



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

August 28, 2017

Attendees:

Mr. Michael Weise
Mr. Otis Sampson
Mr. Jeff Parks
Mr. Michael Brophy

Others:

Mrs. Lorraine Gould
Mrs. Megan Cook – “Play in Color”
Mr. Shelton Hawkins – “Play in Color”

Excused:

Mr. Ken McFadden

Regular Park Board meeting brought to order by Mrs. Lorraine Gould. Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously, minutes of the July 24, 2017 meeting was approved.

Mrs. Cook and Mr. Hawkins representing Play in Color addressed members of the Park Board with updates on the progress for the resurfacing/artwork for the basketball court in Idlewild Park. They discussed with the Park Board the process and showed a video slide of steps needed to move forward with the project. \$40,000 has been approved in the capital budget for resurfacing the basketball courts in Idlewild and Moton Parks. Play in Color is responsible for painting. Mrs. Cook stated they have an account in MidShore Community Foundation. Both, Mrs. Cook and Mr. Hawkins feel as though this project would be a way for the community to have input. They have done research and after the surface has been done, there should be an acrylic overlay placed on top. This will help slow down damage to the asphalt. If possible, they would like to begin working in Idlewild Park during the fall. Mrs. Cook is looking to have teachers at the schools involved and letting students come up with artwork. Life span of the paint is eight to ten years. It can be touched up and painted over when necessary. Mr. Hawkins is a basketball coach at University of Maryland Eastern Shore and has played on a painted basketball surfaces in various places, such as in Brazil, Paris and New York. It is not a slippery surface. Showing the design that he has in mind, Mr. Hawkins stated, he would like to do a design that teachers would

be able to get use out of also, such as the use of different shapes, sizes and colors. Mr. Hawkins would like to donate plexiglas benches and looking forward to donating time in having a free basketball clinic for youth. He felt as though this Easton would be an excellent destination piece for this project.

Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. Sampson and carried unanimously, the Park Board voted to endure the design Mr. Hawkins has envisioned for Idlewild Park basketball surface and have kids involved with the art design for the surface at Moton Park surface. Play in Color will come with volunteers to help paint.

Members of the Park Board impressed with the project of having the community and kids involved.

Mrs. Gould will move forward with getting bids for the resurface work that is necessary to do.

Park Board has requested that Mrs. Cook and Mr. Hawkins keep them informed each step of the project.

Items from Director of Parks and Recreation and Park Board Advisory Board:

- 1) Mrs. Gould requested the Park Board let her know if they have questions concerning the project and she will contact either Mrs. Cook or Mr. Hawkins right away.
- 2) Talbot Goes Purple is the entire month of September. There will be purple flood lights in area of the fountain in Idlewild Park. There will also be a banner in Thompson Park in the same area where the Christmas banner goes. There will not be any extra holes in the ground for this.
- 3) Football games are going on at the sports complex on Saturdays now through the second week in November. The first game was cancelled due to rain and field condition. At this time there is only one football organization using the field. Talbot County charges for the use of their fields. Mrs. Gould will get information from other facilities of their charges for field usage such as Salisbury, Queen Annes, Caroline and Dorchester.
- 4) There will be Knox boxes placed on the restrooms in Idlewild, Moton and RTC parks. These boxes will house what is necessary to enter the buildings for emergencies.
- 5) National Night Out was successful again this year.
- 6) It is time to get the recommendation lists together to submit to the Mayor and Town Council. Mrs. Gould requested this be done for the next meeting in order to get it done and into them by their October meeting.
- 7) Mrs. Gould requested the Park Board let her know if there is something about or in one of the parks that need attention.
- 8) Discussion on if finding out where we are with gaining another entry access to RTC Park.

Next meeting scheduled September 25, 2017 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 12:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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