



MINUTES

Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation

Cecil Arena

2706 North East Road

North East, MD 21901

February 20, 2018

OPENING: 5:36 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, Matthew Morris Vice Chairman, Bernie Brown, Jen Callaghan, Brian Morgan, Megan Coleman, Councilman George Patchell, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Ella Briones Administrative Budget Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2018
Motion to Approve: Matthew Morris
Second: Jen Callaghan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 501c3 – We are in need of Board members for the 501c3. We are sending out letters to individuals who have been identified as potential members. The list consists of a group of individuals who ready to assist with the former Bittersweet site and a few community members identified by the Parks Board. A message will be sent to the Cecil Chamber as well. We are looking for a diverse skill set with backgrounds in education, business, fundraising, etc. The focus will be on small capital projects.
- FY19 Budget – The Parks and Recreation Budget Hearing will be on May 1st at 2 pm. The Board discussed attending a Citizens Corner prior to the Budget Hearing in May. CIP - Calvert Phase III Engineering, Bittersweet Grant match, Bo Manor Turf Field (if approved) should be complete by Sept 2018 with next field being funded in 2020. Operating – 2 Re-classes and 1 FTE. Our Program Open Space allocation for FY19 is estimated to be \$727,500. After the Bittersweet settlement, we can use up to 75% of these funds for development.
- General Update - We have our elementary and middle school programs running and our high school summer leagues will be starting soon. We are expanding our Middle School Movers program and a new after school program started today at North East Middle at no cost to the students. Our After The Bell program for Bay View, Calvert, and Rising Sun Elementary is still running at the Cecil Arena. A life skills program for High School students will be held at Rising Sun High, the \$25 enrollment fee will be refunded if students attend all 4 sessions. The Disc Golf course at Calvert Regional

Park is moving closer to completion. Tee pads are being constructed and baskets are ready for install.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

NA

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Bernie Brown – None

Matthew Morris – Would like to review budget presentation prior to May meeting.

Brian Morgan – None

Jen Callaghan – None

Megan Coleman – On 3/13 North Bay will host a meeting to discuss opioid crisis.

Donald Harmer – Went on a walkthrough of the former Bittersweet site. Next steps are creating a master plan, mission statement, and goals.

Motion to Adjourn: Matthew Morris

Second: Megan Coleman

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55 pm

Next meeting – March 20th, 5:30 p.m. – Rising Sun Room, County Administration Building