



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Minutes  
September 21, 2017

I. Called to Order by Jeff Parks

Members in attendance were Jeff Parks, Jeff Harrison, Dave Fisher, Jamie Latham, Walter Chase, Kevin Shafer, Chuck Callahan, Andy Hollis and Preston Peper.

II. Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Latham, seconded by Fisher

III. Chairperson Report/County Council Liaison/County Manager Report

- Introduction of Kevin Shafer as the Talbot County Public School Representative
- YMCA is utilizing the old Black & Decker property for fall recreational leagues
- Hollis discussed the soil issue with regard to the Black & Decker property's Rec usage

IV. Department of Parks and Recreation Report

- **Summer season wrap up:**
  - 1,100 swim lessons during the 2017 summer season (\$33,000)
  - 10 week summer camp (\$60,000)
  - George Murphy swimming pool pump broke in late August
  - 3 successful summer sports camps (futsal, basketball, field hockey)
  - NYC Bus trip nearly full

V. New Business

- **Tilghman Island ATM Kiosk:** Discussion was held regarding the possible placement of an ATM/Kiosk adjacent to the parking lot at Back Creek Park with a 5 year commitment. Callahan explained that this is a temporary (no foundation) building that will be maintained by a group from Tilghman Island and Parks & Rec will only need to cover the electrical costs to the kiosk. 1880 Bank will be responsible for security of structure. Other locations were considered by the Tilghman group and the park was deemed the best suitable placement. Tilghman does not have a bank currently with only small amounts being able to be withdrawn and/or deposited. Harrison explained that there is a need and security might assist with dumping at park. Parks asked if a parcel could be deeded to this group taking out the County's hands, area too small to parcel and divide. Members have expressed safety questions of placement at Back Creek, the bank has approved site and Callahan has discussed security with the Sheriff. Latham questioned whether 1880 Bank could lease the area from the County. Chase expressed his feelings of knowing what it feels like to not have a bank in a community and motioned that the Park Board support placement of the Kiosk at Back Creek Park; Harrison seconded. Vote: 7 yes, 1 no.
- **Youth Basketball:** Discussion was held regarding the YMCA request to take over the organization and operation of the youth basketball league in Talbot County. Gym space is a consideration as the YMCA has moved forward with moving the youth basketball league out of their facility. We will need another venue such as High School, SSPP or Country School



to operate the league. The school currently has two separate contracts with Talbot County and the YMCA for building usage. A meeting between the YMCA, Talbot County and Talbot County Public Schools will be scheduled to iron out placement of the program. Callahan motioned to retain ownership of the Youth Basketball program; Fisher seconded. Vote: 8 yes, 0 no.

- **Marvin Foster, Youth Football:** Discussion was held regarding Marvin Foster's request to use County properties for youth football. History between Foster and Parks & Rec has been strained over the years with dishonesty, failed payments and unauthorized usage. Foster has shown a continued pattern of not following directions, protocols, etc and using fields without giving notice to Parks & Rec without payment, insurance, etc. Fisher motioned that Foster not be permitted to use any facilities without fulfilling all financial and clerical obligations; Chase seconded. Vote 8 yes, 0 no.

VI. Member Reports

VII. Adjournment: Next meeting will be January 18, 2018, 6:00pm