

MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
Cecil Arena
2706 North East Road
North East, MD 21901

April 18, 2016



OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, Steve Minor, Bernie Brown, Matthew Morris, Cynthia Cantor Superintendent

- Approval of Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2016
Motion to Approve: Matthew Morris
Second: Steve Minor

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- General Update:
 - NASC Sports Symposium: Cindy attended the symposium in April. She discussed a trend that is focusing more on the economic impact that event holders bring to communities as opposed to the revenue collected by the facility being used. Some events are bringing up to \$2 million into the local economy. Event Owners, Destinations, and Vendors were among the 900 attendees.
 - Calvert Regional Park: A running festival is planned for late April of 2017. Our partnership with Cedar Lane continues to remain strong. The department is working through the challenges of part-time staffing needs exceeding the funds remaining in the FY16 Budget. Contractors are working on bringing park items identified by our DPW office into compliance. The renovation of the restroom facility is almost complete and it should be operational very soon. Our flag football program at the park has been very successful. It is held every Friday evening and has around 120 participants. NE Jr. League Football will now fall under Parks and Recreation. They will be using the synthetic turf field for home games this season.
 - Community Center Rental Fee: A discussion to increase the hourly fee for the Community Center rentals from \$20/hr to \$30/hr lead to a motion by the board.
 - Motion: The Parks Board is in agreement that, based on market conditions, the rental fee at the Community Center should increase from \$20/hr to \$30/hr. If an additional fee increase is requested, the board asks that more detailed research be completed showing the costs associated with the building use and staffing.
Motion to Approve: Steve Minor
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PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

No public in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Bernie Brown mentioned the Lions Club 5k/10k and Outdoors Day at Conowingo Park on 5/14 from 8am-1pm.
- Matthew Morris mentioned staffing funds being built into tournament costs.
- Chairman Harmer mentioned creating a Net Revenue model for tournaments.

Motion to Adjourn: Bernie Brown
Second: Steve Minor

Meeting Adjourned: 6:25 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, May 16th at 5:30 pm, Rising Sun Room of the County Administration Building.