



MINUTES

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

January 27, 2014

OPENING: 6:26 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, Steve Minor, George Raley, Matthew Morris, Jennifer Smith, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Cindy Cantor Superintendant, Danielle Hemling Recreation Coordinator, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant
- Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2013
Motion to Approve: Matthew Morris
Second: Jennifer Smith

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Sports Tourism and Marketing – Colleen Joseph, Chief of Marketing, Events & Facilities - Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

Mario Gangemi talked about the 1 to 2 million in revenue generated through AA County Parks and Recreation and 501c3 he will be heading up.

Executive Moore asked about the market and if it was saturated or if there was room for growth. In Ms. Joseph's opinion, there is definitely room for growth with current sports and new and up and coming sports.

Councilman McCarthy asked about usage of synthetic turf fields and soil characteristics for the fields. The fields could be used 12 months a year, with not much of an influence for soil and a life expectancy of about 10 years before resurfacing.

Executive Moore asked about the political aspect with synthetic turf fields at a high school level. It was mentioned that there should not be a lot of opposition as high schools only have a limited capacity for holding tournaments. Multiple fields are needed in a close proximity for successful tournaments.

Chairman Harmer discussed the Economic Impact of hotels, casinos and the businesses in the area that are already asking to be involved as they see the potential with tournaments, festivals and extreme sports.

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Minor

Second: Matthew Morris

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: to be held Monday, February 24th at 5:30 pm in the Cecil Arena.