



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Minutes
March 22, 2018

I. Called to Order by Jeff Parks

Members in attendance were Jeff Parks, Jamie Latham, Jeff Richardson, Jeff Harrison, Chuck Callahan, Andy Hollis and Preston Peper.

II. Previous Meeting Minutes

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

III. Chairperson Report/County Council Representative

- Chuck Callahan turned discussion over to Jeff Harrison regarding landing discussion.

IV. Department of Parks and Recreation Report

- Budget FY 2019 was presented to Council in February, Council will ratify in May.
- Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe groundbreaking was on Feb. 14 with about 200 in attendance. Plan to develop park will follow.

V. New Business

- **Landings Discussion:** A discussion was held regarding some policies and rules such as number of slips allowed, slip transfers, waiting list, slip rent. Joanne Dickey, new Landings Officer, has been diligent in enforcing all rules to the letter which has frustrated/angered watermen who don't want to obey rules. Waiting list being clogged up by individuals not following rules of slips, and lease rules. Watermen have preferential treatment to renting slips. It is cheaper for a boat owner to pay the annual rent for inoperable/old boats rather than moving them or following lease rules. Callahan will present to council in next closed session the possible ordinance changes and council will decide on enforcement while changes are being proposed. Council questioned the slip lease amount at the budget meeting in February with Peper. Discussion was held regarding perks (electric, trash) and should those slip holders pay more? Flat line rent rather than 3 tiers? *Recommendation to raise all slip rent to \$650, Motion by Callahan, 2nd by Harrison, all in favor.*
- **Pool Discussion:** During the budget review, council questioned the possibility of moving the operations/ownership of the pools in Bay Hundred and Easton to the YMCA. *Recommendation to provide Andrew Hollis the opportunity to approach the YMCA about this concept. Motion by Harrison, 2nd by Callahan, all in favor.* Scholarship discussion about the GM Pool in Easton, Park Advisory Board would like to see how many individuals are using the full membership before a decision on raising the scholarship amount. Peper will track memberships during the 2018 season.
- **Nathan Collins Reinstatement:** Melissa Carels, his mother, was in attendance wanting a formal statement of his reinstatement since he was formally suspended. Peper explained that he had spoken to Nathan Collins earlier that day and everything was coordinated for his reinstatement. Formal letter will be sent to him and his mother.
- **Room Rental Rate Discussion:** Discussion was held regarding the amount of funds lost to room rate fees being waived. Who should and shouldn't be granted a waiver? Park Board



- agreed that Peper should have the ability to assess groups as to whether they have a fee waiver. Example is churches yes, Gun Show no (even though he is technically a 501c3)
- **Facebook Discussion:** TCPR came under fire on Facebook after the ice season ended in March, which is normal operation procedure. Park Advisory Board agreed with Peper that engaging in a Facebook battle will never be won.

VI. Member Reports

VII. Adjournment: Next meeting will be May 17, 2018, 6:00pm