

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2025

Those that attended the virtual meeting were:

**PRAB MEMBERS:** Paul Lombardo, Mark Cascia, Matt Tuma, Marlene Stanton, Renee Daniel, Barbara Dawson, Sid Pinder, and Commissioner James Moran.

**GUESTS:** Commissioner Patrick McLaughlin

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF:** Steve Chandlee, Beryl Eismeier and Breanne Waters.

Paul Lombardo motions to approve August 2025 Minutes, Matt Tuma seconds, all in favor.

### Division Updates

- [Updates from each division](#)

### BOE Update

- The BOE will be able to install nine AEDs at QACHS thanks to Team Trace for the funding.
- Fields have been lined for fall sports.

### Business at Hand

- 2026 Fireworks date selection:
  - Option one to host on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 for \$65,100
  - Option two to host on Thursday, July 2, 2026 for \$69,300
  - Parks would like to select option one because of traffic, potential for more spectators, and the restaurants prefer it on a weeknight as well.
- Crabby Pickleball Tournament at Mowbray Park had 246 people registered. Saturday went well and Sunday it rained all day.
- Three pickleball courts for Church Hill Park are currently being engineered thanks to the County Commissioners approval to fund the project.
- Mowbray Park Playground is set to close on October 14 for demolition. We are anticipating the equipment will be delivered the first week in November. Only the parking area closest to the playground will be closed, the rest of the parking lot will remain open.
- POS \$191,910 will be used towards the construction of White Marsh Comfort Station.
  - The sewer line installation should be near completion if not complete.
  - Attached are a few different options for the positioning of the comfort station on the property.
    - PRAB prefers option 2.
- Trail Update
  - Phase 3 of the South Island Trail extension permits have finally been approved. Brambles, the winning bidder, shall start work soon.
- Invasive Weed management update
  - Last fiscal year we spent almost all of the \$150k that was budgeted.
  - This fiscal year we have already encumbered 40% of our budget. We could always use additional funding however will continue to spend strategically.
- Recreation has a vacancy for a Coordinator position. We received 48 applications for this position. We have selected Isabella Cheney and she will start on October 8.
- Project planning for the FY27 budget is underway. Does PRAB have any suggestions?
  - Is there already funding for the trail connection from Ellendale to Target?
    - Paul with DPW is currently engineering this section of the trail since it will contain an Emergency vehicle road alongside. Unsure of the funding status since this will be a DPW project.
- Public Landings and Fishing Piers signs are almost complete and will be installed shortly. They all have a common theme so they will look cohesive throughout the County.
- There is a 50/301 pedestrian overpass meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at the Kent Island Library.

## **Board Comments**

- The CCCT lip towards the Royal Farms, has a large gap, do we have a plan for a fix?
  - Asphalt is going to be delivered to fix the problem.
- The trail at Church Hill Park has a large number of bumps and cracks.
  - It is our plan to have the entire trail repaved to fix the issue.
- Could you take a look at the pond at Church Hill Park it has a lot of algae in it.
  - Parks has received the critical area approval to perform short term bank erosion project, \$338k.
  - Not going to go through with the project at this time. We would like to research further to see the cost benefit.

Next Meeting: Tentatively October 20, 2025.

Paul motions to adjourn, Jim seconds, all in favor.

## **QACPR Follow Up items:**

- Check the lip coming off the CCCT bridge towards Royal Farms.
- Algae at Church Hill Pond