

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
Thursday, February 21, 2019
6:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Murphy, Chairperson, Fred Parker, Vice-Chairperson, Richard Buckler, Joe Longobardi, Christine Kaila, Tara Shade

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Nelson and Floyd Warren

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Arthur Shepherd, Recreation and Parks Department Director; Jim Klein and Cara Smith from Lardner Klein Landscape Architects; David Guyther, Parks Manager and Darlene Stalcup, Recorder.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Patrick Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Chair welcomed new board member Tara Shade.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Longobardi moved, seconded by Patrick Murphy, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019; motion carried with all in favor.

Directors Report

- Fred Parker moved to approve the Park Use Permits submitted by the Friends of the St. Clements Island and Piney Point Lighthouse Museums requesting Alcohol Consumption during the Business After Hours event scheduled for February 27, 2019 at the Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum Facility and authorize the Recreation & Parks Director to sign the related documents. Joe Longobardi seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.
- CIP Update
 - Realignment of Funds – CIP RP1903 – outlined in February 12, 2019 Plan of Action
 - Football Fields
 - Parking Lot Lighting
 - Restrooms
 - Spray Park
 - The plan does not include a budget amendment to cover the cost of the construction of the pickle ball courts at Chancellor Run Regional Park.
- Director Shepherd introduced Special Olympics Athlete Kegan Zimmerman who will be participating in the World Games in Abu Dhabi in March 2019. Kegan is raising funds for his trip.

Lexington Manor Passive Park Improvement Plan

- Presentation – Lardner Klein Landscape Architects (Jim Klein & Cara Smith) – Power Point Presentation on File
- Public Input – List on File

Carver Recreation Center

- Presentation – Arthur Shepherd – Power Point Presentation on File
- Public Input – List on File
- Summary: The thirteen (13) citizens provided input and each of those did not support the CRC as a future site. The reasons given are:
 - CRC within the AICUZ
 - Age of facility and potential structural deficiencies (built in 1958)
 - Inadequate size of the facility to support:
 - Advocacy
 - Work Force Development
 - Education
 - Empowerment of Families and Youth
 - Small Group Rooms

- Sports
 - Proximity to existing neighborhood
 - Challenges of transportation
- Five (5) speakers recommended utilizing the \$250,000 for study for alternate site throughout the county and place the original \$16 million back on the table to build a new Recreation Center.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Darlene Stalcup, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on March 7, 2019.