

Recreation and Parks Board (Thursday, February 3, 2022)

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1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Fred Parker- Chair

Chanda Norton- Vice Chair

Glenn Larnerd

Joshua Shaffer

Donald DeGraves Sr.

Christina Kaila

Gregory Weaver

Kathryn Weatherly

Joseph Longobardi

3. Minutes

Action: A. Minutes: January 6, 2022

Minutes approved: 1st Gregory Weaver; 2nd Christine Kaila

4. Old Business**Discussion: A. Baseball/Softball AdHoc Group Presentation**

Donald DeGraves gave the history of the Baseball/Softball leagues concerns and reviewed the Ad Hoc Group meeting. RJ Bean the appointed representative for the community presented the groups concerns and desires.

Donald DeGraves made the motion:

"I move that the Recreation and Parks Board instruct the Director to request additional funding for park maintenance staff and equipment to address the maintenance needed in our parks from the County Commissioners to be implemented beginning in March of this budget year, to coincide with the spring recreation season. The additional staffing should be included in the budget request for FY23 as well. Additionally, we would also like to request funding for portal mounds called for by the community organizations that use our baseball and softball fields to allow for more flexible use of the facilities."

There was a 2nd by Chonda Norton and then lengthy discussion from the board concerning the boards authority to instruct the Director, risk and fees. Vote: Yeahs- Kathryn Weatherly, Glenn Larnerd, Fred Parker; Nah- Gregory Weaver- Motion Passes

Fred Park followed up with an additional motion:

I move to notify the Commissioners of St. Mary's County directly of the need to develop or modify the field maintenance plan and request the County Commissioners to hire additional staffing to maintain fiels in a safe condition and also to purchase multiple portable pitching mounds for the safety of the children. 2nd Kathryn Weatherly; all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion: B. MOU Agreements

Arthur Shepherd, Director gave an overview of what an MOU is and reviewed the agreement with the Wellness and Aquatics Center at the College of Southern Maryland. There was board discussions and questions.

Discussion: C. Program Open Space Infrastructure Grant

This agenda item was cancelled as the information was provided in the Baseball/Softball AdHoc Group Presentation

Discussion: D. Project Updates

Christina Bishop and Arthur Shepherd presented the Capital Improvement Projects update.

5. New Business**Action: A. 2021 Annual Report**

Gregory Weaver made a motion to approve the Annual Report; 2nd - Joseph Longobardi - Vote - all in favor; vote passes

Discussion: B. Turf Field Usage

Arthur Shepherd discussed how the turf field projects were created, the funding used to build, the open usage to the community, reservation and fees for league use.

Discussion: C. Budget Discussions

There was discussion of Capital Improvement Project RP2004; Recreation Community Center. Mr. Shepherd reminded the board that this is not a Recreation and Parks project rather funds earmarked for the independent YMCA project.

Discussion: D. MOU Public Schools Facility Use

Mr Shepherd presented to the Board the St Marys County Public Schools facility use guidelines. There was board discussion and questions.

6. Adjourn

1st Gregory Weaver, 2nd Kathy Weatherly - All in favor; motion passes at 7:05pm