

# Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes January 17, 2019

### • <u>Called to Order by Jeff Parks</u>

Members in attendance were Jeff Parks, Jeff Harrison, Jamie Latham, Jeff Richardson, Kim Kearns, Kevin Shafer, Dave Fisher, Walter Chase, Andy Hollis, Frank Divilio, Chuck Callahan and Preston Peper

## • Previous Meeting Minutes

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

• <u>Chairperson Report/County Council Representative</u> – Welcome **Frank Divilio** as the new appointed County Council representative to the Parks Advisory Board, Callahan shared the new Kiosk at Back Creek Park ribbon cutting occurred and this is the only ITM in Maryland and described this as a huge asset to Tilghman Island.

#### • Department of Parks and Recreation Report

- Skate for Hunger: 250 attended; 800 food items collected. March 14<sup>th</sup> will be second event
- Landings Update: All slips paid, All documentation submitted for slip holders, about 50 names have been moved from the wait list either off or to a slip

## • New Business

- Budget:
  - **Fees**: Increase slip rent \$50/slip; unanimous vote for \$50 in 2020, \$100 in subsequent years, Increase Curling Rink to \$100/hr, HS Hockey Fee ??
  - o Capital Items: Parks- New Mower (10k), Playground (120k), Port Street House (200k)
  - o **Landings**: Bellevue security camera (6K)
  - o Comm Ctr: Tables (10k), Vending machine (5k), Heaters (86k), Entrance remodel (10k)
- Fee Letter: Discussion was held regarding a letter to Council explaining the need/desire to eliminate the constant waiving/reducing of fees. Shafer expressed concern that the letter represented the School Board in a negative light. Hollis explained that TCPR is instructed to attempt to break even and fees are going to need to be a key in that plan given the Tax Cap vote failing.
- Program Guide: working on the new guide to be distributed Spring 2019
- Community Center Expansion: Davis, Bowen and Friedel has been contracted to design the facility and feasibility study.
- <u>Member Reports:</u> Pickleball was being played at Crosscourts according to Harrison and Latham with many participating, all ages. Questioned the possibility of converting Cordova tennis to pickle ball? Peper reminded the board that possible installation of pickleball courts between the rear parking lot and the solar field is feasible.
- Adjournment: Next meeting will be June 20, 2019, 6:00pm