

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025

Those present during the meeting were:

PRAB MEMBERS: Paul Lombardo, Mark Cascia, Matt Tuma, Phil Starkey and Commissioner James Moran.

GUESTS: Todd Mohn, Leslie Sandoz, Bob Ziling, Patrick McLaughlin (virtual), Tilghman Hemsley and Linda Rohrbaugh

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: Steve Chandlee and Breanne Waters.

Matt Tuma motions to approve April 2025 Minutes, Mark Cascia seconds, all in favor.

Division Updates

- [Updates from each division](#)

BOE Update

- Matapeake Elementary School repair projects going on the same time as we are paving the trail.
- Assisted with the Sudlersville Elementary School new playground installation.

Guest Presentation for Wells Cove Monument proposal

- Presented by Tilghman Hemsley and Linda Rohrbaugh. Information packet [attached](#).
- This monument would be a tribute to Black Waterman of the Eastern Shore. Its goal is to depict the history of the waterman and the seafood processing at Kent Narrows.
- The monument will be powdered coated stainless steel and bronze.
- Location will be by the bathrooms at Wells Cove.
- Two boats proposed, a 22ft and a 24ft, not using the entire boat. One boat you would be able to enter and walk around, the other boat would be closed off.
- There would be 3 figures on each boat processing various seafood; clams, fish, oysters, and crabs.
- It is constructed with the knowledge that the area floods so the monuments will look like they are floating in the water.
- Signage wording would be suggested by the local waterman. Either a kiosk or etching on the boat.
- Minimal construction site and site disturbance. We can relocate the plantings if need be.
- Considering lighting and adding a pavilion.
- Timeframe goal is 12 months to completion. Funds are already mostly raised.

Business at Hand

- FY26 Budget approved.
- CCCT- we replace around 400 boards over the past few months.
- South Island Trail Updates
 - Phase 1 by Waterman's Joes – paving to start on Wednesday, July 23.
 - Phase 2 – finished paving today.
 - Phase 3 and 2B - pre-bid meeting held on July 15. New due date for bids is August 8th.
 - There are time of year restrictions that construction can occur in because of FIDS (migratory birds).
 - Phase 4 – there will be a meeting on July 23 with Christ Church to show proposed areas.
- Deep Landing and Crumpton projects bid awarded to Bay Coastal
- Skate Park Restroom is in process of being connected with well and electric.
- White Marsh water and sewer is in the works. Alan from DPW has a plan to get the pipe to designated location in the triangle area.
- 4th of July fireworks went well not being on July 4th. We are going to recommend that July 1st, 2026 be the date for next year with a rain date of July 2nd.
- Mowbray Park Memorial rededication ceremony to be held on August 9, 2025 at 9am. The memorial is currently under construction. Plantings and plaque to come.
- Mowbray Park Playground 3D view.
 - Will be ¾ pour in place. Engineered wood fibers will go under the swing area.

- Fencing will be around the entire playground.
 - There are two planned shade structures.
- Matapeake Rental Fee
 - Tabled till next meeting.
- Tournament Fee Structure for ball diamonds
 - New proposed structure [attached](#).
 - The new proposed rate structure would allow the customer to pick from two different options.
 - We are looking to charge a percentage based on gross customer sales based on the customers regular price fee.
 - Paul motions to approve the new fee structure, Matt seconds, all in favor.
- New Public Landing signs example [attached](#).
 - The icons match what you can do at each site. A brochure box will be attached as well.

Board Comments

- Along the Cross Island Trail there are still some bumps that need to be grounded down.
- Any updates on the Recreation Center? We currently do not have a site location planned but have money set aside when a site is picked out.
- BPAC has a walk/bike and roll event planned at Centreville Middle School for this fall.
- The CCCT to Queenstown feasibility study status? The vendor should be almost finished.
- Grasonville playground has been a lot busier lately, might benefit from a bigger playground.
 - Also, at Grasonville Park- the gate to park should be removed.
- RK &K is contracted for the Route 50 pedestrian overpass study.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2025.

Mark motions to adjourn, Matt seconds, all in favor.

QACPR Follow Up items:

- Data from placer.ai for 4th of July for Todd. Where people came from, how many people, how long they stayed.
- Check to see how many benches are proposed for the new Mowbray Playground.
- Send current and proposed Matapeake Rental fees to PRAB members to review.
- Check to see if there are flyers outside Matapeake Clubhouse that show rental options.
- Find out if BHGC has an email list they could use for surveys to see if a shade structure for driving range would be something the customers would like.
- Would like a price for 1 tennis and 2 pickleball courts at Church Hill Park.
- How many bathroom hook ups are we planning for White Marsh Park?
- Possible removal of Park gates.