



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

September 24, 2012

Attendees:

Mr. Mike Weise – Chairperson

Mr. Ed Pinder

Mr. Ken McFadden

Mr. Otis Sampson

Others:

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

Regular Park Board meeting brought to order by chairperson, Mr. Mike Weise. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Items by Director of Parks and Recreation:

Mrs. Gould is to let the police department know of the change of dates for Pop Warner Football on Sunday, October 14th and ask for patrol on that day.

Park Board members were asked to take a look at the progress being made by our department of Public Works with the fencing on the Rails to Trails. A press release is being done. The fence is an asset to the trail. Mrs. Gould and the Board members thought it would add to the trail by replacing the old trash receptacles, benches and signs throughout the trail. These items should be placed in the budget next year. This will be placed in the recommendations that will go to the Council.

The restrooms at the RTC Park are moving nicely. The doors to the restrooms will have automatic locks and will be open year round. Mrs. Gould will pay close attention to the automatic door locks and if the concept works well, she will propose the same idea for the doors on the restrooms at Idlewild and Moton Parks.

RTC Park is getting plenty of use. Mrs. Gould is waiting on the supplier to get with her with the schedule and plans to begin placement of the play/exercise equipment for the park. The grass is coming up and the thought is maybe dogs in the area are keeping geese away.

Mrs. Gould informed the Board she is planning to add a few more picnic tables at Moton Park next year and have them secured down on the existing cement pads. The cement walkway being placed from the parking lot to the pavilion at Moton Park is coming along nicely. Our public works department is working on it also. They are doing a very good job. Mrs. Gould is in contact with Mr. Brian Hause about the possibility of a fence to go along the park parallel to the bypass. Need to make sure we do not place anything on the state's right away and we place the fence at a proper location.

Mrs. Gould and the Board are concern over the irrigation in Thompson Park. There were tents staked in the park over the weekend and there is irrigation throughout the park. Mrs. Gould has contacted the group and express concern of the possible problem. The Board and Mrs. Gould agreed on coming up with a plan to see this does not occur again. Beginning in 2013, the Board has asked Mrs. Gould to move forward park/pavilion use applications.

Bark in the Park will be October 20, 2012 in Idlewild Park. Mrs. Gould will work with the contact persons to make sure all paperwork is in order and turned into on time.

WaterFowl is November 9 – 12, 2012. The sportsman pavilion and the dog dogs will be Idlewild Park again this year. Mrs. Gould will work with the contact persons to make sure all paperwork is in order and turned in on time.

Mrs. Gould would like to add new trash receptacles for Idlewild Park and survey the neighborhood parks and see what is necessary in them as well.

Mrs. Gould gave members of the Board information on the Easton Point Park and asked them to go over the information. Feedback from members if the Park Board is needed and their recommendation should go the Council with their yearly November recommendations. Mrs. Gould will see if someone from the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy would be available for our October meeting to answer any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Gould gave the Park Board members photos of an area in the Bretridge community that is set aside for a park. She asked the Board to take a look at the area and bring their thoughts to the next meeting. We should send our thoughts on a recommendation to the Council.

Mrs. Gould is in the process filling the position in the Park and Recreation department. It is a full time position.

Mrs. Gould will be working the Talbot County and the YMCA of the Chesapeake again this year on the basketball program.

The Park Board suggested Mrs. Gould continue asking the police department to patrol the Skate park. The rules posted are to be enforced. Bikes and scooters are seen in the area after 5:00 pm

The Park Board would like to see recommendations for fees at or before the October meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for October 22, 2012 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton