

## 1. Call to Order

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Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

## 2. Roll Call

a. **Members present** Patrick Murphy, Gregory Weaver, Joe Longobardi, Chanda Norton, Fred J Parker, Tara Shade

**Members absent** Christine M Kaila, Kathryn Weatherly, Joshua Shaffer

### b. Approval of Minutes June 4, 2020

I move to approve the minutes of June 4, 2020

**Motion by** Greg Weaver, second by Fred Parker

**Final Resolution:** Motion Carries

**Yea:** Patrick Murphy, Gregory Weaver, Joe Longobardi, Chanda Norton, Fred J Parker, Tara Shade

## 3. Old Business

### a. Program Updates August 2020 – Director Arthur Shepherd provided program updates

- Staff retirement: Gary Reed, Aquatics & Wellness Coordinator; David Guyther, Parks Division Manager, Wicomico Shores Golf Course Groundskeeper; Kenny Sothoron, Sports Coordinator (retiring August 27); one vacant position
- With hiring freeze within county government Arthur asked the St. Mary's County Commissioners for exemption on advertising to fill two of the positions: Recreation Coordinator and Parks Maintenance; exemption granted. Also looking potentially through the Cares Grant to help monitor the parks.
- Gymnastics team is working out, no recreational gymnastics currently
- Summer Camps at Carver Recreation Center & Hollywood Recreation Center; commend coordinator Cherie Nelson and staff for all the work they did to have these camps
- Outdoor Sports Camps – with all the rain lately these camps were still able to operate
- Great Mills Pool – great reviews since opening back up; able to offer aqua aerobics, lap swim, open swim and GMAC aquatic club to utilize the pool
- Summerstock – Virtual Show on August 14
- Family Skate – With reservations, Sunday's through the end of August
- School Age Care – For those who still need care, and open a location, how to manage it so children can still do their virtual learning.
- Would like to commend all R&P staff for their creativity, patience and monitoring and safety of the children during this time.
- No questions from board members

### b. Face Coverings - guidelines went out today regarding face coverings and indoor & outdoor participation in response to Governor Hogan's order dated August 3 and consultation with county Health Officer Dr. Brewster.

- Fall Sports – SMAC Tackle Football – canceled Fall season
- In consultation with Dr. Brewster, because of proximity and space will not allow full games for youth St. Mary's soccer and field hockey, in lieu of games, clinic's, conditioning and drills. The guidelines address social distancing, face coverings and spectators.
- Addressed adult sports, pickleball, Leonard Hall Recreation Center, kickball leagues, baseball, softball, Gymnastics Center, cheerleading program at Carver Recreation Center, leisure programs, Great Mills Pool, Leonard Hall Recreation Center, summer camps.
- Chanda Norton asked: Who is responsible for regulating these directives?
- Director Shepherd's response: Been regulating since beginning of summer, staff has had training on de-escalating, working with staff at parks, let full time staff know of a situation they will then let the program coordinators know who will then contact the league leaders, who will then do what is best for that situation. In time will Director Shepherd will speak with the Health Officer on here is how our community is responding and what is the next step on moving forward. We stand on safety, promoting safety.
- Chanda Norton follow up question: What about non-league use, pickup games, etc.
- Director Shepherd's response: Under guidelines, outdoors: Park users must wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible. When we think the gather is getting to large, people aren't in vigorous activity and not using face mask then staff will make mention to them about guidelines for public safety. This is not just for sports leagues it is for all people on county owned property.
- Joe Longobardi question: Was there any involvement from the league leaders on this recent updated guideline?
- Director Shepherd's response: When the order comes out from Governor Hogan, Director Shepherd then schedules meeting with the Health Officer asking what this means for St. Mary's County; following that meeting Director Shepherd had conferenced calls with baseball, field hockey and soccer leagues, heard input from them and gave them the ability to email back in.
- Joe Longobardi follow up: He couldn't hear Director Shepherd's response. He stated that you will have a lot of upset people.
- Director Shepherd's response: The Department is taking the necessary steps to keep the public safe but still be able to participate in sports.
- Joe Longobardi stated that if still couldn't hear anything being said through the live feed and that he would email Director Shepherd with his thoughts on the matter.

### c. Capital Improvement Updates

- Chair Patrick Murphy asked if the board members could hear the meeting and the board responded that they were having a hard time hearing the meeting, so Patrick recommended to end the meeting. All were in favor of that.

## 4. Adjourn

- I move to adjourn the meeting
- Motion by Patrick Murphy; second by Joe Longobardi
- Final resolution: Motion carries
- Yea: Patrick Murphy, Greg Weaver, Joe Longobardi, Chanda Norton, Fred J Parker, Tara Shade