



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Minutes  
May 18, 2017

- I. Called to Order by Jeff Parks  
Members in attendance were Jeff Parks, Jamie Latham, Jeff Harrison, Jeff Richardson, Dave Fisher, Walter Chase, Chuck Callahan, Andy Hollis and Preston Peper. Special attendees: Mark Komenda (Landings Officer), Sandi Pepe (DNR), Jack Thompson
- II. Previous Meeting Minutes  
Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Jeff Harrison, seconded by Jamie Latham.
- III. Chairperson Report/County Council Liaison/County Manager Report  
**2018 FY Budget was approved.**
- IV. Windy Hill Discussion: Jack Thompson from the Windy Hill area requested the opportunity to address the Talbot County Park Advisory Board about his concerns regarding the current state of Windy Hill Landing and beach area. Thompson explained: the current boat ramp is not designed correctly for the current site making it difficult or impossible to launch a boat. School bus uses the landing as a turnaround; bike events use it as a stopping area; neighborhood parties. The use of rip rap to repair beach is dangerous to small children and pets. Thompson also explained the historical value of the Windy Hill landing also stating that the landing is included in the current Talbot County master plan. Jeff Harrison explained that Windy Hill is the only launch site on the east side of Talbot County and that lack of parking is a real issue; feels that getting Windy Hill back to a working landing would pay for repairs financially. Thompson explained that the rocks on the beach make beach utilization impossible, forcing children to use the pier and creating a possible drowning hazard. Peper explained that the rock placement was to mitigate the erosion of the beach and eventually destruction of the road. Sandi Pepe explained that an engineer would be required to assess the beach situation and create a possible solution. The rocks were placed in 2012. Pepe explained any beach maintenance would require permits due to proximity to the water. Estimates for ramp repair/adjustment were approximately \$300,000 while Pepe explained that all projects are ranked and graded to gauge which receive funding and which will not. The lack of parking lot will be a barrier to receiving a high rank/grade for this project, resulting in the County possibly funding the full project. Peper explained that Program Open Space funding has not traditionally been used for Landings because there is a funding mechanism through the State of Maryland (Waterway Improvement funds)...Pepe explained that across the state Landings are rarely funded by POS. Pepe will contact the DNR shore erosion department for their assistance. **Final decision is to contact Public Works to determine next steps to assess and proceed.**
- V. Department of Parks and Recreation Report
  - **Summer camp enrollment is full for all 10 weeks.** Idea was thrown around about possible purchase of used school bus with higher occupancy allowing for increase in camp size.
  - **Double Gym discussion.** Park board skeptical about council approval. Peper, Callahan and Hollis will discuss at later date.



- **Capital Expenditures.** Carpet will be replaced and front office redesigned.

VI. New Business

- **Lewistown Town Road discussion was held.** We are in discussion with the State of Maryland with the hopes that they may be interested in taking that property from us to develop into a Frederick Douglas State Park...much like the Harriet Tubman State Park.
- **Pickleball Court Request.** Peper was contact by residents of Tilghman about the possibly of painting lines on the tennis court for pickleball. Peper explained the cost of about \$2,000 to professionally paint lines. Jeff Harrison is going to contact the resident to gauge the number of participants interested.
- **Program Open Space.** A new fence for the Hog Neck Golf Course on Route 50 and at the main entrance.

VII. Member Reports

- Dave Fisher stated that Perry Cabin is still on the table for drainage working. This work would be done in collaboration with the Town of St. Micheals.
- Question about mulch in playground. Peper stated that any future playgrounds will have permanent flooring instead of mulch.
- Jamie Latham shared that the concession stand at Home Run Baker has been completed with financial assistance from Talbot County.

VIII. Adjournment: Next meeting will be September 21, 2017, 6:00pm