MINUTES
Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation
Calvert House
2826 North East Road
North East, MD 21901

February 19, 2019

OPENING: 5:35 P.M.

• Call to Order: Don Harmer
• In attendance: Don Harmer-Chairman, Matthew Morris, Bernie Brown Megan Coleman, Jen Callaghan, Matthew Roberts, Councilman George Patchell-Ex-Officio, Clyde VanDyke-Director, Ella Briones-Administrative Budget Assistant
• Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2019
  Motion to Approve: Jen Callaghan
  Second: Megan Coleman

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

• Update: Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation – Justin Bakeoven gave an update: The 2/12/19 Budget Meeting was well attended. Two new members were added to the Friends Board, Jen Thomas and Mike Kline. The Board is now at 12 members, they would like to make it 15. Drone footage was taken of Brantwood Park and this park is being used daily by the community.

• General Update: Director VanDyke spoke about the updates to Brantwood Park: the playground, bridges and parking area have been completed. An asphalt overlay of the trail will be completed in the spring. Clearing of the brush on the south side of Williams Road has begun. By May, the south side should be open for trails use only. In the FY20 CIP Budget we have Calvert Phase III, NEHS Synthetic Turf, Brantwood Park (50% Land and Water Conservation Funds), and Elk River Park Dredging (100% State Funded). The tournament schedule is set for spring/summer. Upcoming programs include Lacrosse, Movers, and new Elementary Movers to reach children at a younger age, a pilot elementary program is also being considered.

• Field Repair/Disposal of Trash – The department is researching the fees that neighboring Counties implement.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

None

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

• Don Harmer – Mentioned an article in the Baltimore Sun that discussed the need for more recreation opportunities from Town Halls.
• Matthew Roberts – Mentioned Dr. Lawson reaching out to community groups & that he is appreciative of Parks & Recreation.
• Matthew Morris – Mentioned it was great to see the collaborative effort and to see where we are today & thanked the Friends for all of their efforts.

Motion to Adjourn: Matthew Morris
  Second: Megan Coleman
Meeting Adjourned: 6:08 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 pm, in the Rising Sun Room of the County Building