



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

6/25/2012

Attendees:

Park Board members:

Mr. Ken McFadden

Mr. Jeff Parks

Mr. Otis Sampson

Others:

Mrs. Lorraine Gould – Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton

Regular meeting brought to order by Mrs. Gould. Minutes of previous meeting, which was February 27, 2012 was read and approved. There were no meetings in March or April since there was not enough for a quorum. There was no meeting in May due to the Memorial Day holiday and census was to wait to have a meeting in June.

Mrs. Gould informed the Park Board of the rules and regulation sign that is posted at the skate park. The skate park will not have an attendant on duty during open hours. It will be opened from dawn to dusk and skating is “at your own risk”. Board members agreed this would be a good way to allow usage of the facility and have staff use the time to help maintain other parks as well. Bikes and scooters are not allowed. The area is not large enough and it was designed for skateboarding only. Mrs. Gould should also look into placing a sign for “No pets”.

Mrs. Gould suggested that the Park Board members take a look at the new fencing being placed on the Rails to Trails by our Public Works department. They have started in area of the bridge. This not only improves the appearance of the trail, but the fence will be more durable. There are also picnic tables that are being fixed by Public Works and placed in the parks. Mrs. Gould stated Public Works department is doing a fine job and she is very proud of the work.

Mr. Peter Franchot is scheduled to be in Easton on Wednesday, June 28th at 3 to visit the RTC Park. Mrs. Gould invited the Park Board if they are available to attend. The plan is to show Mr. Franchott the progress we have made thus far in the park.

The amenities for the RTC Park were discussed with the Park Board along with 5 stations planned for a "health walk". These stations are to be placed on the walking track and designed for exercise. Mr. Tim Kagan and the Easton Rotary have talked with Mrs. Gould about the project and he thought the Easton Rotary would be interested in helping out financially and physically. Mr. Kagan said he is interested in donating the health equipment. Members of the Park Board voted to move forward, but thought it to be a good idea to wait before placing any playing goals at the site. The grass is not ready for any vigorous activity yet. Work on the comfort stations will begin in the near future.

Dog waste stations have been placed on the Rails to Trails. Staff will monitor to see if there are other places that we should place the stations. Staff will make sure the supplies are maintained.

There is still room in the Memorial Walk. If know of someone that desires to order a brick that have been in the Armed Service, a police officer or firemen, they may be eligible to have their name placed in the Memorial. They can place their order through the Town office. The cost is still \$50.00 per brick.

The Park Board voted to have Mrs. Gould contact the Latin teacher at Easton High School the chariot rides described for their Roman Day proposal is not a good fit to take place in the Town park.

The AKA Sorority will have their annual Community Day in Idlewild Park on August 11, 2012. The Park Board decided no extra play equipment should be brought into the park from outside vendors each time there is an event. This will take away the actual meaning of their event. The Board decided the decision of each individual request should rest on the discretion of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Park Board members voted to allow the PEACE group to hold their annual event on the grassy area in front of the fountain at 5 corners in Idlewild Park. Mrs. Gould will contact him and let him know he can submit his public assembly permit to the police department for approval now.

Park Board members would like to have more information from the Genesis on anevent they requested for on October 13th in Idlewild Park. Mrs. Gould has asked the contact person to please supply the necessary information. She is waiting to hear back.

Mrs. Gould stated she has not heard anything else from the Talbot Inter-Faith. She will try to touch base again to be sure. The thought is they have acquired another location.

The new drinking fountain has been ordered for the children's garden in Idlewild Park. The check Mrs. Gould accepted from Mayor Willey was from Wal-mart. This money will be used to replace the existing fountain.

National Night Out is scheduled for the first Tuesday in August. (August 7, 2012). More details will follow at a future meeting.

Board voted to re-visit allowing the use of Town property for groups charging a fee and/or making a profit.

Members of the Park Board thought the free concert planned for the park was a good idea and voted against allowing spin off of fund raisers at any of the events.

Mrs. Gould shared forms she would like filled out for reservations of the Town pavilions along with the thought of implementing a fee. There would be no fee for Town of Easton residents and have a fee for non-residents. Mrs. Gould shared having at least 30 requests from non-residents and around 35 requests from Town residents that have actually secured use of a pavilion. Members of the Park Board voted to send a recommendation to the Council to implement a fee of \$50.00 up to four hours and \$75.00 per day for non-residents for use of the pavilion.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2012 at noon.

No further business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton