



## TOWN OF EASTON

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

January 22, 2018

#### **Attendees:**

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

#### **Others:**

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

#### **Excused:**

Mr. Ken McFadden

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. Brophy and carried unanimously, minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting was approved.

Mr. VanEmburch offered updates on the rubberized surface in the play area in Idlewild Park and the indoor facility to be placed in the sports complex which he and Mrs. Gould are working on:

- 1) The rubberized surface is in need to be replaced and he is in the process of placing an RFP (request for proposal) out for surface replacement. The surface was been in place over ten years and there is a lot of foot traffic in the play area. Public Works department will possibly be able to remove the old surface. If it is beyond their scope and they are not able to do it, this will be included in the RFP also. The goal is to have the work done by the end of this physical year since it is in the budget.
- 2) Mr. VanEmburch is in the process of working on an exact site for the indoor facility at the sports complex, which will probably be behind the field next to the skate park. The engineer firm he has contacted to put a plan together is Fink, Whitten & Associates. This plan will include a sketch to be used when it is presented to the Park Advisory Board for approval and before going to the Planning Commission and the Town Council for recommendations. Will follow necessary procedures while going through this process.

The Park Advisory Board thanked Mr. VanEmburch for his updates and look forward to him returning as these processes move forward.

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

- 1) Mrs. Gould polled members of the Park Advisory Board on remaining as Park Advisory Board members for another term: Mr. McFadden – absent, Mr. Sampson – yes, Mr. Brophy – yes, Mr. Parks – yes, Mr. Weise – yes. Mrs. Gould will reach out to Mr. McFadden since he is excused from this meeting and report her findings to Mayor Willey promptly after our February 2018 meeting.
- 2) Basketball surfaces in Idlewild and Moton parks have been re-surfaced. The re-surfacing was done by R L Ewing Contractors. Members of the Park Advisory Board thought the surfaces in the parks look good. Mrs. Cook is in the process of getting design ideas from students for the basketball surface in Moton Park. The design for the surface in Idlewild Park will be the one Mr. Sheldon Hawkins presented to the Park Advisory Board.
- 3) Mrs. Gould is working with Talbot County Park and Recreation again this year with the youth basketball program. The games will be on Saturdays at The Country School and at Easton High School.
- 4) The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Classic was held on January 15<sup>th</sup> at Easton Middle School and at the YMCA of the Chesapeake. Worked from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm which included set up and clean up. This effort included youth participants from Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline counties. The event was a success again this year.
- 5) 2018 Field Use Requests, 2018 Park Pavilion Use Requests, 2018 Run/Walk Requests are coming in. Mrs. Gould will be working with each group and Easton Police Department to make sure there are no complications.
- 6) Mrs. Gould has contacted Mr. Brian Femi on dates for baseball camp this year.
- 7) Mr. Brophy will be contacting Mrs. Gould on possibility of making arrangements for a soccer camp at the sports complex this year. He has some thoughts in mind and will bring plans to the February meeting.
- 8) Mrs. Gould is looking forward to having several camps at the sports complex this year if possible.
- 9) Mrs. Gould has been asked about projects the Easton Rotary could work on in the parks. She is not sure exactly what they would like, but looking to get a list of possible tasks to present to them. Asking the Park Advisory Board to assist and let her know of possible projects to present to Mr. Richie Wheatley for the Rotary Club.
- 10) Mr. Weise inquired about the drainage project Easton Rotary wanted to do over a year ago. Mrs. Gould stated Mrs. Katie Reedy in our Engineering department advised the contact person before moving forward with this project it would be necessary to contact Town of Easton Park and Recreation Department for available dates, Town of Easton Engineering Department to schedule an inspection of the work and Miss Utility. We did not want to have something scheduled at the gazebo while work is in progress and it is necessary for engineering department to inspect the work. Mrs. Gould has not heard anything since then.

Next meeting scheduled February 26, 2018 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 12:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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