



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Minutes  
May 27, 2021

Called to Order by Preston Peper

Members in attendance were David Adams, Jamie Latham, Mike Butler, Jeff Parks, Kim Kearns, Walter Chase, 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 Latham

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative – Divilio is working with Tilghman Island residents on private fundraising for a replacement playground at Back Creek Park. Proposal and quote were given to Divilio to report back to the residents of Tilghman Island in order to gain insight as to fundraising and development.

Old Business

**None**

New Business

**Park Rules Discussion:** Peper explained that park rules while in place are not codified and therefore not enforceable. The proposed rules are much the same as other counties such as Kent County and Wicomico County. Rules to be added by staff recommendation are: controlled substances, overnight stay/camping. *Park Board voted 7-0 in favor of establishing codified rules to the parks.*

**Park Acquisition in St. Michaels Discussion:** Peper was approached by a private constituent about the possibility about purchasing a piece of property on the water of St. Michaels. The estimated purchase price was \$3.5 million. After short discussion, Park Board declined pursuing purchase of proposed property. Peper will convey back to seller about approaching Council or the Town of St. Michaels.

**Long Term Planning:** Divilio recommended that board members put together ideas of a progressive development plan for Parks and Recreation (5, 10, 20 year). We will circle back to put together all ideas into a long term plan for the Parks and Recreation.

Member Reports: Adams inquired about updates on potential donor for park improvements, no updates at this time. Also, inquired about hospital property? Chase stated that there is interest from the Town of Trappe to purchase Old Trappe Park, Peper stated that a formal proposal to Council would be the next step. Latham applauded the Home Run Baker organization for their improvements to the park...well warranted.

Adjournment: Next meeting will be July 15, 2021, 6:00pm