



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

January 28, 2019

Attendees:

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

Others:

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

Excused:

Mr. Otis Sampson

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Brophy, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

Mr. VanEmburch shared updates with the Park Board.

1. Easton Utilities have overhead wires and transformers in parking lot #1 that they would like to place on the ground. Their request is to place the transformer behind the fountain in Thompson Park, but there are two trees that will need to come down. There are concerns from the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore so this is on hold. Nothing is needed from the Park Board at this time. Looking to resolve this or come up with an alternate location in the next couple of weeks.
2. Rail Trail is moving forward. Wayside Avenue Rail Trail is complete. Have received quite a bit of positive feedback. Ribbon cutting for the new bridge on Glenwood Avenue took place. Traffic signal is being considered at Parkway and Glenwood Avenue. Traffic studies and letters will need to be considered. Will continue to bring updates to the Park Board for notification and if there is something they would like information on, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Items for Director of Parks and Recreation:

1. Mrs. Gould shared an email with the Park Board from Mrs. Debbi Dodson with a request to buy a tree or bench to be placed in Thompson Park in memory of Kathleen Witte.

Upon motion by Mr. Weise, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously to have Mrs. Gould contact Mrs. Dodson with a recommendation of bricks at the Memorial Garden at West and Dover Streets. The Town is still taking applications for purchased bricks to be placed at the Memorial Garden.

2. Park Board reviewed the current General Parks and Facility Rules. Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, it was voted to keep the rules as they currently read.
3. Maintenance to Anthony Field at the sports complex is complete. The contractors did a good job on the field. When it rain, Mrs. Gould is not seeing infield mix running off the field down the drain. Mr. Parks will take a look at the trench Mrs. Gould described on Anthony Field that runs from third base to fence where signs are placed. Contractors dug it when they were placing tubing down to help direct water from the field. The dirt has settled now at the trench is in the line of play on the field.
4. Maintenance to Butler Field will wait until fall 2019 after fall ball is complete.
5. Mrs. Gould has not heard anything else about having an indoor facility at the sports complex.
6. Mrs. Gould's office is being relocated to the train station. Park Board meetings will continue to be held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. They need to be recorded.
7. Fees to use the athletic fields will be discussed at future meetings as more information will need to be gathered.
8. The butterfly garden with a bench placed in the RTC Park by Girl Scout Troop #1308 and the Little Free Library placed in Idlewild Park by the third grade class at The Country School are complete. Both groups would like to have a photo op with Mayor Willey and the Town Council if possible. Mrs. Gould will keep the Park Board informed.
9. Park staff is still opening and closing the restrooms in RTC Park manually. The timer has not been taken care of yet.
10. Looking to have soccer and baseball camps at the sports complex this summer. If possible, planning to have a lacrosse camp also.
11. Painting should begin on the Idlewild and Moton Park basketball surfaces in the spring.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Weise, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously the meeting was closed at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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