



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Minutes
January 28, 2021

Called to Order by Preston Peper

Members in attendance were Jeff Harrison, David Adams, Jamie Latham, Mike Butler, Jeff Parks, Kim Kearns, Kevin Shafer, Councilman Frank Divilio and Parks and Recreation Director, Preston Peper

Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved, motion by Parks, second by Harrison

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative – Divilio praised TCPR staff and facilities and that COVID protocols have been greatly appreciated and well organized for hockey competition during the pandemic.

Old Business

Youth Soccer Discussion: Follow up discussion was held as to the previous request for TCPR to offer fall soccer. The board decided that we don't have the facilities to offer year round soccer, staffing or the desire to offer a competing program at this time. Peper will contact Mr. Pritchett to relay the decision.

New Business

Community Center Expansion Update: Davis, Bowen & Friedel were contracted as the engineering company due to cost and also did the feasibility study prior. They are still working on official plans. Peper will update progress to date at the next meeting.

Recreation Program Update: ESHA, TFST, public skate, skate/hockey lessons are still operating...but capped to a limit due to COVID

Swimming Pool Update: pools are scheduled to open on time with open swim and lessons, still awaiting COVID protocols from the State as to limitations and/or protocols

Bill Burton State Park Update: An MOU with the State of Maryland has been signed to work with the State to decide the design and maintenance of the property moving forward.

Budget FY2022: Discussion about fescue vs Bermuda for playable areas at the Community Center, Board felt irrigated Bermuda would be better than current situation. More funds for park maintenance. Sewer line is scheduled for late 2021/early 2022. ☺

Member Reports Jeff Harrison stated that there have been more conversations regarding replacement of the Back Creek Park playground.

Adjournment: Next meeting will be March 18, 2021, 6:00pm