



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Minutes
September 19, 2019

Called to Order by Jeff Parks

Members in attendance were Jeff Parks, Jeff Harrison, Jamie Latham, David Adams, Mike Butler, Dave Fisher, Walter Chase, Frank Divilio and Preston Peper

Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Chase, second by Fisher

Visitor Presentations

David Ferraris-Dog Park. Was interested in exploring the possibility of a dog park in Easton. Continuing on the previous plan of a park at RTC Park in Easton. They were referred to contact Easton Parks & Recreation if interested in pursuing a dog park at RTC Park.

Bruce Cole-Duplicate Slip Holder. Cole had contacted the County Council regarding the desire to keep his 2nd slip instead of surrendering as designated in 2020. Council requested that the Park Board listen to Cole and make a recommendation to Council. Cole explained that he has operated 2 slips for many years and would be a financial hardship if the 2nd slip was to be forfeited. Eight individuals surrendered duplicate slips in 2019 ahead of the 2020 season in anticipation. Discussion was held about how to deem a financial hardship, possible application process. *Recommendation to grandfather current duplicate slipholders to hold 2 slips. 1st: Harrison, 2nd: Fisher, voted 7-0.*

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative

Callahan requested skipping to the last item on the agenda to discuss North Easton Park Lighting, Parks questioned the current state of 925 Port Street property

Department of Parks and Recreation Report

Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe Update: LSG Landscape Architects has begun work on a master plan; this will/could be a year process of gathering information, public meetings, board meetings, etc.

Community Center Expansion Update: In the progress of getting renderings completed and identifying potential donors to approach. Overall target cost is \$5.5million (\$4 million donor, \$1.5 POS)

New Business

Cordova Park Master Plan discussion: A master plan is being devised for Cordova and the desires for the park will be brought out by discussions with the community.

Oil Containment Issue discussion: We are going to meet with MES to find a solution to the abuse of the oil units and the best way to correct these issues with the assist from a public service announcement.

North Easton Park Lighting discussion: A request was brought to the Board requesting County financial assistance in purchasing/installing lights at North Easton Park. Board members wanted information on a turf management plan to combat the poor turf quality in spots and to identify the fund raising efforts the Town of Easton was putting forth. Next disbursement of POS funds would be available July 2020; there are no funds available at this time. Community Parks and Playgrounds Grant funding has not been sought for this project. A tentative amount of \$50,000 was proposed for proceeds to go to the project from POS based on answers to the board questions.

Member Reports

Adjournment: Next meeting will be November 21, 2019, 6:00pm