



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Minutes
January 20, 2022

Called to Order by Preston Peper

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

Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved, motion by Hoffman, second by Butler

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative – None

Old 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. A meeting for final approval from the TOE planning commission is scheduled for January 26th.

New Business

Ballfield Mound Discussion: Discussion regarding the possible removal of the permanent mound on the lighted field was held on the request of the junior league program. Portable mounds would be supplied by Jr. League in lieu of permanent mounds. Advisory recommended reaching out to SSPP about impact to HS baseball.

Budget Discussion: Talbot County Council has again asked for a flat budget from departments for FY23; it is the responsibility of each department to follow through with the flat budget request. Talbot County Parks and Recreation will be requesting increases to such items as PT wages (minimum wage increase) and maintenance (mowing, contracting) otherwise, TCPR is tasked with utilizing grant dollars for major improvements. The attached sheet shows the requested Capital Items and where those funds will be allocated from. As requested by Harrison, discussion was held regarding the replacement playground at Back Creek Park in Tilghman. Peper stated that residents/visitors may still use the school playground during non-school hours and did not support a second playground in a small community with a low population of children that would utilize the playground. There is a chance that there will be another round of LPPI funds in FY23, which would make the playground a possibility; however, the playground will not be as large as the previous playground and this would take funds away from other projects needed throughout the county.

Member Reports

Adjournment: Next meeting will be March 17, 2022, 6:00pm