



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Minutes
January 16, 2020

Called to Order by Preston Peper

Members in attendance were Jeff Harrison, David Adams, Mike Butler, Dave Fisher, Kim Kearns, Walter Chase, Kevin Shafer, Councilman Frank Divilio and Preston Peper

Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Harrison, second by Butler. New officers were discussed. Dave Fisher volunteered to be President, David Adams volunteered to be Vice-President.

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative

Master Plan for Cordova completed. No definite information about tennis courts at park was gathered. Still looking for ideas for converting tennis courts. Only one individual has inquired about tennis courts.

Department of Parks and Recreation Report

Oxford Property Acquisition: Discussion was held to gauge Board's desire of pursuing the acquisition of property listed near Oxford Park, deeded to the County but purchased with stateside POS funds. The issues are cost to develop, proximity to existing park and more importantly the potential loss of acquiring a better property (waterfront, landing appropriate, etc.) *Motion to decline property, 7-0 in favor.*

New Business

Capital Budget FY2021: Council has requested a flat budget for operations and the following capital items:

- Parks – Light at Cordova (safety), Retrofit LED Lights at Community Center ballfield
- Landings – Security Cameras at Tongers Basin, Oak Creek and Neavitt Landings
- Pools – Various repair as needed
- Community Center – New lift for repairs, A/C units, replacement rubber flooring, Curling rink flooring

Swimming Pool Discussion: Potential donor for memberships at the George Murphy Pool has been contacted and hoping to get this moving forward.

Summer Programs: Summer camp, sports clinics, more outside stakeholders utilizing the facilities in 2020. Without an auditorium, expansion of programming won't be possible.

AED Discussion: Private group is interested in placing AEDs at HRB, Perry Cabin and the Community Center. Working with DES to coordinate electric work and placement.

Member Reports

David Adams questioned if any more discussion about Sr League field. Little League explored the old Starkey Field and was deemed not possible due to field status and other sports using property. Not enough space at the Community Center. Last resort would be Chapel School property. Adams has reached out to Chapel school administration about feasibility and he will follow up directly with School Administrators.

Adjournment: Next meeting will be March 19, 2020, 6:00pm