

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
Thursday, June 2, 2016**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Nelson, Chairperson; Doug Bellis, Vice-Chairperson; Valerie Brosky, Caroline King, Patrick Murphy and Fred Parker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Buckler, Jake Heibel and Ashley Varner

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Loewe, R&P Director; David Guyther, Parks Manager; and Kathy Bailey, Recorder. Also in attendance were Joe Kittner and John Conner, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., who presented information on Three Notch Trail Phase Seven concept planning efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Doug Bellis moved, seconded by Fred Parker, to approve the minutes of April 7, 2016; motion carried 6-0.

PARKS DIVISION REPORT

Director Brian Loewe introduced David Guyther, Parks Division Manager, who provided a report and Power Point slide presentation on current activities of the Parks Division. Highlights included:

- Improvements at the 235 storage building
- Basketball court resurfacing at Cardinal Gibbons and Jarboesville Parks
- Cecil Park lighting project
- New fencing and netting at Chancellor's Run Regional Park
- Pavement of entrance road for trail parking at Gospel Light Baptist Church
- Hollywood soccer field fencing
- Nicolet Park fencing and new window at concession building
- Nicolet Park spray ground new rubber surfacing
- Wet weather has impacted field maintenance this spring
- The sports of tennis and pickle ball are growing in popularity

PHASE VII THREE NOTCH TRAIL CONCEPT PLANNING

Brian Loewe, R&P Director, and Joseph Kittner and John Conner, of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., provided an update on the status of the concept planning efforts for Phase VII of the Three Notch Trail. A Power Point presentation was provided that detailed the work and revisions since the staff/Board work session of May 12, 2016.

This phase of the trail is envisioned to run from Wildewood north to MD 245 Leonardtown/Hollywood Road. Three alignments were studied: MD235 (A); Scenic (B); and Local Roads (C). Alignment A general parallels MD 235; alignment B parallels MD 235 and is partially located on the SMECO utility corridor; and alignment C is an on-road alignment on a network of local roads. A fourth option, the MD 235 (A) and Scenic (B) Hybrid, would serve both transportation and recreational needs, minimize costs, would require less land acquisition, and may minimize environmental impacts. This option would run along MD 235 until just past the County airport; after that it would run along the SMECO utility corridor.

Patrick Murphy motioned, seconded by Fred Parker, to approve and endorse the Hybrid

alignment as presented by staff and the consultant for presentation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County; motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Loewe presented requests for Alcohol Consumption Permits from the Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums and the Optimist Club of the Seventh District for events to be held at Museum Division facilities. Requests included:

- Jazz and Seafood Festival - July 9, 2016
- Chamber of Commerce After Hours – August 24, 2016
- Blessing of the Fleet weekend – September 30th, October 1st & 2nd

Caroline King moved, seconded by Valerie Brosky, to approve the Alcohol Consumption Permit for the Jazz and Seafood Festival; motion carried with all in favor.

Patrick Murphy moved, seconded by Fred Parker, to approve the Alcohol Consumption Permit for the Chamber After Hours event; motion carried with all in favor.

Patrick Murphy moved, seconded by Doug Bellis, to approve the Alcohol Consumption Permit for the Blessing of the Fleet event; motion carried with all in favor.

NEXT MEETING OF R&P BOARD

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Kathy Bailey, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on July 7, 2016.