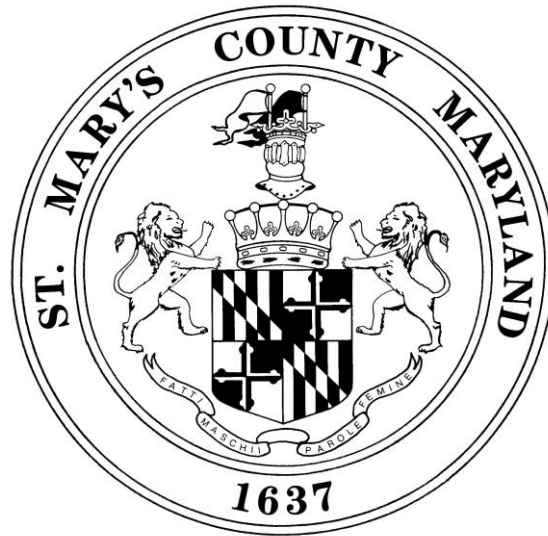


Recreation and Parks Board of St. Mary's County



2018 Annual Report

Caroline King, Chairperson
Patrick Murphy, Vice-Chairperson
Doug Bellis
Dick Buckler
Nick Colvin
Jake Heibel
Joe Longobardi
Patrick Murphy
Thomas Nelson
Fred Parker
Ashley Varner
Floyd Warren

Arthur Shepherd, Director

March 4, 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Recreation and Parks (R&P) Board is a nine (9) member board appointed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) "to provide advice and assistance concerning a comprehensive program of public recreation, including establishment, operation, and maintenance of a system of public parks and facilities throughout St. Mary's County." The Board generally meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 5:30 P.M., in the Chesapeake Building, in Leonardtown.

During calendar year 2018, the Parks system consisted of twenty-one (21) parks and fifteen (15) public waterfront landings. The Department manages the Leonard Hall, Margaret Brent, Hollywood and Carver Recreation Centers; a Gymnastics Center; the Great Mills Swimming Pool; Skatepark and Sprayground at Nicolet Park; Three Notch Trail; and numerous Licensed Extended Day Centers (before and after school care centers).

Additionally, the Department manages the 150± acre Wicomico Shores Golf Course (WSGC), with oversight provided by the WSGC Advisory Board. The Department also manages the St. Clement's Island Museum, the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse; oversight of these facilities is provided by the Museum Board of Trustees.

The Department is comprised of five divisions: Administration; Recreation; Parks; Museums; and Golf Course. The Director of Recreation and Parks provides supervision and management for these divisions, in addition managing capital planning for new parks and facility expansion and enhancements.

Board Membership

Appointments

Joe Longobardi - August 2018
Nick Colvin - August 2018

Terms Expired

Caroline King – December 2018
Doug Bellis – December 2018

Resigned from Board

Jake Heibel – February 2018
Ashley Varner – July 2018
Nick Colvin – November 2018

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2018 Attendance – Ten Meetings

Member	2/1	3/1	4/5	5/3	6/7**	8/2	9/6*	10/4	11/1	12/6	Total
										No Quorum	
D. Bellis	A		A								7
R. Buckler		A	A								7
N. Colvin***						A		A			2
J. Heibel****											1
C. King											9
J. Longobardi						A					3
P. Murphy				A	A		A				6
F. Parker				A							8
T. Nelson					A	A	A		A		3
A. Varner*****	A			A	A						2
F. Warren	A	A				A		A	A		4
Members in Attendance	6	6	6	5	5	6	5	6	5		

*Meeting held at United States Colored Troops Civil War Interpretive Center, Lexington Park, MD

**Meeting held at Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Building

***Nick Colvin resigned November 2018

****Jake Heibel resigned February 2018

*****Ashley Varner resigned July 2018

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2018

- Hourly Recreation & Parks employees were recognized for their years of service and achievements contributing to the quality services provided to citizens
- New Playgrounds completed at the following parks: Fifth District; Town Creek; Wicomico Shores Landing and Wieck Playground.
- Nicolet Park Entrance – ribbon cutting August 21, 2018
- A new dome was installed at the Great Mills Pool
- Air condition was installed at the Margaret Brent Recreation Center
- Pavilion and facility rentals can now be reserved online as well as in the office
- Tickets sales reached a record high for the annual Summerstock musical
- Dorsey Park Football Field Renovations
- Signs in the parks with QR scan codes placed educating citizens to check the list for certified coaching volunteers in youth sports

PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED OR EXPECTED

- Carver Recreation Center
- Lexington Manor Passive Park Improvement Plan

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Board will continue to work with the Department and provide support for R&P Capital and other projects. Some of these include:

- Three Notch Trail Development
- Snow Hill Farm Development
- Recreation Facilities and Park Improvements
- Elms Beach Park Improvements
- Chaptico Park Development
- Leonardtown Park Development
- Shannon Farm Park Development
- Multi-use game fields
- New outdoor sports complex and community/recreation center
- Continued support for Departmental efforts for new programs, events and activities