



## TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520  
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### **Park Board minutes**

April 24, 2017

#### **Attendees:**

Mr. Michael Weise, Chairperson  
Mr. Ken McFadden  
Mr. Otis Sampson  
Mr. Jeff Parks  
Mr. Michael Brophy

#### **Others:**

Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Town Engineer, Town of Easton  
Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton

Regular Park Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Brophy seconded by Mr. Sampson and carried unanimously, minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

Mr. VanEmburch informed members of the Park Advisory Board on updated information he had concerning the dog park. The Park Board felt the project should be on hold until the money is raised or until money was available to begin construction. Cost estimate was given to Mr. Al Silverstein to show the Easton dog park core members. It was just a draft. Mr. VanEmburch's thoughts were, it would make more sense to do the project in one phase, instead to doing a phase at a time. \$85,000 should cover the fence (size of a football field), concrete pad and the water line. For people that are looking to donate, they will at least have an idea of the cost and what it will cover and they will not be misrepresented as to what is being built. Mrs. Gould reported there is \$975.00 in the dog park account at the Town of Easton. This does not include expenses at this time such as surveyor's cost or cost of the bricks. Questions raised by the Park Board were: What about a smaller version for a dog park? The area in Oxford, MD seems to be a good size. Does the area have to be right in town where space is limited? County has more property. Has the group asked Talbot County to see if there is an area they could put a dog park on?

Mr. VanEmburch discussed the lights on the baseball fields at the sports complex. He is hearing positive feedback and seems to be appreciative of the lights. Mr. VanEmburch

and Mrs. Gould are being asked about thoughts of lights on the parking lots or temporary lights on the parking lots. Also, there are questions of the possibility of putting lights on the rectangular fields also. This will possibly lead to lighting all the parking lots and the driveway in the complex. This is something to think about.

Items from Director and members of the Park Board:

- 1) Mrs. Gould stated at the last meeting she gave the incorrect amount of \$950.00 taken at the Town of Easton in the dog park account. The amount that should have been given is \$975.00.
- 2) The first week for baseball camp at the sports complex is scheduled for June 12, 2017. Soon as Mrs. Gould get the okay from Talbot County Public Schools she will be able to deliver fliers to the appropriate schools. The information will also in emailed, radio, Town's web site and TV 98.
- 3) Still in the process of filling the open Parks and Recreation Maintenance position.
- 4) Mrs. Gould did not see an alarming amount of trash/debris piled up on anyone's property that is backed up to the sports complex. She will continue keeping an eye on it and check with the Town's engineer about the property line.
- 5) Public Works did a very good job replacing the poles and rope in the children's garden area in Idlewild Park.
- 6) Have not heard anything from Rotary Club on the approved project they wanted to do at the gazebo in Idlewild Park. Mrs. Gould needed to know when they wanted to get started so she would not schedule activities during that time.
- 7) Light schedules for the baseball fields going well. There is only one contact making the requests and there have been no wires crossed.
- 8) Public Works had to replant a few trees that were planted by Easton Utilities last fall. Mrs. Gould asked the Park Board to be thinking of suggestions of areas trees may possibly be planted if we are asked again this year.
- 9) Baseball tournament in July at the sports complex. Mrs. Gould will share the dates soon as they are available.
- 10) Upcoming/approved activities in the parks: Walk/Run on April 29<sup>th</sup> on the Rail Trail beginning at the sports complex to Goldsborough Street and back to the sports complex. Multi-Cultural festival is May 10<sup>th</sup> in Idlewild Park. National Day of Prayer is May 4<sup>th</sup> in Idlewild Park.
- 11) Mrs. Gould is not sure who to thank for the cleanup done in Stoney Ridge in late March. Staff did get the bags of debris and deposited of them. Appreciated their effort.

Next Park Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 12:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

