

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
County Administration Building – Perryville Room
200 Chesapeake Blvd.
Elkton, MD 21921



April 26, 2022

OPENING: 5:40 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer
- Board Members In attendance: Don Harmer-Chair, Brian Morgan-Vice Chair, Bernie Brown, Megan Coleman, Jen Callaghan, Matthew Morris, Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Business Coord.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2022
 - Motion to Approve: Bernie Brown
 - Second: Matthew Morris

Motion to Move Public Comment to First Agenda Item: Matthew Morris
Second: Megan Coleman

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Bell with the Rising Sun Tigers Athletic Boosters Program – Mr. Bell attended the Board meeting to represent the community of Rising Sun in advocating for a synthetic turf field at the Rising Sun High School campus. He discussed the need for the field due to the poor condition of the current stadium field.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation Update – Thomas McFadden. The Cecil Springs 5k was the best event the Friends has done to date, even with the weather working against us. There were other events and races taking place within the community during the same timeframe. The vendors and community engagement groups were pleased with the event. The Friends are working on an MOU with the Elkton Commerce Center for habitat restoration to include nest boxes. Another 120 plants were picked up for the Brantwood Blooms project. On May 11th at 5:30 pm, the Master Gardeners will host a tree planting event. Scout groups, gardening clubs and the Cecil Whig have been invited to attend. The Friends will be working with the Parks and Recreation Operations Division to clear areas at Brantwood Regional Park for planting. May 16th will a volunteer planting date that will include volunteers from Gore. On May 17th, there will be an educational field trip for Elkton Middle School to plant seed starts at Brantwood and on May 27th, the Bo Manor Junior Honor Society will be planting seed starts at Brantwood. We have over 1,000 seed starts at four schools.
- General Update
 - I. Current Programs:
 - Archery
 - Cheer
 - Karate
 - Elementary Movers Kickball
 - Flag Football
 - HS Field Hockey
 - Field Hockey Clinic
 - Wiffle T ball
 - Indoor Pickleball
 - Tennis Lessons
 - Velocity Express Track

II. Summer Programs/Camps

Basketball Camp, Challenge Island Camp, Club Extreme, Field Hockey, Football Camp, Gardening for Toddlers, Wolfpack, High School 7v7 Football, Mother's Day Zumba, Pickleball Clinic, Safetyville, Soccer Camp, Kayak Tours, Tennis Camp I & II, Track and Field Camp, Advanced & Beginner Tennis, Volleyball Camp I & II, Car Show, Lacrosse Camp, and a Pickle Ball Clinic.

III. Operations Division:

- Lining Fields
- Placing Stone in Parks - regrading
- Maintaining Baseball Fields
- Mowing/Trimming all County Parks

IV. Project Update:

- Sensory Playground
- Pickleball Courts
- Route 7 DMP Site
- EHS Field
- Cecil Arena Siding

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Bernie: Wanted to say the staff are doing an amazing job.

Matthew Morris: Drove by Calvert Regional Park and saw a birthday party taking place and the basketball court next to the party was full of kids playing and being respectful.

Megan: Wanted to mention the Parks and Recreation Instagram page and that the graphics are greatly improved.

Jen: None

Brian: Wanted to give kudos to the staff and knows how hard they are working.

Don Harmer: None

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Morgan

Second: Megan Coleman

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58 pm

Next meeting – May 17th, 5:30 p.m., Calvert House, 2826 North East Road, North East, MD