



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

August 27, 2018

Attendees:

Mr. Michael Weise
Mr. Ken McFadden
Mr. Jeff Parks

Others:

Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton
Mayor Robert Willey, Town of Easton
Mr. Donald Richardson, Town Manager
Mr. Cory Fink, President of Easton Little League

Excused:

Mr. Otis Sampson
Mr. Michael Brophy

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, minutes of the July 23, 2018 meeting was approved.

Mr. Fink addressed the Park Board with a follow up of the indoor practice facility at the sports complex. It would be a 50' X 110' X 16' high ceiling. The indoor ceiling would be 14' and the facility would have retractable nets, three pitcher bays and only marked for baseball. He thought it may have heat, but unsure at this time if there will be air conditioning. His thought was since the building would have two bay doors and able to use large fans, that may be enough. This is not final at this time and he will give it some thought.

After much discussion, several questions need to be addressed such as:

- 1) Who will own the building? Will there be ground lease?
- 2) If the building is to become Town property and there is heat and air in the building, who will pay the bill?
- 3) If the skate park is to be moved, where will it go? Who will pay to have it moved?
- 4) If the play equipment is to be moved, where will it go? Who will pay to have it moved?
- 5) Will the other sports be able to use the indoor facility?
- 6) Is there adequate parking on site?
- 7) How does this globally affect the North Easton Sports Complex?

Everyone thought this would be a good opportunity to improve and clean up the sports complex. This would be the time to remove the different sheds being housed in the sports complex. Mayor Willey added that the Town Attorney will need to be involved if there are thoughts of charging of fees for users of the indoor facility.

Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. Fadden and voted unanimous for Mr. Fink to move forward getting the project and fundraising started. He should make sure he is keeping Mrs. Gould and Mr. VanEmburch involved on all thoughts and plans. This project will need to go before the Town of Easton Planning Commission also.

Items from the Director of Parks and Recreation:

- 1) National Night Out held in Moton Park was successful again this year.
- 2) Homeless persons found in the parks. Working with the police department for action to be taken during the hours that the parks are scheduled closed.
- 3) Community Parks and Playground grant applications were submitted in the amount of \$136,776 for Moton Park restoration and the amount of \$200,000 for Easton Point Park.
- 4) In the process of ordering new backboards and rims for Idlewild and Moton parks. Also, lacrosse and soccer goals will be ordered.
- 5) Mrs. Gould asked the Park Board to be sure to call the Police any time there is a need to report anything that seem to be unsafe. We want to keep our parks and the Rail Trail safe, so contacting the Police timely would be a good thing.
- 6) Mrs. Gould met with the Town Engineer, Mr. Rick VanEmburch. His recommendation was if the indoor facility is approved at the sports complex, place it where the existing skate park is and place the skate park closer to the softball field. If this area is not approved by the Park Board then placing the indoor facility where the existing play structure is, should be at the expense of Easton Little League.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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