



## TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520  
Easton, Maryland 21601

### Park Board minutes

July 24, 2017

#### **Attendees:**

Mr. Otis Sampson  
Mr. Ken McFadden  
Mr. Michael Brophy

#### **Others:**

Mrs. Lorraine Gould

#### **Excused:**

Mr. Michael Weise  
Mr. Jeff Parks

Regular Park Board meeting brought to order by Mrs. Lorraine Gould. Upon motion by Mr. Brophy, seconded by Mr. Sampson and carried unanimously, minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting was approved.

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

- 1) National Night Out is scheduled to be in Moton Park on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. If anyone is available please come out.
- 2) Baseball tournaments are going on at the sports complex this week. There will be two games this evening at 5:00 pm. Due to the rain out this past Saturday. There will be a game on Anthony Field and the other game is on Optimist Field. If lights are needed, Mrs. Gould will see to it that they are accommodated along with Park and Recreation staff will make sure the fields are appropriately done. Received positive comments on fields for the tournaments. Members of the Park Advisory Board would like to know what the value to the Town to allow these tournaments to take place bring since no money is given to the Town. Other places charge a fee for the use of their fields. Mrs. Gould felt Park and Recreation may not be directly collect money, but hotels and restaurants may benefit.
- 3) Placing the tarp on the baseball fields before rain has been a game saver. Coaches and volunteers together place the tarp on the field and remove from the field since the tarp is very heavy.

- 4) Summer baseball camp was successful again this year. Looking forward to next year. There were over 140 participants in the camp. Mrs. Gould has been given contact information to be informed of camp scheduling for next year.
- 5) Mrs. Gould is looking forward to attempting a soccer camp at the sports complex in 2018
- 6) The Maryland Community Park and Playground grant will need to be sent in by August 16, 2017 if we would like to apply for a grant. Discussion was to look into applying for the bonded surface in Idlewild Park play area, basketball surfaces at Moton and Idlewild Parks and the Rail Trail Spur Line if possible. Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, the Park Advisory Board voted to have Mrs. Gould work with a grant writer on the capital projects if possible to apply for grants.
- 7) Mrs. Gould reported that she is not having luck with the scoreboard on Easton Club at the sports complex. Fluharty Electric came out to check voltage at the scoreboard and box receptacle. They thought it is a break somewhere underground between the score board and plug in socket behind the home plate. They also thought it would possibly be better to go wireless and suggested contacting Daktronics for estimates. Fluharty's workers thought it would probably be more expensive to dig from receptacle to the score board to find and replace the broken wires. Mrs. Gould will be getting back with Daktronics. She would like to have all of the scoreboards functioning properly at the sports complex. Mrs. Gould asked members of the Park Advisory Board for feedback and they had any thoughts and they thought going wireless would be the way to go.
- 8) Mrs. Gould reminded the Advisory Board that it is necessary to make sure park recommendations are sent to the Mayor and Town Council. She will make sure the recommendations are signed in sent in when they are ready. Should get the recommendations compiled together in order to get them in timely. One item that should be sent in is reasonable field use fees. Mrs. Gould will attempt to get information other municipalities may be using to Park Board members as a thought.
- 9) Mrs. Gould presented information she received from the Eastern Shore Community Rowers for the Park Board to read. They can discuss at the August meeting. If necessary, will have to invite Mrs. Gould's contact person, Chloe Tong to a future meeting.
- 10) Park and Recreation staff is making an attempt to clean items from the storage bin. Items such as games, toys, etc. could be used or passed to other groups if they are still in good condition.

Next meeting scheduled August 28, 2017 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Brophy and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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