

MINUTES

County Administration Building
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Rising Sun Room
Elkton, MD 21921

January 28, 2013



OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, 5:30 PM
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, Steve Minor Vice Chairman, Bernie Brown, Chris Hersl, George Raley, Matthew Morris, Jennifer Smith, Clyde VanDyke Director, Mark Guns, Bob Palsgrove, Mario Gangemi, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2012
Motion to Approve: Chris Hersl
Second: Steve Minor

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Project and Communication Protocol, Chairman Harmer
Chairman Harmer requests that all outside project proposals be brought before the Parks Board before they are commented on to the public. Parks Board Members may contact the department for informational purposes regarding any project proposals.
- Regional Park Concept Update, Director VanDyke
Director VanDyke met with Harford County Executive David Craig and his staff including John McHugh (Executive Director Cedar Lane Foundation) on January 24th. Cecil County Executive Tari Moore, Recreation Superintendent Cantor and Chairman Harmer were also in attendance. The meeting discussed using Cedar Lane as a template for our Regional Park and concluded with a tour of the facility. Cedar Lane would like to partner with Cecil County as they are in need of additional fields for their tournaments.

On January 25th, Director VanDyke, Superintendent Cantor and Lisa Webb, Director of Economic Development, met with Dr. Ken Lewis of Union Hospital. Per Dr. Lewis, Union Hospital is excited and in full support of the Regional Park project. Dr. Lewis wants to be involved with the Regional Park to help address childhood obesity in the county. Future discussions will be held with area businesses regarding the economic impact the Regional Park will have on Cecil County. Through meetings and discussions, public support for the project is growing. Director Van Dyke has requested \$175,000 for Engineering in the FY 2014 C.I.P. budget (Phase I-which will be about ¼ of the project).
- 501c3 and Member Introductions, Mark Guns
The 501c3 Board will be kept at 5-7 member panel. The newest members include, Bob Palsgrove, Michael Goodson, Mario Gangemi and Dr. Carl Roberts. The 501c3 will seek assistance from Jason Allison, County Attorney, regarding By Laws and legal ramifications for setting up the organization. Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, as well as Michael Goodson, can provide assistance from the financial side of setting up the 501c3.
- Ex-Officio
Councilman Michael Dunn will continue to serve as Ex-Officio on the Parks Board.

- **Future Funding Priorities, Chairman Harmer**
Allocated grant funds should take care of our biggest items first for Cecil County.
- **Holiday Open House, Chairman Harmer**
The open house was well received and many positive comments were heard regarding the luncheon.
- **Parks Ordinance, Director VanDkve**
Jason Allison, County Attorney, has decided not to make any changes to the ordinance regarding Possession of Firearms in Cecil County.
- **Facebook Page**
Superintendent Cantor has created a Parks and Recreation Facebook page. The page will be used to advertise upcoming programs and activities.
- **Conowingo Park, Bernie Brown**
The field at Conowingo Park was vandalized again. The Lions Club would like to speak with Fred Smith at Exelon regarding the installation of a light and possibly a camera.

Motion to have Bernie Brown address vandalism at Conowingo Park by seeking help from Exelon and Lions Club to install a light and camera: Steve Minor
Second: Jennifer Smith

Motion to move to Closed Session: Matt Morris
Second: Bernie Brown
Moved to Closed Session: 5:40 pm

CLOSED SESSION

Property Acquisition: 40 Bard Cameron Road and McMillan property on Brick Meetinghouse Road

Motion to pursue appraisal at 40 Bard Cameron Road and then seek appraisal on McMillan property if Bard Cameron property falls through: Bernie Brown
Second: Steve Minor

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Minor
Second: Chris Hersl

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55pm
Next Meeting: to be held Monday, February 25th at 5:30 pm, at the Cecil Arena