

Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes January 25, 2018

I. Called to Order by Jeff Parks

Members in attendance were Jamie Latham, Dave Fisher, Jeff Harrison, Kim Kearns, Chuck Callahan, Andy Hollis and Preston Peper.

II. <u>Previous Meeting Minutes</u>

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Harrison, seconded by Kearns

III. Chairperson Report/County Council Representative

- Callahan shared Cassandra Vanhooser and Preston Peper gave a good presentation to County Council for the Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe
- Callahan explained that the ATM/Kiosk is a green light in Tilghman Island, Peper reiterated that there shouldn't be any power at the Pavilion since there are not to be patrons after dark

IV. Department of Parks and Recreation Report

• Peper discussed the Council approval to change the name of Lewistown Road Park to Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe. Public meeting will be held in Queen Anne on 1/30 at 6pm and Groundbreaking on 2/14 at 2pm at the park site.

V. New Business

- Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe: Meeting with the DNR Secretary is explore possibility of state side POS for park improvements. Vanhooser and Peper will also explore grant funding. Less costly than Oxford Park due to earth moving. Basic improvements immediately in the form of parking lot, paths, overlooks. Interpretive signage by Tourism.
- Expansion Update: Solicited quotes from a couple different companies about the cost for the gymnasium. Will be submitting to council with the next year budget a request for the gym. This will be purchased with POS funds and private funding (Council \$100,000 for POS)
- **Budget FY2019:** *NO FRILLS!* Instructed to submit level funding if possible. Most increases are due to capital items in all areas: Pool Cover for GM Pool, New truck for parks, Ice Plant repairs/replacement. Very old equipment and vehicles. Will present to Council and then await response from Council as to approval. Energy Audit scheduled for March.
- Landings: New landings officer is enforcing the rules and watermen are unhappy, landing improvements are being pushed out such as re-decking Sherwood and Wye Landings. She will be meeting with DNR to discuss any possible options for grant funding. Dumpster is being used by everyone instead of watermen. Cameras will be installed at Dogwood and Trappe Landing.
- **Properties transfer to TCPS:** The properties at Tilghman ES, EMS, and Chapel ES have been turned over to Talbot Schools and they are responsible for trash, portable restrooms and electricity. The County will continue mowing until June 30.

VI. Member Reports

VII. Adjournment: Next meeting will be March 15, 2018, 6:00pm