

Recreation & Parks Advisory Board (Thursday, December 3, 2020)

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1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call

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

I move to approve the minutes of October 1, 2020

Motion by Fred Park, second by Christine Kaila

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Patrick Murphy, Fred Parker, Christine M Kaila, Kathryn Weatherly, Joshua Shaffer

3. New Business

a. Volunteer Recognition

- i. Director Arthur Shepherd presented the following Volunteer Recognition Certificates for the various volunteer work in the parks and at the Old Jail Museum:

1. Bonnie Kelnberger, Brandon Smith, Liz Ward, Benjamin Hance – Sierra Club
2. Joey Massary – Eagle Scout Project
3. Jesse Burks – Trail Improvements
4. Katie Davis – Old Jail Museum

b. Additional Hunting Locations in County Parks\

- i. **Parks Manager Roy Copey gave an overview of hunting in the parks**

1. Elms Beach Hunting

- a. Bow Hunting Only, no firearms
- b. Hunters fill out permit – display in card window
- c. Hunters sign in the day they hunt

2. Myrtle Point

- a. Controlled by Department of Natural Resource (DNR)
- b. Bow Hunting Only, no firearms
- c. Hunters fill out permit, limit 6 people at a time
- d. Policed by DNR
- e. Signs & marked areas displayed

3. Mr. Copey stated in the 18 years he has worked for the parks there have not been any complaints at these sites

4. Board Members look over the following handouts and come back at next meeting with any recommendations and then present them to the county commissioners in the spring.
 - a. Myrtle Point Park CWMA Information
 - b. County Managed Elms Hunting Area Annual Permit Application
 - c. Hunting on Publicly Owned Lands in St. Mary's County

4. Old Business

a. Running Water in Restrooms in the Parks

- i. Closed restrooms as early as November 1 due to freezing temperatures resulting in frozen pipes in portable toilets
- ii. With COVID brought attention to have hand washing in the parks to renovate restrooms; renovated 2 parks last year and 5 more being renovated by December 31, 2020.
- iii. Renovations are being paid for from the CARES ACT FUND
- iv. Looking to be able to unlock and lock the restrooms remotely through cell phone via Wi-Fi in the parks.
- v. Also looking to have cameras in the parks for public safety

b. Turf Field Project

- i. Plans came back from soil conservation that plans are approvable
- ii. Talk to turf field staff send plans overnight and get approval
- iii. Before Christmas start soil work
- iv. Operating on fields by April 15, 2021

c. Shannon Farm Project

- i. Design firm on, concept plan coming off Long Road
- ii. HOA community involved
- iii. December 15, 2019 Budget Work Session; get approved Spring 2021
- iv. 3400 feet of shoreline along the Chesapeake Bay

d. Lexington Manor Passive Park

- i. Demolition can begin at any time
- ii. New entrance at Three Notch Rd
- iii. New restroom

e. Snow Hill Park

- i. Waterway improvement grant funds - \$500,000 from State of Maryland
- ii. Boat ramp priority

f. Three Notch Trail

- i. Stormwater management – In new year meet with State Highway Transportation. Hopefully can start within the year

g. Great Mills Master Plan

- i. Will discuss at next board meeting

5. Nominating Committee for Recreation & Parks Board

- a. Kathryn Weatherly will head the committee and send email out to board members for their recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2021.

6.

7. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm

Motion by Fred Parker, second by Joshua Shaffer

Final resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Patrick Murphy, Fred Parker, Christine M Kaila, Kathryn Weatherly, Joshua Shaffer