



## MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation  
County Administration Building  
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Rising Sun Room  
Elkton, MD 21921

October 18, 2016

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

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Chairman Don Harmer, Vice Chairman George Raley, Steve Minor, Bernie Brown, Matthew Morris, Councilman George Patchell, Director Clyde VanDyke, Superintendent Cynthia Cantor, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2016  
Motion to Approve: George Raley  
Second: Bernie Brown

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- General Update
  - Calvert Regional Park hosted a Rising Sun girls soccer meet and a Rising Sun cross country meet. A Long Island Elite girls lacrosse tournament (51 teams) will be held on 11/5, utilizing 10 fields. A Calvert Regional Park half marathon is planned for the Spring of 2017. The Cecil Arena is booked with rentals until February, with Cecil Soccer being the largest rental group.
  - A survey of park users was conducted using a link sent to all Active Net registrants. Approximately 300 users responded and survey results will be used in the upcoming LPPRP.
  - A Calvert Phase II concept plan was reviewed and included 3 multi-purpose fields and 170 paved parking spaces.
  - Clyde and Cindy attended a Sports Symposium in Atlantic City. An event group has scheduled a tour of the Calvert Regional Park. The park is starting to gain traction with user groups not involved with Harford County.
  - An electrical panel for the lights on the baseball field at the Cecil Sports Complex has become inoperable. Damages are being assessed so the panel can be repaired by the Spring season.
  - A County grant through Permits and Inspections will cover the demolition of the two houses at the Cecil Sports Complex. Once the demo is complete, the parcel can be opened up for additional parking at the complex.

Moved from Informational Items to Closed Session at 5:55 pm.

### CLOSED SESSION

### ACTION ITEM

- Annual Board Election
    - Chairman: Nomination for Don Harmer, accepted.
    - Vice Chairman: Nomination for George Raley, accepted until his relocation date is finalized.
    - Secretary: Nomination for Ella Briones, accepted.
- Motion: To elect the Parks Board positions as nominated:  
First: Matthew Morris  
Second: Steve Minor

The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

No public in attendance.

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Don Harmer – Discussed moving Board meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Board was in agreement. Also discussed having more positive publicity in the local paper for County Parks.

Councilman Patchell – Discussed how beautiful the Cecil Sports Complex is and the benefit of additional parking once the houses on the adjacent parcel are removed. Discussed the Calvert Regional Park turf field, the addition of a flag pole, the individuals using the trail and the state of the art basketball court. Parking needs during tournaments was also discussed.

George Raley – no comments.

Bernie Brown – Mentioned the uprights at Conowingo Park were removed. These were removed due to vandalism of one of the uprights.

Matthew Morris – Discussed dedications at the Calvert Regional Park.

Steve Minor – Mentioned the need for a Board replacement as his term is up on 12/31/16.

Motion to Adjourn: Matthew Morris

Second: Steve Minor

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 22nd at 5:30 pm, at the Cecil Arena.