

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
Meeting of Thursday, December 2, 2010
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Wainger Rush, Chairperson; Al Harrison, Sabrina Hecht, Robert Hicks and David Phalen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Buckler, Patrick Dugan, Julie Lemmon and Tom Nelson.

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Rollins, Director; Arthur Shepherd, Recreation Division Manager; and Kathy Bailey, Recorder. Derick Berlage, Director, SMC Department of Land Use and Growth Management, provided an overview of Lexington Park Development District Master Plan update process.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order by Lisa Rush, Chairperson, at 5:35 p.m., in the Chesapeake Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robert Hicks moved, seconded by Al Harrison, to approve the minutes of November 4, 2010; motion carried 5-0.

RECREATION DIVISION REPORT

Arthur Shepherd provided a Recreation Division report (as of 12/02/10) that focused on Community Standards in Youth Sports for fall youth sports leagues (American Little League; R&P Cheerleading; Northern Soccer; R&P Roller Hockey; R&P Youth Football; St. Mary's Flag Football; and St. Mary's Soccer).

• Total number of teams	262
• Potential number of coaches (if 2 per team)	524
• Actual number of coaches	479
• Background checks completed	450
• Disqualified background checks	8
• Trained coaches	468
• Number of teams in compliance	224

These numbers represent about 85% compliance to date. R&P staff is working with leagues to increase this percentage for next season. In football, all coaches undergo background checks.

The SMC Youth Football Championship games were held on Saturday, November 20th at St. Mary's Ryken High School. Mr. Shepherd thanked St. Mary's Ryken staff for the use of their new stadium for the Championship games. Topics to discuss for next season include: the need to enhance communication with leagues; look at the current rules and regulations to see if changes are needed; fees; referees; and cheerleading guidelines.

LEXINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Rollins introduced Derick Berlage, Director, SMC Department of Land Use and Growth Management, who was present to provide an overview of the County's efforts to update the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2005 LPDD plan and highlighted some of its strengths and weaknesses. Several community groups have seen this presentation and have provided feedback. Growth projections and protecting 80% of the County's rural areas are considerations. Strong urban and landscape design will be used to achieve a shared vision for land use policy in the LPDD through 2030. Lexington Park can be viewed as three "Lexington Parks:" the California area, Great Mills Road area and the Pax River Naval Air Station.

The plan's anticipated schedule is as follows.

- First round of community outreach – September 2010 to February 2011
- Hire consultant by March/April 2011
- Hold a community charette in the spring
- Prepare a staff draft – August 2011
- Pre-hearing comment period – August through September 2011
- Planning Commission public hearings and work sessions – October through December 2011
- Prepare PC recommended draft – January 2012
- BOCC hearings and work sessions – February through May 2012
- Prepare final draft document – June 2012
- Effective date of new plan – summer 2012

The Recreation and Parks Board will be notified when the community charette and other public input meetings are scheduled.

Mr. Berlage discussed the need for additional green space, pocket parks and other public spaces. Chairperson Lisa Rush mentioned the documented need for a public performance/arts/activity space in the LPDD. Mr. Berlage stated that the community input process should identify the best place for this type of amenity. Mr. Rollins reminded the Board that the R&P Department will be embarking on the process to update the County's 2005 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan in the spring. That process will be coordinated with the LPDD plan update to identify community needs for the future.

DRAFT FY12 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Rollins provided a presentation on the draft R&P FY12 Capital Improvement Program request. The presentation included the following projects.

- **Three Notch Trail Phase VI** (MD Route 5 to MD Route 236)
 - Construction in FY14
- **Three Notch Trail Phase VII** (Wildewood to Hollywood).
 - Design for Phase VII in FY15 and construction in future years.
- **Recreation Facilities and Park Improvements**
 - FY12 painting for MBRC, HRC and CRRP maintenance building

- FY13 painting for Great Mills Pool and replace pool cover; Fifth District Park and Dorsey Park field lighting replacement
- FY14 replace gym floor at LHRC
- FY15 replace deteriorated softball field fencing at various parks
- FY16 construct shelters at four existing playgrounds; install shade structure at Great Mills Pool
- FY17 replace air supported dome over Great Mills Pool
- **Parkland and Facility Acquisition**
 - This project enables acquisition of land for parks and facilities
- **Tennis Court Improvements**
 - FY14 replace tennis courts at Jarboesville Park, Fifth District Park, and Chancellor's Run Regional Park
- **Chaptico Park – Phased Development**
 - FY17 design and engineering for park expansion per the master plan; construction of basketball courts, picnic areas and shelters, tot lot, nature trails, multi-purpose fields and baseball/softball fields in out-years
- **St. Clement's Island Museum Renovations**
 - FY14 replace decking and guttering around the museum building and modernize restrooms
 - FY17/and out-years - funding will be requested to design and renovate exhibits that are more than twenty years old
- **Park Roads, Parking and Access**
 - FY15 pave park entrance road and parking areas at Cecil, Dorsey, and Seventh District Parks
 - FY16 address pedestrian access to Nicolet Park via existing neighborhoods
 - FY17 funding is requested to replace deteriorated ADA asphalt walkways at various parks; and for asphalt overlay on entrance road and parking lots at Chancellor's Run Park
- **Basketball Court Renovations**
 - FY15 renovate existing basketball courts at Fifth District, Dorsey, Cardinal Gibbons and Jarboesville Parks.
- **Lancaster Park Parking Addition**
 - FY12 design/engineering for additional parking and multi-purpose practice fields at Lancaster Park
 - FY13 construction of parking and multi-purpose fields
- **Piney Point Lighthouse Museum (NEW)**
 - FY12 recommend using the balance from existing Lighthouse project to complete items previously proposed in the CIP in later years. Includes constructing additional program and exhibit space, repairing windows, installing exterior siding, relocating chain link fence, construction of a sidewalk, new lighting and HVAC systems.
 - FY14 preservation and restoration of PPL tower and Keeper's Quarters; replace well
 - FY16 renovate and restore historic Navy workshop building; exhibit concept plan to interpret Navy presence
 - FY17 exhibit design and fabrication for Navy workshop building
- **Elms Beach Park Improvements (NEW)**
 - FY16 concept/master planning for needed facility improvements at this

- waterfront park.
- FY17 design and engineering for improvements; construction in out-years
- **Leonardtwn Park (NEW)**
 - FY12 design of new community park on the Hayden Property; FY14 &15 and beyond for construction of facilities
- **Public Landings**
 - Derelict Boats - Waterway Improvement Funding anticipated each fiscal year to assist with removing derelict boats and debris from County waterways.
 - Wicomico Shores Public Landing Restroom Building – FY12 Waterway Improvement Funding will be requested to replace the deteriorated restroom building at this waterfront public landing.

Mr. Harrison thought it was good idea to plan for athletic facilities at the same time the Board of Education is planning for new school facilities at the Hayden Property. The new school will be modeled after Evergreen Elementary and use “green” technologies.

The BOCC is expected to discuss these projects during upcoming budget deliberations in January.

OTHER BUSINESS

Election of Officers – the Board will select a Nominating Committee and hold Election of Officers after the BOCC makes appointments/re-appointments to boards and committees.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., in Chesapeake Building in Leonardtown.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Kathy Bailey, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on January 6, 2011.