

Recreation & Parks Advisory Board (Thursday, October 1, 2020)

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1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

2. Roll Call

- a. **Members present** Patrick Murphy, Fred Parker, Christine M Kaila, Chanda Norton, Gregory Weaver, Kathryn Weatherly
b. **Members absent** Tara Shade, Joshua Shaffer

I move to approve the minutes of September 3, 2020

Motion by Fred Parker, second by Greg Weaver

Final Resolution: Motion carries

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

3. New Business

a. FY 2022 Capital Improvement Projects Discussion

i. Proposed FY 22 CIP Facility and Park Improvements

1. Pathways – Three Notch Trail - \$100,000
2. Pathways – 5th District Park - \$150,000
3. Field Lighting – Lancaster #7 - \$200,000
4. Field Lighting – Dorsey #2 - \$280,000
5. Fencing – 5th District Park #1, #2, #3 - \$65,000
6. Fencing – Dorsey Batting Cage, Tennis Courts - \$14,500
7. Playgrounds – Baggett, Nicolet - \$650,000
8. Parking Lights – 5th District - \$125,000
9. Restrooms – Lancaster B - \$50,000
 - a. Total: \$1,634,500.00
10. ADA Transition
 - a. Various – CRRP - \$150,000
 - b. Total: \$150,000.00
11. Recreation
 - a. Pool Deck – Great Mills Pool - \$80,000
 - b. Total: \$80,000.00
12. WSGC
 - a. Maintenance Shop – Restrooms, Office, Doors - \$75,000
 - b. Total: \$75,000.00
13. Grand Total: \$1,939,500.00

Turn into County Commissioners Tuesday, October 27

No new projects this year

Hopefully in next two weeks master plan for Snow Hill

Four waterfront parks that need to be addressed

4. Old Business

a. Program Updates

- i.** The pool bubble was reinstalled over the Great Mills Swimming Pool on Wednesday, September 23. Pool reopened on Saturday, September 26. All the same precautions will be followed with limited attendance during aqua aerobics, lap swimming and open swim. Schedule is available online and reservations must be made in advance.
- ii.** Limited fall programs opened for registration. Small class sizes will be available for recreational gymnastics, outdoor sports such as cross country and dance classes. Family Skate will return in mid-October on Sunday afternoons after a successful re-opening in July & August.
- iii.** One of two Program Coordinator, full-time positions have been advertised. Interviews will take place this week with a decision to fill announced by early October.
- iv.** Work continues to plan for future program offerings that meet guidelines for social distancing and following the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery. Director Shepherd commented that the Great Mills Pool is the only pool in the county being used.

b. Capital Improvement Project Updates

i. CIP Updates RP Board

1. FY2020

1. Lexington Manor Passive Park

- Received permit
- Suggestions from board
 - Pump and storage rack for bicycles
 - Outdoor theater at the Art Park

2. Dorsey Park Restroom

- Progress with restroom

3. Shannon Farm Property

- Road, estimate 1.2 mile \$16 million
- A. Morton Thomas & Associates received the contract for Master Plan
- What is the cost between concept 1 & 2: concept 1 \$6.5 million and concept 2 \$7.4 million?
- Question: On the concept plan are these thumbnail pictures options to choose from? Answer: Yes
- Moving forward, Director Shepherd will email concept plans for projects to the board to stay informed

4. Snow Hill Park – Master Plan Solicitation

- Solicitation going out around November 1
 - Boat ramp #1 priority
5. Sports Complex Market Study
- Md Stadium Authority will be sending Arthur Shepherd the draft. Md Stadium Authority will then brief the County Commissioners on October 27 to see if St. Mary's County is a viable place to have a sports complex
6. Three Notch Trail – Phase VII
- Questions from board members:

- Lancaster Parking – need to educate the public about the extra parking in the back
- Wicomico Shores Golf Course Electric Carts – not in this budget year
- Director Shepherd appreciates the boards questions, insight and passion for recreation & parks
- Next September discuss about new projects, etc. then at the October meeting discuss these projects

2. FY2021

Recreation Facilities and Park Improvements

Director Shepherd would like to thank the parks staff for cleanup from the recent tropical storm.

1. Athletic field lights at 5th District Park
2. Three Notch Trail Overlay
3. Baseball/ Softball Fields – fencing projects
4. Synthetic Turf Field – Ribbon cutting ceremony, Tuesday, October 6

ii. CIP Summary Schedule

iii. Shannon Farms Master Plan – see above

iv. Lexington Manor Passive Park – see above

c. Fall Sports Updates

i. PARTICIPATION

1. Lower and Moderate Risk Outdoor Youth Sports Leagues may participate in games, clinics, and practices in St. Mary's, Calvert, and Charles County
2. Current Affiliated Youth Sports Leagues (Lower & Moderate Risk)
 - a. Baseball
 - b. BMX
 - c. Kickball
 - d. Field Hockey

- e. Flag Football
- f. Lacrosse
- g. Soccer
- h. Softball

- 3. Travel Teams may participate in a typical travel league game schedule including travel game play in St. Mary's County parks. Please refer to the Local Public Health Advisory regarding travel team play at www.smchd.org/covid-19-sports/
- 4. The Higher Risk Outdoor Youth Sport, Tackle Football, voluntarily cancelled league operations in July 2020.

ii. SPECTATORS

- 1. To assist with the size of outdoor gatherings in the parks please encourage family members only to attend as spectators
- 2. When not in the same household all spectators should remain six (6) feet apart, at a minimum

iii. FACE COVERINGS

- 1. Face coverings should be worn by the athletes who are not actively participating and are unable to consistently keep six (6) feet of distance from others.
- 2. Face covering should be worn by spectators when they are unable to consistently keep six (6) feet of distance from those not in the same household.

iv. COMPLIANCE

- 1. Community concerns regarding compliance should be directed to R&P staff or the state prevention hotline at 1-833-979-2266 or preventcovid@maryland.gov
- 2. The local health officer may also enact a public health order directing event closure.
 - Question: What about Youth Basketball in the public schools. Answer: Waiting on guidelines from the schools on moving forward with basketball this fall/winter. Currently, we are only having clinics (Fastpitch Softball) in our facility.

d. Accreditation Updates

- i. St. Mary's Country Recreation & Parks Department National Accreditation website – www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/capra
 - 1. 15 months before site visit – Spring 2022
 - 2. Staff worked on plan during telework time
 - 3. Will have a retired teacher edit the final document

- e. For Thursday, November 5 meeting add the following to agenda
 - i. Great Mills Master Plan

5. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm

Motion by Christine Kaila, second by Fred Parker

Final resolution: Motion carries

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