



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Minutes
June 20, 2019

- Called to Order by Jeff Parks
Members in attendance were Jeff Parks, Jeff Harrison, Kim Kearns, Dave Fisher, Walter Chase, Andrew Hollis, Chuck Callahan and Preston Peper
- Previous Meeting Minutes
Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Harrison, second by Fisher
- Chairperson Report/County Council Representative - Councilman Callahan wanted to revisit the possibility of putting the playground back into Back Creek Park. Discussion was held regarding use of the facility and possibility of using school grounds. Use of playground prohibited during school hours/school year. Motion by board to request use of county funds (contingency funds) to rebuild the Back Creek Park playground. *Unanimously passed.* Callahan also had meeting with Easton Mayor regarding purchasing and installation of lights at North Easton Park. Discussion was held as to the benefits and drawbacks to utilizing POS funds for lights. Park Board asked for a more formal, detailed request be presented before further discussion.
- Department of Parks and Recreation Report
 - a. Budget: FY20 budgeted passed.
- New Business
 - a. **Community Center Expansion Budget:** discussion was held as to how much money should be the target amount for fund raising purposes. Various different estimates have been obtained. Motion to set \$4 million as the target price was proposed. *Unanimously passed.*
 - b. **Frederick Douglass Park Update:** RFP was out for park design. Bid closing was Monday and the committee will discuss best options for designer. Will update next meeting.
 - c. **Program Open Space – Development vs Acquisition:** discussion held to determine whether Talbot County wants to engage with legislators to eliminate required funds to be ear marked for acquisition. Two counties in western Maryland have completed this task and 100% of annual funds go to development. Motion by board to begin legislation to eliminate acquisition allotment in POS annual disbursement. *Unanimously passed.*
 - d. **Rails to Trails:** DNR is exploring the possibility of conducting a feasibility study of the Clayton rail line to create a future rails to trails path. DNR is seeking support only at this time from the County. Motion to offer support to DNR in feasibility study. *Unanimously passed.*
 - e. **Program Open Space request from Easton:** Park Advisory Board needs more information from request before discussion would ensue.
- Member Reports:
- Adjournment: Next meeting will be November 21, 2019, 6:00pm