



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation  
Special Advisory Board Minutes  
August 18, 2022

Called to Order by Preston Peper

Members in attendance were David Adams, Mike Butler, Dr. Kristen Lycett, Jamie Latham, Kim Kearns, Dave Fisher, Tom Klein and Parks and Recreation Director, Preston Peper

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative – None

New Business

**Welcome to new St. Michaels representative Dr. Kristen Lycett**

**Oxford Road Property Discussion:** The Town of Easton has expressed interest in acquiring the 200-acre parcel by using both local and state side Program Open Space funds. While Peper expressed his severe frustration in dealing with the Town of Easton on passed projects (Gym permitting), he stated that this should not prevent the possibility of a park being created with assistance of Stateside POS. The Town of Easton would own and maintain this property if approved. After discussion, the park board recommendation was that Talbot County would match Town of Easton funds; not to exceed \$100,000, and additional funds from ESLC in the amount of 50% of Town of Easton's proposal would be required. Recommendation unanimously approved.

**Bellevue Park Acquisition Discussion:** After a follow up discussion with the property owner of several parcels adjacent to Bellevue Park, the offer was made to Talbot County Parks and Recreation as to the viability of acquiring the four parcels gratis with no restrictions. After discussion, the park board recommendation was that Talbot County Park and Recreation accept the four parcels if they are gratis, without restriction and surveyed by the developer. Recommendation unanimously approved.

**Old Trappe Park Sale Discussion:** The Town of Trappe has expressed interest in acquiring the Old Trappe Park property. A price was never finalized; however, the concept of a \$1 sale was proposed by Council Representation. After discussion, the park board recommendation was that Talbot County Parks and Recreation would support sale of the property for \$1 provided the Town of Trappe maintain the current park and replace the park in 2028 when replacement is needed. Recommendation unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Next meeting will be September 15, 2022, 6:00pm