

## MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation

Cecil Arena

2706 North East Road

North East, MD 21901

September 19, 2016



### OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chair, George Raley Vice Chair, Steve Minor, Bernie Brown, Matthew Morris, George Patchell Ex-Officio, Matthew Roberts Board of Ed Rep, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Cindy Cantor Superintendent, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2016  
Motion to Approve: George Raley  
Second: Steve Minor

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Welcome Matthew Roberts: Mr. Roberts is the acting Coordinator of Athletics for Cecil County Public Schools. He is working with Cindy on field schedules and 11 games have been moved to Calvert Regional Park. They are hoping to do something similar in the spring.
- Calvert Regional Park Phase II: Phase I is still being completed. A disc golf designer has offered his services for free. The 18 hole course will be designed for use by amateurs and professionals. Iron Hill was discussed as a sister course for tournaments. Development of the course will take place over the winter using Parks and Recreation equipment and a host of volunteers to clear brush. Phase I of the park came in \$125,000 under budget. Several groups are using the park and most recently, the RSHS Cross Country team held a meet and the RS Boosters hosted a Glow Run, both utilizing the cross country trail through the woods between the Cecil Arena and Calvert Regional Park. Phase II design of Calvert Regional Park has begun. DFI is the Design Engineer and they are currently working on the concept plan. Phase II will not disturb lands around the curatorship house on the north side of Brick Meeting House Road. The pasture near the house will continue to be used as overflow parking due to the 300' bog turtle buffer that takes up about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the area. A multipurpose field will be constructed in the pasture directly across from the park entrance. The lower pasture, south of the house, will have a total of 2 fields with parking in between them. A foot bridge will eventually connect Phase I and II on the south side of Brick Meeting House Road. Volleyball courts and additional playgrounds will be added in the future. A synthetic ice rink is also being reviewed. The cost to install the rink would be around \$220,000. Before purchasing a rink, one may be leased or rented to gauge interest. The RSHS Ice Hockey team is excited about the possibility of a rink. By the November meeting, preliminary cost should be available for Phase II. Construction should begin in July 2017. Sod should be placed in September 2017. An estimate of 6-8 weeks is expected for completion, weather pending.
- General Update: Octoraro Trail, Conowingo Park/Community Center Trails: Mr. Busseau continues to work on securing interest in the Octoraro Trail and has talked with area resident, Phyllis Kilby as well as companies regarding trail donations. A 1.25 mile area is being reviewed for the first section of the trail in the area of Martin's in Rising Sun, running south along the old rail line. The trail at Conowingo Park was paved last week and the Community Center trail was paved the week prior.
- Basketball Court: A discussion was held on how to address the use of foul language on the basketball courts at Calvert Regional Park. The courts are in close proximity to the playground. Various signage was reviewed. Monitoring by the Rising Sun Police Department as well as the Cecil County Sheriff's Office was also discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

No public in attendance.

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Steve Minor – Glad to see Disc Golf back on the list of amenities at Calvert Regional Park.
- George Patchell – Inquired about Perryville High School replacement goal posts. Current posts have been there since 1977. Also inquired about POS/ Grant funding available to add synthetic turf to CCPS HS fields. POS funding allocations have steadily declined, current year allocation would not even cover cost of turf material for one field.
- Bernie Brown – Asked for an equipment catalog as funding may be available for a tot lot at Conowingo Park.
- Cindy Cantor – Currently working on a half marathon event in May 2017 at Calvert Regional Park.
- Clyde VanDyke – Working on draft of FY17 LPPRP. The format of the report has changed from previous reports.

Motion to Adjourn: George Raley

Second: Steve Minor

Meeting Adjourned: 6:48 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th at 5:30 pm, Rising Sun Room of the County Administration Building.