

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD  
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
Thursday, August 2, 2018  
Chesapeake Building  
5:30 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Caroline King, Chairperson; Doug Bellis, Richard Buckler, Patrick Murphy and Fred Parker.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Colvin, Joe Longobardi, Tom Nelson and Floyd Warren.

**RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Arthur Shepherd, Recreation and Parks Department Director; Nick Isom, Golf Course Manager; David Guyther, Parks Manager; and Kathy Bailey, Recorder.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Caroline King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Dick Buckler moved, seconded by Doug Bellis, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018; motion carried with all in favor.**

**GOLF COURSE DIVISION REPORT**

Arthur Shepherd, Director, introduced Nick Isom, Golf Course Manager, to the Board. Mr. Isom provided an overview of the Wicomico Shores Golf Course operation. He also gave a briefing on the upcoming golf course bunker renovation project which was funded in the FY2018/FY2019 CIP. The project includes modifying and sculpting approximately 59,000 s.f. of the green side bunkers; installation of bunker drains and drain lines; and installation of USGA approved Type 2 bunker sand. He noted the new cart fleet received in March, the hiring of a food and beverage specialist, and development of new menu for the restaurant.

**PARKS DIVISION REPORT**

David Guyther, Parks Manager, provided a Power Point presentation of several projects underway. They included: Nicolet Park entrance; Myrtle Point Park invasive vine removal; and Wieck playground.

**FY2020 CIP BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Arthur Shepherd, Director, provided a handout of projects covered under the Recreation Facilities and Park Improvements project. The Board discussed FY18 outstanding projects; FY19 approved projects (and challenges and modifications); and FY20 planned projects (with potential modifications). The Board will continue to review these projects at upcoming meetings and make recommendations on plans to address facility maintenance and renovation each year.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

Director Shepherd provided the Board with some brief project updates which included:

- Wiecks Playground – installation of playground equipment is underway; ribbon cutting expected early September.
- Nicolet Park Entrance – the project is nearing completion; ribbon cutting is set for August 21<sup>st</sup>.

- BMX Track Lighting – The CSMC approved a plan of action on July 10<sup>th</sup> to allow installation of lighting at the BMX track and entrance road lighting at Chaptico Park. This was funded from Nicolet Park entrance savings.
- Sports Complex – Funding is approved in FY2019 for a feasibility study with regard to construction of a state-of-the-art multi-phased sports complex on county owned property.
- Athletic Game Field Plan – Mr. Shepherd is currently working with leagues on a plan to renovate game fields to make more efficient use of existing facilities.
- Lexington Manor Property – Staff and stakeholders have been meeting to discuss improvements at the USCT Interpretive Center and the master planning for the Lexington Manor north parcel. A briefing will be provided to the County Commissioners in the near future.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Shepherd presented a request for an Alcohol Consumption Permit from the St. Clement's Hundred for the Annual Osprey Gala, Blessing of the Fleet weekend, to be held on October 5, 2018.

**Patrick Murphy moved, seconded by Fred Parker, to approve the Alcohol Consumption Permit from the St. Clement's Hundred; motion carried with all in favor.**

Board member Patrick Murphy thanked the Department for another successful summer basketball program.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Kathy Bailey, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on September 6, 2018.