

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
Thursday, June 7, 2018
5:30 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caroline King, Chairperson; Doug Bellis, Richard Buckler, Fred Parker and Floyd Warren.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Murphy, Tom Nelson and Ashley Varner.

RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: Arthur Shepherd, Recreation and Parks Department Director, and Kathy Bailey, Recorder. County Commissioner Todd Morgan also attended the meeting.

TOUR OF ST. MARY'S GYMNASTICS CENTER

Board members toured the St. Mary's Gymnastics Center 5:30 p.m. and also viewed the progress on the new Nicolet Park entrance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Caroline King called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. at the Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Floyd Warren moved, seconded by Fred Parker, to approve the minutes of May 3, 2018; motion carried with all in favor.

FY2020 CIP BUDGET DISCUSSION

Director Shepherd referred to the handout of the recommended FY2019 – FY2024 Capital Improvements Budget and specifically highlighted the Sports Complex project. The project proposed to construct a state-of-the-art, multi-sports complex. The complex is envisioned to have numerous multi-purpose athletic fields that will be able to support youth soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and football games and tournaments. Phase I to include: four multi-purpose synthetic sports turf fields, restroom/concession building, and parking facilities with lighting. Phase II to include: five additional multi-purpose Bermuda grass fields and additional parking. The project proposes a feasibility study in FY2019; design and engineering in FY2020; Phase I construction in FY2022; and Phase II construction in FY2025.

Director Shepherd introduced Commissioner Todd Morgan who discussed the need for the sports complex project related to recreational, economic and tourism benefits. Potential locations for the future facility were also discussed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

- Wiecks Playground – playground equipment on order; installation expected this summer.
- New Playground – the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fifth District Park playground was held on June 5th. He thanked Board member Dick Buckler for attending the ceremony.
- Nicolet Park Entrance – as members saw tonight, the construction of the new entrance is now moving forward with the contractor making significant progress.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Kathy Bailey, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on August 2, 2018.