

Recreation and Parks Board (Thursday, November 2, 2023)

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1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm

2. Roll Call

Members present: David McDonough, Veronica Johnson, Glenn Larnerd Jr., Chanda Norton, Gregory Weaver, Mike Watson, Donald DeGraves and John Lydon

3. Minutes Approval

Action: A. Approval October 5, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve October 5th Minutes as written: Gregory Weaver; 2nd Glenn Larnerd Jr. All in favor, motions passes

4. New Business

Discussion: A. Community Cup/Clairs Cup

Board members questioned the relationship and collaboration levels for the event with the Department. There was discussion with the Director and the board.

Discussion: B. Gymnastics Programming/Fees

There was board discussion on the grand opening of the gymnastics center the moc meet, current and future programming.

Discussion: C. Winter Programming

Arthur Shepherd reviewed the indoor programming and seasonal changes and the board was given the link to the current program guide.

Discussion: D. Basketball Metrics

Arthur Shepherd reviewed the basketball registration numbers and took board questions about coaching expectation, coaches meetings and the new 2nd grade instructional league. There was a period of question and answer and Mike Watson discussed the strong partnership between St. Mary's County Public Schools and Recreation and Parks.

Discussion: F. St Mary's Wrestling Update

Coach Stone was unable to attend. Arthur Shepherd discussed his meetings with the wrestling league in effort to make them an official affiliated sports league with the Department. He took questions from the board.

5. Old Business

Discussion: A. Budget Proposals

Arthur Shepherd reviewed the status of the FY25 budget creation and explanation of the budget structure. There was board discussion on what recommendations should be made to the Commissioners. There was discussion on players fees, what budget they come out of and how the money is used. Donald DeGraves made a move to recommend to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to freeze the player fee at \$9.50 per player for FY25. There was extensive discussion and the decision was made to move the discussion to the December meeting where the Director can bring more specific numbers and information. Mr. DeGraves withdrew his motions.

Discussion: B. RP1904 Sports Complex

Arthur Sheperd reiveid the proposed property for the Sports Complex and the timeline with the Maryland Stadium Authority.

Discussion: C. Community Garden

Christina Bishop reviewed the status and next steps for the Community Garden at Lexington Manor Passive Park.

Discussion: D: SMECO Empower America Updates

Arthur Sheperdgave teh status of the LED change over and took questions from the board about light savings.

6. Board Member Remarks

7. Agenda items for next meeting

8. Adjourn- 7:42pm

