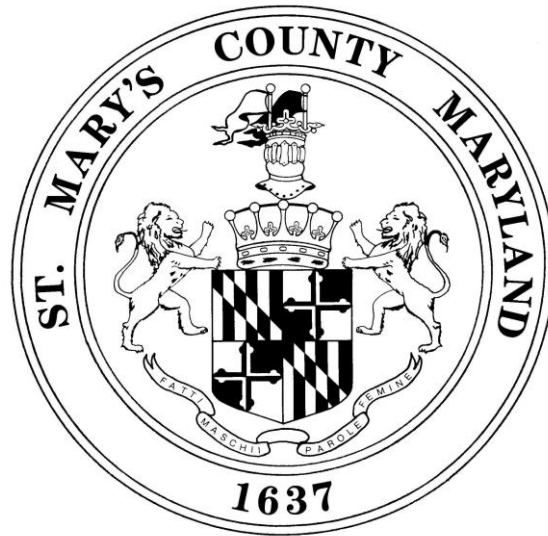


Recreation and Parks Board of St. Mary's County



2021 Annual Report

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February 3, 2022

➤ 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 2020, 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

- Donald DeGraves Jul 01, 2021

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2021 Attendance – Nine Meetings

| Member | 2/4 | 3/4 | 4/1 | 5/6 | 6/3 | 8/5 | 10/7 | 11/10 | 12/2 |
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| Chanda Norton | P | P | A | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| Joseph Longobardi | P | P | A | A | P | P | P | P | P |
| Patrick Murphy | P | P | P | A | P | P | A | P | P |
| Christine M Kaila | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | A |
| Joshua Shaffer | P | P | A | P | A | A | A | A | A |
| Fred J Parker | P | A | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| Gregory E Weaver | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| Donald DeGraves | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | P | P | P | P |
| Kathryn B Weatherly *** | A | P | P | A | A | A | A | A | P |

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| Present: | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Absent: | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |

* P = Present

* A = Absent

➤ **SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2021**

➤ The Department updated the Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan

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➤ Facility and Park Improvements

○ Tennis court renovations

○ Restroom updates

○ Athletic turf installation

○ Fencing

○ Athletic Field lights

➤ Completion of MOU with College of Southern Maryland

○ Acquisition of Wellness Aquatics Center (WAC)

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➤ Land Use and Growth - Park Major accomplishments

○ Lexington Manor Passive Park conceptual designs completed

○ Minor site designs for Snow Hill submitted for approval

○ Next generation designs for St. Clements Museum completed

○ Conceptual usage designs for Shannon Farm completed

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➤ **PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED OR EXPECTED**

➤ Programm issues related to COVID-19

- Gymnastics Center Lease expiration in May 2022

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Board will continue to work with the Department and provide support for R&P Capital

- FY23 Capital Improvement Program
 - Recreational Facility and Park updates/upgrades
 - Continuous bathroom updates/ upgrades
 - Concession buildings updates
 - Football fields
 - Tennis courts
 - Athletic Park Lights
 - Land Use and Growth - Park Major improvements
 - Master Plan final Draft - Snow Hill
 - Three Notch Trail Phase VII- Design approval
 - Wicomico Shores Public Landing updates
- R&P collaboration with YMCA of Chesapeake