



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

September 23, 2019

Attendees:

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

Others:

Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Town Engineer, Town of Easton
Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton
Mr. Tom Leigh, Chesapeake Bay Foundation-Senior Regional Watershed Manager

Excused:

Mr. Otis Sampson

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 August 26, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mr. Leigh briefed the Board on possibilities of opportunities to obtain Maryland Department of Natural Resources grant monies for trees, shrubs, native grasses or a soft look of a meadow. Several park areas were discussed such as Moton Park and RTC Park. He works closely with Mr. Van Emburch and members of the Tree Board here in the Town of Easton. Mr. Leigh will go to Moton Park and RTC Park and come back to a future Park Advisory Board meeting with sketches.

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

- 1) The tennis court wall is up. It will be painted. Several people have asked about the possibility of placing a mural on the wall. If and when a request is made, the Park Advisory Board will make a recommendation at that time.
- 2) The ribbon cutting for the basketball surfaces has been rescheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019 at 12:15 pm. Members of the Park Advisory Board are invited. The Comptroller will be there. Town, County and State elected officials have been invited.

- 3) The play areas in Moton Park are getting a lot of use. Park staff has been directed to go there at least three times a day for maintenance. Teachers and staff from the elementary school with students in the park have been asked to give feedback if necessary.
- 4) A request from Mrs. Christine Redman to place a "little free library" in Mulberry Station Park was made. The location will be near the sidewalk at the entrance of the play area when entering from Mulberry Drive. It will be maintained by Mrs. Redman. Upon motion by Mr. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Brophy and carried unanimously, a recommendation will be forwarded to the Mayor and Town Council for approval.
- 5) A request was made for a Cub Scout den to do a service project of trash pickup on the Rail Trail from the train station to RTC Park this coming Thursday. Park Advisory Board thought it was a good idea. Mrs. Gould will contact the group with the approval.
- 6) An unidentified group was on the football field at the sports complex this past Saturday. Mrs. Gould will contact possible users that made a request, but not approved. All users are to have a permit. Discussion on possibility of park staff on duty on Saturdays in all of the parks.
- 7) Mrs. Gould received request to discuss placing a dog park in the RTC Park. The caller will be contacted to attend a future Park Advisory Board meeting if they would like. Mr. Parks advised there were two gentlemen that attended the County Park Board meeting with the request. They were directed back to the Town since RTC Park is in the Town. A brief discussion on access to the park being a major factor was made.
- 8) Mr. Parks advised he took the request to the County Park Board meeting asking for help finding money to be place lights on two rectangle fields at the sports complex. He said the money will not be available until July 2020. Mr. Parks was not sure if the Board members were fully open to the idea as they have projects to present also. A recommendation will have to be made and sent to the County Council where the decision will be made, the same as when recommendations are made here.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2019 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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