



Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Minutes  
July 21, 2022

Called to Order by Preston Peper

Members in attendance were Jamie Latham, Kim Kearns, Walter Chase, Kurisha Hoffman, Tom Klein, Jeff Harrison, Councilman Frank Divilio and Parks and Recreation Director, Preston Peper

Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Chairperson Report/County Council Representative – None

Old Business

**Community Center Expansion Update:** Peper expressed his severe frustration that the permit for the Gymnasium Expansion has still not been issued by the Town of Easton; has been nearly a year. Mr. Divilio has reached out to the Town in an attempt to get the permitting process moving, staff at TOE assured Mr. Divilio the required information would be reviewed by Monday. Peper questioned as to whether this project should continue due to lack of support from both the Town of Easton and from Talbot County. Divilio stated that this project will continue and that “Rome wasn’t built in a day.”

**Budget Discussion:** Talbot County budget has been adopted, Talbot County Parks and Recreation received nearly all requested funds for increased to budgets based on minimum wage increase and the increased cost of maintenance County wide. Most of the capital items on all budgeted fronts are subsidized by grant funding from the State of Maryland.

New Business

**LPPPI Allocation Plan:** The State of Maryland again awarded TCPR a million dollar grant from improvements to parks and recreation facilities. Last year’s funds were used on the ice plant while this year’s funds will be spent on pickleball courts, playground at the community center, playground at Back Creek Park and replacement dugouts at the community center fields.

**Fence at Perry Cabin Park:** Discussion was held about the baseball field fences at Perry Cabin Park. Currently there are 3 fields using temporary fences, while functional, not ideal for game play. The St. Mike LL inquired as to whether they could fund raise to install permanent fences for better play, much the same as HRB has in the past? While baseball is the dominant user of this park, the YMCA utilizes this park for some practices and games; however, there are more practices and games during the year by baseball. Recommendation to allow SMLL to explore funding options and price gathering for permanent fences was voted unanimously (6-0).

**Current Project Status:** The lights have been installed at the CC baseball field and the scoreboards are being installed at Perry Cabin Park, these items were placed in the State Budget by Johnny Mautz. The irrigation and budget seeding project will commence as soon as possible.

Member Reports

Adjournment: Next meeting will be July 21, 2022, 6:00pm