

Recreation and Parks Board (Thursday, June 4, 2020)

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1. 5:30P.M. - CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Information: A. Call To Order

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call: A. Roll Call

Members present

Patrick Murphy, Fred J Parker, Christine M Kaila, Joseph Longobardi, Gregory E Weaver, Chanda Norton, Kathryn Weatherly

Members absent

Tara Shade, Joshua Shaffer

Minutes: B. Minutes: March 5, 2020

I move to approve the minutes of March 5, 2020

Motion by: Joe Longobardi, second by Fred Parker

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Patrick Murphy, Fred J Parker, Christine M Kaila, Joseph Longobardi, Gregory E Weaver, Chanda Norton, Kathryn Weatherly

3. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. Park Use Permits 2020 - Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums

I move to approve the Park Use Permits for the Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums

Motion by: Joe Longobardi, second by Chanda Norton

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Patrick Murphy, Fred J Parker, Christine M Kaila, Joseph Longobardi, Gregory E Weaver, Chanda Norton, Kathryn Weatherly

4. OLD BUSINESS

Old Business: A. Staff Memo #10 - St. Mary's County Government Recovery Plan and Recreation Program Openings & Cancellations

- Main office (Patuxent Building) reopens Monday, June 8 with appointments only, either via telephone call or email; the building is locked
- High Risk - indoor facilities, high-risk sports and summer camps still waiting to move forward
- Waterfront parks - open with limited capacity and St. Mary's County residents only
- County Parks
 - Normal use
 - Playgrounds open with social distancing, 8 playgrounds will perform weekly sanitization
 - Limited outdoor youth sports in parks - Facilities Coordinator working with your sports leagues to provide safe working plan, once plan is approved leagues can permit for space
- Great Mills Swimming Pool
 - Challenge of proper personnel removing the dome (social distancing)
 - Once challenge is met and dome removed, pool will reopen a few days later as an outdoor pool with limited capacity per guidance and guidelines
- Summer Camps
 - Outdoor Sports Camps - will operate and is working through the challenge if there is inclement weather on how to bring camp indoors within social distancing guidelines
 - Summer Fun Day Camp - per governor's recovery plan, hoping to operate around July 1
- Water Taxi
 - Water taxi at St. Clement's Island is now operating for all citizens
- Cancellations
 - Summerstock - virtual show in planning stages
 - Move forward, work with county and citizens to give positive youth development through ways we can. Appreciate staff, league leaders and citizens working with us to get it done
- Wicomico Shores Golf Course
 - Continues to operate with social distancing guidelines
 - Riverview restaurant still closed, but a new concession window is now open
 - Average 100 golfers a day
- Questions about reopening
 - Joe Longobardi commented that his family visited Snow Hill waterfront park last weekend and it was a wonderful experience, staff was wonderful

- What is being done about the old house at Snow Hill? The large house facing the water has no historical significance, the next study will be an archeological study, then start on master plan
- Moved funding to get a boat ramp built since the contract to use a citizen's boat ramp expired
- Opening the last few weeks without charge it has brought out citizens to visit Snow Hill and see the jewel it is. Will continue to get popular once amenities are developed

Old Business: B. Updates FY 20 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects

- FY 20 CIP Projects
 - Completed
 - Multi-Sport Synthetic Turf Fields
 - CRRP #4 (includes athletic field lights #2) - June 15
 - Chaptico Park (includes athletic field lights) - June 15
 - Lancaster - June 30
 - Baggett Park
 - Athletic Field Lights
 - Safety Fencing
 - Restrooms
 - Dorsey Park Playground
 - Hollywood Recreation Center Restrooms
 - Nicolet Park Sprayground - no opening yet; waiting on Governors guideline
 - Design & Permit
 - Lexington Manor Passive Park
 - close to building permit, start soon solicitation for work on Northern Parcel
 - Homeless Encampment has 30 more days there per the 90-day agreement
 - Shannon Farm Property
 - Walk park to move forward with the master plan
 - Phase 2
 - Get open right away for citizens to access
 - Study for future development
 - Sports Complex
 - 1st draft for MD Stadium Authority will be available in July, the final report in September for Commissioners to review
 - Restroom at Dorsey Park
 - On hill adjacent to football field & pavilion
 - Phase 7 of the trail - making progress
 - Questions
 - Any metrics on synthetic fields regarding mechanism?
 - Leagues excited about fields
 - Most people are excited about turf fields
 - When expect follow up with league leader's discussion with Recreation & Parks? Late July
 - Chaptico Park - Park staff did an amazing job installing the synthetic field.
 - Water fountain had bag over it, check to see if it is broken
 - BMX came up with plan to get families back in
 - Well and irrigation at Chaptico Park will be in four new fields this fall
 - Sports returning
 - Leagues need to submit plan to be approved by Recreation & Parks on how to follow safety guidelines. Is that plan (document) available for citizens to see what was submitted by leagues and approved by Recreation & Parks?
 - All leagues will receive permitted approval tomorrow (June 5)
 - Available to all
 - Arthur Shepherd will email the document to board members

Old Business: C. FY 21 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects and RP 2003 Rec Facilities & Park Improvements

- FY 21 CIP & Recreation Facilities & Park Improvements
 - FY 21
 - Elms Beach Park Improvements
 - Lexington Manor Passive Park
 - Multi-Purpose Synthetic/Turf Fields
 - Chaptico Par, Lancaster Park, Chancellors Run Regional Park
 - Park Land and Facility Acquisition
 - Recreation Facility & Park Improvements
 - Asphalt Overlay & Striping
 - Athletic Field Fencing
 - Athletic Fields Lights
 - Basketball Courts
 - Bleachers
 - Concession Buildings
 - Football Fields
 - Irrigation
 - Playgrounds
 - Restrooms
 - Tennis Courts
 - Wicomico Improvements
 - Snow Hill Park
 - Master Plan

- Engineering Design
- Boat Ramp
- St. Clement's Island Museum Renovations
 - Will be a two-story building when completed
- Three Notch Trail - Phase Eight
 - Will take 2 more phases to get from Hollywood to John Baggett Park in Mechanicsville
- Arthur Shepherd commented that it takes teamwork which involves citizens, volunteers, and stakeholders, league leaders, R&P Advisory Board, R&P staff providing input with the County Commissioners review all to move forward
- Question: Any movement on the Community Center (YMCA) Exploratory Committee (independent committee of Departments)
 - \$75,000 study where the site will be located
 - Working with YMCA and vendor to move forward with study after the pandemic

Old Business: D. Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan
 - Fred Park wished Director Arthur Shepherd a Happy Birthday
 - Commissioners approved and signed document and CAPRA application for accreditation was sent in
 - Staff during pandemic (teleworking) have been working on it, been fully invested
 - Finance Department has approved plan
 - Self-assessment: Are we meeting goals?
 - Kathy Bailey and staff - excellent job on working on a volunteer manual
 - Thumbs up from Human Resources
 - Sent over to legal for approval

5. 6:30P.M. - ADJOURN

Discussion: A. Adjourn

- Next meeting: To be determined if the board will meet on July 2

I move to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Greg Weaver; second by Fred Parker

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Patrick Murphy, Fred J Parker, Christine M Kaila, Joseph Longobardi, Gregory E Weaver, Chanda Norton, Kathryn Weatherly