

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022

Those present during the meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Commissioner Jim Moran, Paul Lombardo, Laurie Dalziel, Matt Tuma, Leigh Dillon, Phil Starkey, Sid Pinder and Mark Cascia

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: Steve Chandlee and Breanne Waters

GUEST: Linda Kohler and Audrey Scott

Approval of March 2022 PRAB Minutes

Motion to approve: Leigh Dillon and Mark Cascia

General Discussion

- Board of Education Update:
 - Graduation outside June 1 for QACHS and June 2 KIHS, Rain Date for both is June 3
 - BOE is offering summer camps- 1-to-2-year program that is grant funded -designed for STEM Program. Parks won't be bumped from school usage sites for summer camp.
- Vicki Paulas resigned from PRAB 5/9/22
 - Her term was set to expire 12/31/22
 - Should we wait till November to advertise the vacancy?
 - Motion to wait for Vicki's term to expire before we advertise for the vacancy.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Mark Cascia and Leigh Dillon
- Chesapeake Charities
 - Major long-term goal is to build a handicap accessible playground
 - In need of a location to move forward with fundraising, need 10 acres to include parking
 - Estimated cost is \$10 million, to include parking, restrooms, playground, carousel, splash pad area.
 - Once built the facility will be given to Parks to maintain.
 - Could Chesapeake Charities provide us a priority list of items that they would like to see in this project?
- PRAB Meeting Attendance Rule:
 - As members of the PRAB, one of your duties is to make every effort to attend the scheduled PRAB meetings as your input is important to crafting recommendations to the County Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Department as citizen representatives to Parks and Recreation in our County. If a PRAB member misses two meetings in any 12-month period (if on a bi-monthly meeting schedule) or 4 meetings (if on a monthly meeting schedule), that member, upon consultation with the member and the executive board members, may be subject to termination, to be replaced by the County Commissioners with a person of their choosing.
 - **Motion to Approve:** the above Meeting Attendance Rule: Mark Cascia and Phil Starkey, all in favor.
- [PRAB members short- and long-term goals attached.](#)

New Business

- BUSA wants to start a semi-pro soccer team. Joint effort between BOE, Parks and BUSA to make a three-way agreement.
 - Would charge an admission at KIHS

- Would like to start the program fall 2022
 - Half of the players are local and other half are from Brazil, age 18 and above
- Bayshore Soccer is going out on their own to get proposal for improving the fescue fields at White Marsh. Steve recommended to Bayshore that they get together with other users to propose the idea to PRAB collectively.
 - Issue is there is no topsoil on the fields, so grass doesn't grow properly.
- Cross County Connector Trail was hit by another car a few weeks ago
 - Looking for a permanent fix this fall so it won't impact traffic
 - Todd made a call to SHA to extend the guardrail and have the drains cleaned out
- POS allocation for FY23 is \$411,000
- LPPI FY23 receiving another \$1 million grant from DNR for a shovel ready project
- Attended a Field Painter equipment demo- cost of equipment \$61,900
 - Would save roughly \$40,000 in salaries to line the fields per year
 - Reduces half the amount of paint used, saves another \$10,000
 - \$1900 license fee per year

Division Updates

- [Updates from each division](#)

Continuing Business

- Ribbon Cutting at Macuum Creek was on 4/26/22
- Terrapin Restroom and Ranger Station concrete is being poured on 5/10/22
- Mowbray Pickleball Courts- still under constructure, lights are installed
- Grasonville Courts- still under constructure, standards are up
- Grasonville Parking Lot- waiting on contractor to set up a date
 - The Leonard Smith trail is scheduled to be repaved
- Rt 18 Playground – floor tiles are still on backorder
- Pole Barn at Terrapin Maintenance Yard- waiting on permits
- Overhead Shop Doors- installed at Terrapin, Crumpton, Rt 18 shops
- Irrigation Well at White Marsh Park- installed, just needs to be tied in
- Route 8 trail- waiting on easements
- Personnel
 - MWI and Crew Supervisor Vacancies
 - Recently hired several park rangers
- Received letter from citizen asking for a skate park at OLP. Going to invite them to next PRAB meeting.
- Ball wall painting still in progress for OLP, White Marsh and Church Hill Park
- Jim would like an update and timeline for the Route 8 trail extension
- Todd is beginning the process to amend the town water and sewer policy to have water and sewer at White Marsh Park, 5/10/22 meeting with the town
- Trash truck and beach work to begin 5/14/22
- Need better signage at White Marsh to point citizens in the directions of the trail to keep them off the road.
- Next Meeting: July 18, 2022

Motion to Adjourn: Phil Starkey and Mark Cascia