



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Minutes
November January 18, 2021

Called to Order by Preston Peper

Members in attendance were Jeff Harrison, David Adams, Jamie Latham, Mike Butler, Kim Kearns, Dave Fisher, Kurisha Hoffman, Walter Chase, Councilman Frank Divilio and Parks and Recreation Director, Preston Peper

Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative – Recommendation by Peper to dedicated some sort of memorial in the new expansion (gym) for Jeff Park who passed away. Unanimous approval by the Board. Divilio indicated that there is a growing request for Turf fields in Talbot County, discussion about pros and cons and the prime location is the Hospital property adjacent to the Community Center.

Presentation by Gene Lopez (kayaking group) – Discussion was held between the kayaking group and the Park Board with a desire for more parking for kayakers and reduction in the trailer parking spots. Peper explained that the public may park in any spot that is not designated. A resolution was reached in that maps with colored parking areas would be placed on the website at each landing, offering a better designation of the allowable parking areas for non-trailer individuals.

Old Business

None

New Business

Community Center Expansion Update: Peper expressed his severe frustration that the decision was made to take the permitting of the expansion to the Town of Easton when an MOU stated not required. This will add major time to the process of this project, upwards of 6-12 months longer than needed.

Swim Team Fees and Meet Discussion: Discussion regarding the 2022 fees for the swim team were discussed, board decision was for fees to return to pre-Covid rates (\$50) hour for the 2022 season and revisit about possible increase in 2023. Swim Team has requested using the first Saturday of the season for a swim meet, board proposed a Saturday prior to Memorial Day opening would be better as to not lose a day early in the season. Peper will relay information back to the Talbot Swim Team.

Current State of TCPR: Customers and patrons have become more dis-respectful, angry and lacking any filter (ugly). Customers want anything/everything with no regard to protocol, policy...lack any compassion and ability to communicate without yelling, swearing...unfair expectations.

Long Range Planning: Tabled until next meeting.

Member Reports

Adjournment: Next meeting will be January 20, 2022, 6:00pm