

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
Thursday, January 10, 2019
5:30 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Murphy, Vice-Chairperson, Richard Buckler, Fred Parker, Joe Longobardi, Christine Kaila

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Nelson, Floyd Warren and Tara Shade

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Arthur Shepherd, Recreation and Parks Department Director; Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager; David Guyther, Parks Manager; Tyrone Harris, Facilities Coordinator; Darrick Sesker, Sports & Events Coordinator; and Darlene Stalcup, Recorder.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Patrick Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fred Parker moved, seconded by Richard Buckler, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2018; motion carried with all in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination of Patrick Murphy for chairperson was moved by Joe Longobardi, seconded by Fred Parker; motion carried with all in favor. Nomination of Fred Parker for vice-chairperson was moved by Patrick Murphy, seconded by Joe Longobardi; motion carried with all in favor.

RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

Director Shepherd; Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager; and Darrick Sesker, Sports & Events Coordinator provided the board with Community Standards briefing which included:

- Education – new signs with QR scan codes are located in parks with several more being placed in parks this year
- Background checks – 1851 background checks were completed in 2018-19
- Code of Conduct – coach's names added to certified coaching list once certified
- Compliance – League Presidents will receive monthly reminders of background check information; hourly staff will now be in parks checking badges on volunteers. Sports leagues will be graded on their compliance and a grade will be issued at the end of the year.
- It was brought up by the board is there a way to see how many people view the certified coaches list

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Director Shepherd reviewed the FY 2020-FY 2025 Capital Improvement Budget taken from the Finance Department submittal.

SMOKING IN THE PARKS

Director Shepherd provided the Board with some brief updates which included:

- A County Government Committee was formed to discuss implementation of a smoke free campus and parks
- Board suggested to add to the Community Standards report card smoke free parks
- Implementation: signs, press release
- R&P Board concurred with the County Committee's recommendation of smoke free parks when the new season starts in September 2019
 - Motioned by Fred Parker; seconded by Joe Longobardi; motion carried with all in favor to implement September 2019

PROJECT UPDATES

Director Shepherd and Parks Manager David Guyther provided the Board with CIP Project updates which are within the December 2018 monthly report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Patrick Murphy inquired about the suggested pavilion at Great Mills Pool – nothing back yet in regards to formal request.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Darlene Stalcup, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on February 21, 2019.