

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
Via Zoom
200 Chesapeake Blvd.
Elkton, MD 21921



February 16, 2021

Due to the current COVID 19 health crisis, we, the Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation, are hosting this virtual meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The Attorney General advises us to provide the best possible opportunity for the public to observe and participate in our meetings. Once the meeting moves into Public Comment, the public must identify themselves before speaking. The Board Chairman will ensure there is a quorum.

OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer
- In attendance: Don Harmer-Chairman, Brian Morgan-Vice Chairman, Jen Callaghan, Megan Coleman, Bernie Brown, Jim Leitgeb, Matt Morris, Councilman George Patchell, Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Admin. Budget Assist.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 19th, 2021
Motion to Approve: Megan Coleman
Second: Jen Callaghan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation Update: Thomas McFadden and Bunny Renshaw provided an update on the 501c3. On April 25th there will be a disc golf grand opening and a tournament at Brantwood Park. The 501c3 and disc golf community are working to have the course PDGA certified. All of the 18 gold tee pads are constructed and the blue tee pads will be completed when the weather breaks. The 501c3 is working to build a website with the capability for online donations. A 5k is being planned for September 5th. Construction of a lacrosse wall should take place in late March or early April at the Calvert Regional Park. Bunny mentioned that she was proud of how much Brantwood Park is being used and how well it is being maintained. The Story Boards, in partnership with the Cecil County Public Library, will be installed at Brantwood Park in the Spring.
- General Board Member Discussion: Director VanDyke gave an update on the Department. The YMCA donated mats to Cecil County Parks and Recreation. The Operations staff have been busy with snow removal, plowing and salting to keep facilities open and safe for use. The Calvert Regional Park Phase 3 construction has a completion date of May 1st. A walk-through of Phase 3 was held last week. The first tournament of the 2021 season, boys and girls lacrosse, will be held on April 10th/11th. Spring registrations are filling up for Flag Football, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, and Wiffle Tee Ball. The parks continue to see heavy use, even during inclement weather, as we are receiving requests to plow walking trails. We are working to fill our Recreation Specialist position that became vacant in December. Cecil County Parks and Recreation is partnering with Special Olympics to host Fitness Days at the Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

Jutilia Wilson was on the call, but had no comments

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Jim Leitgeb: Mentioned the Spring Sports season should be starting on March 15th.
- Jen Callaghan: No comments.
- Brian Morgan: No comments.

- **Megan Coleman:** Said she drove by Brantwood Park and there were so many people out playing disc golf and she also wanted to thank Thomas and Bunny for their work on the 501c3.
- **Bernie Brown:** Said it's refreshing to see the work and partnering that is happening between the different groups.
- **Matt Morris:** Said he wanted to remind Clyde that vaccinations are available to staff.
- **George:** No comments.
- **Don Harmer:** Said he likes how well the Department and the 501c3 work together.

Motion to Adjourn Closed Session: Brian Morgan

Second: Megan Coleman

Meeting Adjourned: 6:10 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th at 5:30 pm, TBD, May be held at the Calvert House, the County Administration Building, or via Zoom due to the current COVID restrictions.