



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

August 26, 2019

Attendees:

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

Others:

Mayor Robert Willey, Town of Easton
Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Town Engineer, Town of Easton
Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton
Mr. Richie Wheatley, Rotary Club of Easton & Friend of North Easton Sports Complex
Mrs. Tracey Munson, Rotary Club of Easton
Mrs. Nicole Janes, Team Trace – AED Program

Excused:

Mr. Michael Brophy

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously, minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mr. Wheatley and Mrs. Munson discussed the upcoming 100th year anniversary in September of 2021, for the Rotary Club of Easton. They would like to continue helping with the Idlewild Park pavilion projects and with moving forward with the Easton Point Park project in whatever way they can. There will be a group that will freshen the paint on the gazebo in Idlewild Park late in October/early November this year and we will hear from Rotary representatives when they are ready to begin projects. Mrs. Munson will be the point of contact for the Rotary. She is in charge of special projects.

Mr. VanEmburch discussed additional lights at the sports complex. When the lights were installed on the baseball fields at the sports complex, Musco was interested if we had the opportunity to install lights on the rectangular fields. A proposal of \$375,000 was received from them to light two of the rectangular fields. Mr. VanEmburch and Mrs. Gould suggested Kerr and Pyle fields for lights. Kerr Field was suggested since it is the only field used for football and

Pyle Field is next to it which is used for multi-purpose. Mr. Wheatley would like to help with the project since Friends of North Easton Sports Complex have money (around \$40,000) an account earmarked for North Easton Sports Complex projects. Lighting the fields is a way to get extra use out of them. Mayor Willey discussed that Talbot County has been asked to include Easton in their upcoming Project Open Space (POS) money for the coming year for about \$250,000 and there will still need to be about \$75,000 to \$100,000 that will still need to be raised. Mr. Parks will take the request to the Park Board meeting. At this time he does not know when the next meeting for the County is yet. Mr. VanEmburch and Mrs. Gould are happy to attend the meeting also. Mr. Parks will let them know.

Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, the Park Advisory Board voted to recommend Musco, move forward with the lights at the sports complex and allow Rotary Club of Easton to move forward with raising money to help with park projects.

There was discussion of maintenance of fields and planting of Bermuda grass at the Sports Complex. There have been complaints of roughness of the fields and the grass is a part of the roughness. Mr. VanEmburch and Mrs. Gould will get pricing for maintenance on fields at the Sports Complex and bring back for a future meeting.

Mrs. Janes advised the Park Advisory Board that Team Trace fundraised \$40,000 which is set aside to install AED at local sports complexes and parks. Her goal is to be able to go back to her committee in February of 2020 and let them know, the parks in Talbot County are heart safe. Mrs. Gould advised Mrs. Janes to continue trying to contact Mr. Preston Peper (Director of Talbot County Parks and Recreation) also. Mrs. Janes also advised the Board the relationship does not end after the units are installed. As long as Team Trace is operating, if something fails or in need of upgrade, they are there to take care of it.

Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. Sampson and carried unanimously the Park Board voted to allow Mrs. Janes to move forward working closely with Mrs. Gould for the installation of AED units in sports complex and chosen parks in the Town of Easton.

Mayor Willey thanked the Board for being receptive of the ideas that were presented today.

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

- 1) The surfaces on the basketball courts in Idlewild and Moton parks are complete. Ribbon cutting is set for Friday, September 6, 2019 at 3:00 pm. In Idlewild Park. Invitations will be sent out. Representatives from the State Comptroller's office will be in attendance. The courts are being used.
- 2) The tennis court wall in Idlewild Park is in the process of being replaced.
- 3) Little Free Library in Idlewild Park has had to be fixed several times. Both times the door has been broken. The Country School took care of it the first time and Public Works fixed it this last time. Mrs. Gould contacted the school and no one responded. The library in Matthewstown Run Park has not had any issues.
- 4) Public Works did a great job on repairing the gazebo at the Sports Complex.

- 5) Easton Rotary chose October 26th and November 2nd as days they would like to paint the gazebo at Idlewild Park. They would like to have it done before WaterFowl. The other project they were interested in was adding drainage around the gazebo in Idlewild Park.
- 6) Upon motion by Mr. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Sampson and carried unanimously the Park Advisory board voted to have Mrs. Gould to investigate the possibility of changing/adding a pickle ball court to the tennis court area in Idlewild Park.
- 7) Mrs. Gould will advise Public Works of the appearance of the shrubbery in area of Wayside Avenue.
- 8) Cultural Crossing event seem to be going well on the second Saturday in area of East Avenue.
- 9) National Night Out went well again this year.
- 10) Grant was submitted in the amount of \$135,141.52 to Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Community Parks and Playgrounds Program for Moton Park Restoration.
- 11) Easton Elementary School will be using Moton Park for a recess area during the 2019/2020 school year. Mr. Kevin Shafer is the contact person at Talbot County Public Schools.
- 12) August 31, 2019 is the kickoff for Talbot goes purple. Signs have been placed in Thompson Park and lighting at the fountain in Idlewild Park is purple.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Weise, seconded by Mr. Sampson and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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