

MINUTES

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



October 19, 2015

OPENING: 5:30 P.M.

- Call to Order: Don Harmer, Chairman
- In attendance: Don Harmer Chairman, George Raley Vice Chairman, Matthew Morris, Steve Minor, Joe Harbert, Clyde Van Dyke Director, Cynthia Cantor Superintendant, Ella Briones Administrative Assistant, Mario Gangemi Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation-501c3

ADDITION TO AGENDA: "Stemmer's Run Fee Schedule"; All Board members were in favor of the addition to the agenda.

- Approval of Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2015
Motion to Approve: Steve Minor
Second: George Raley

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Cpl. Messner and Sgt. Creek - They would like assistance with the Safetyville Program. Attendance and partnerships have been declining over the years. They'd like to brainstorm ideas on how to increase participation in the program as well as increase donations to the program. They would also like to update some of the equipment, including the pedal cars. The cars average \$300 each. The use of logos or advertising on cars could contribute to the car cost or a dealership may be able to advertise on individual cars to cover the entire purchase price. Cecil County Parks and Recreation would like assistance from Cecil County Public Schools in sending flyers to every child who is of Safetyville age. Joe Harbert will contact the Early Childhood Education Coordinator to discuss how to better reach this age group. The Parks Board could possibly make a recommendation to the Administration or the Council about subsidizing the program. Cpl. Messner and Sgt. Creek want to see the program continue and they want to make sure every child has access to the program. Another discussion will be held at the November Parks Board meeting about how to best move forward.
- Calvert Regional Park Support - A discussion will be held at a later date about how best to honor individuals who were key in getting Calvert Regional Park up and running.
- General Update -
 - Calvert Regional Park: The fields are completed. The parking lot, trail, and basketball court are almost finished. The Ribbon Cutting will be held on 10/31. The first tournament is set for 11/7.
 - Stemmer's Run Informational Meeting: The meeting went well. The park will be cut twice a month and WaterWay Improvement Funding will be requested for the next fiscal year. An application will be submitted in June 2016 for those funds. We may have a few individuals interested in being Park Pals for Stemmer's Run.
 - Public Hearing - Change To Park Code: A public hearing was held for a change in the Park Code to allow licensed hunters to carry their cased, unloaded weapon from vehicle to boat for off shore hunting. There was no real opposition during the hearing. A Council vote is scheduled for the 10/20 session.
 - Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation: Mario is still working with Jason to get all the necessary information to the IRS.
- Stemmers Run Fees - A discussion was held on proposed fee changes for boat ramp permits. The current fee is \$20 per calendar year for residents and non-residents for both Stemmer's Run and Elk River Park boat ramps. An increase in the non-resident fee to \$50 per calendar year and an increase in the resident fee to \$25-\$30 will be discussed and voted on during the November Parks Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

No public in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Matthew Morris: None

Steve Minor: Is glad the Stemmer's meeting went well.

George Raley: Just ran the trail at Calvert Regional Park today and would like to get the word out and advertise the trail to everyone.

Joe Harbert: None

Don Harmer: Was pleased with how well the Stemmers meeting went.

Motion to Adjourn: George Raley

Second: Steve Minor

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 pm

Next Meeting: to be held Monday, November 16th at 5:30pm in the Cecil Arena, 2706 North East Road, North East, MD.