedzinski Parks. This included taking out old mulch and plants, installing new plants and mulch, painting, and installing new landscape borders.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Elms & Myrtle Point Parks Entrance Fees - The presentation to the BOCC on the Elms & Myrtle Point parks entrance fees will be held on December 6th.
- Civil War Memorial – The County continues to work with the Unified Committee on African American Contributions on the Civil War Memorial project at Lancaster Park. It is anticipated that the memorial will be completed in completed in spring 2012.
- Three Notch Trail Phase VI - The engineering firm of A. Morton Thomas, Inc. is currently working on the 30% design drawings; it's anticipated that will be completed in time for the December TEC meeting.
- Three Notch Trail Interpretive Signage - The trail signage and kiosk project continues to move forward; it's anticipated that the project will be completed by spring 2012.
- Lancaster Park – The County will be advertising for the design and engineering for additional parking and multi-purpose fields for youth sports at Lancaster Park in the near future. Staff is working with the Navy to get the lease agreement modified.
- Leonardtown Park Design – The County will also be advertising in the near future for the design and engineering for a new community park at the Hayden Farm property. The park is envisioned to include multi-purpose athletic fields, a playground, parking and restroom facilities.
- Public Landing Improvements – New piers are planned for River Springs, St. George's Island and Fox Harbor public landings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Membership – Mr. Rollins stated that the BOCC designate a representative from the R&P Board to serve on the WSGC Advisory Board as Patrick Dugan has resigned. David Phalen volunteered to serve in this capacity. Mr. Rollins will forward his name on to the BOCC for consideration.

Julie Lemmon asked about the status of the skatepark. Mr. Rollins stated that the policy was changed last spring making the skatepark unsupervised, with random checks by staff. Some issues have been noted with this; therefore, staff will revisit the policy. The goal is to have the park affordable and safe.

Lisa Rush asked for information on R&P's private/public partnerships with regard to classes and programs. Mr. Rollins stated that staff can provide that information.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building in Leonardtown (that meeting was rescheduled to Monday, February 6, 2012). The January 2012 was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Kathy Bailey, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on _____.