



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
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Park Board minutes

June 24, 2019

Attendees:

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

Others:

Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton
Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Town Engineer
Ms. Carolyn Jaffee, "Open Market Place/Cultural Crossing"
Mr. Kevin Shafer, Talbot County Public Schools

Excused:

Mr. Michael Brophy
Mr. Otis Sampson

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Michael Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, minutes of the April 22, 2019 meeting were approved.

Ms. Carolyn Jaffee talked with the Park Board about "open market place/cultural crossing" in the area of Dover and Goldsborough Streets on July 13, 2019, August 17, 2019 and September 14, 2019. There would be live music. Vendors will park in parking spaces across from Side Track and set up on the grass area. This would not block usage of the Rail Trail or the streets in the immediate area. It would be very similar to the Farmers Market. Information has been sent to Easton Police Department also for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, the Park Advisory Board voted to forward the recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council to allow the "Cultural Crossing" event on the dates of July 13, 2019, August 17, 2019 and September 14, 2019 between Dover and Goldsborough Streets and make necessary adjustments afterwards. It seem as though it will be a good community event.

Mr. Kevin Shafer, Director of Operations with Talbot County Public Schools addressed the Park Advisory Board with a request to utilize Moton Park during the 2019/2020 school year for recess area while the new school is being built. Upon approval specific day and times will be made the

Director of Parks and Recreation. Upon motion by Mr. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously, the Park Advisory Board voted to forward the recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council to allow Talbot County Public Schools to utilize Moton Park for scheduled recesses during the 2019/2010 school year.

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

- 1) Mr. Jeff Parks will remain as The Town of Easton's representative on the Talbot County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- 2) Baseball and soccer camps began at the sports complex 6/24/2019 during the day. Both camps had a very good turnout of participants in them.
- 3) There will be the baseball tournaments at the sports complex this week 6/24/2019 in the evening. Park and Recreation staff will assure the fields are ready for the evening games.
- 4) Restrooms at the sports complex will be open all day and auto lock in the evening.
- 5) Mayor Willey, Mr. Don Richardson, Mr. Rick VanEmburch and Mrs. Gould met with Mr. Barry Griffith (Friends of North Easton Sports Complex) concerning money the Friends have in an account with money to be used for projects at the sports complex. Discussion on placing lights on the rectangle fields is a thought. Mrs. Gould is in the process of getting updated estimates from Musco Lighting. Park Advisory Board members thought lighting other fields would be a good idea and encouraged moving forward.
- 6) Mrs. Gould asked Mr. McFadden to take a look at the fields at the sports complex. Looking for ideas to work with in order to address balding in spots on the fields. Discussed different types of grass and drainage on the fields.
- 7) Mrs. Gould reported the grant for Easton Point Park from Community Parks and Playground is moving forward through the approval process. She will resubmit the one for Moton Park in August 2019 from the Community Parks and Playground.
- 8) Painting on the basketball courts in Idlewild and Moton Parks have begun. Park Board members thought it is looking great and congratulations on the publicity. They are now seeing these types of courts with art everywhere now.
- 9) The tennis courts and play area in Idlewild Park appear to be getting a lot of usage. They seem to be busy.
- 10) Mrs. Gould reported we may want to think about pickle ball. There is a growing request for a pickle ball courts. Requested Advisory Board think about considering possible locations.
- 11) Still taking applications for bricks to be placed in the Memorial Garden on the corner of Dover and West Streets. Applications can be picked up in Town Hall.
- 12) Weeds and vines growing through the boxwood in Idlewild Park. Should be addressed.
- 13) The butterfly garden looks very good where it is placed in RTC Park. Can be seen from the Rail Trail. The girl scouts still come and maintain the garden.
- 14) Park and Recreation staff will be painting the school house in the Idlewild play area.
- 15) Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously the Park Advisory Board voted to allow the applicant to renew their vows in Thompson Park on September 22, 2019. Applicant advised they will not need to bring extra chairs or amenities in the park for the ceremony.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2019 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Parks, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 1:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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