

Recreation and Parks Board (Thursday, December 7, 2023)

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1. Call to Order -5:30pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Chanda Norton, Veronica Johnson, Mike Watson, Donald DeGraves and John Lydon III

Excused: David McDonough, Glenn Larnerd Jr., Greg Weaver

3. Minutes Approval

Action: A. Approval of the November 2, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve the November 2, 2023 minutes as presented: Mike Watson, 2nd Veronica Johnson. All in favor, motion passes.

4. New Business

Discussion, Presentation: A. Budget

Arthur Shepherd reviewed the budget presentation and took questions from the board. There was discussion.

Discussion: B. CIP Updates

Arthur Shepherd and Christina Bishop reviewed the CIP presentation and took questions from the board. There was discussion.

Discussion: C. Soccer Registration Concerns

Jessica Hale took questions from the board regarding the difficulty in registering for indoor soccer and the quick registration max.

Discussion: D. Turf Field maintenance update

Arthur Shepherd discussed the recent maintenance efforts on the turf fields and took questions from the board.

Action: E. 2025 Meeting schedule

The board reviewed the tentative 2025 meeting schedule. Veronica Johnson motioned the board make a preliminary approval of the proposed schedule with a review and confirmation next month with the new board members. 2nd, Donald DeGrave, all in favor, motion passes.

5. Old Business

Discussion: A. Girls basketball registration update

Jessica Hale shared handouts with the board members and took questions on the registration numbers for the basketball and cheer programs. The board had discussion.

Discussion: B. Player Fees

Arthur Shepherd reviewed the handout on player fees and took questions from the board. There was extensive board discussion. Donald DeGraves made a motion for the board to advise the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to freeze the player fees and ask for their support and handle the rest of the required funding. 2nd Veronica Johnson. Vote: 4 yeah; Mike Watson abstained. Motion passes.

Discussion: C. RP1904 Sports Complex

Arthur Shepherd and Christina Bishop reviewed the Sports Complex Project and timelineArt and took questions from the board. There was discussion.

Discussion: D. SMECO Updates

Arthur Shepherd gave an update on the LED lights and relay switches on field two at Chancellors Run Regional Park and the timeline for comparison for pricing. Roy Cosey took questions from the board, there was board discussion.

6. Board Member Remarks

7. Agenda items for next meeting

Discussion: A. Annual Report, Elections and review 2025 calendar of meetings.

8. Adjourn

7:22pm

