



## TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520

Easton, Maryland 21601

### **Park Board minutes**

August 24, 2020

#### **Attendees:**

Mr. Jeff Parks

Mr. Ken McFadden

Mr. Michael Brophy

#### **Others:**

Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Town Engineer

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

#### **Excused:**

Mr. Michael Weise

Mr. Otis Sampson

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Parks. Upon motion by Mr. Brophy, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, minutes of the July 27, 2020 meeting were approved.

Items from Town Engineer and Director of Parks and Recreation:

- 1) Mr. VanEmburch updated Board on the progress of the lights for the rectangular fields at the Sports Complex. A letter was written and sent to different civic organizations, team users and families for donations. He has been working with Buck Duncan at the Mid Shore Foundation. September is a month would like to use as a goal for donors to respond. At the end of September we will see where we are with donations. \$45,000 was turn over to the Town of Easton from Friends of North Easton Sports Complex to be used for a major project at the Sports Complex and \$55,000 was approved from Program Open space grant. The cost to light two rectangular fields (Kerr and Pyles) would be from \$300,000 to \$400,000. Musco Lighting would be the supplier. We were happy with their work on the baseball fields. The fields at the Sports Complex should remain as named. Should come up with some way (ie: sign or plaque) to recognize major donors at the Sports Complex for this project.
- 2) The Bermuda grass on Pyles Field at the Sports Complex is doing well. Hoping it will be playable by October 1, 2020. Through discussion will Mr. McFadden, Bermuda grass should be fertilized in hot weather and the fields look good. Looking forward to working

on Kerr Field next year. May have to find a temporary home for users of that field. If able to start in May 2021 it may work out pretty good.

- 3) Looking to get proposals for update control box for the irrigation at the Sports Complex. What we presently have is a bit dated. The new one would be able to be controlled through phone or computer if necessary. If an emergency such as rain storm or hurricane came up and no one was at the Sports Complex to control from there, would be able to control right where you are.
- 4) There is will be a new open position in Parks and Recreation. It will be advertised in the near future.
- 5) The storage building for the Sports Complex has been placed on hold. Prices and site plans have been done. Waiting for Town Manager's review.
- 6) Baseball and soccer 2020 summer camps were successful. Looking forward to successful camps in 2021.
- 7) The gazebo and immediate surrounding area in Idlewild Park will be out of use during the month of September. Easton Rotary will begin their project for their 100 year anniversary. Park board is invited to the ground breaking ceremony. Practice social distancing and face masks.
- 8) Park Board's recommendation sent to the Mayor and Town Council to allow the Eastern Shore Garden Club to place lights in Thompson Park during the Christmas holiday was approved on August 17, 2020.
- 9) Benches and trash receptacles for Easton Point Park have been ordered and received. Request for replacement have been made.
- 10) The little free library in Mulberry Station Park was damaged again. It has been repaired. The ones in Idlewild Park and Matthewstown Run Park are okay.

Items from Park Board:

- 1) Discussion on if there will be Bark in the Park this year. Mrs. Gould has not been contacted with the request and Easton Police Department is not issuing public assembly requests at this time.
- 2) Discussion on providing space for petanque game to Idlewild Park. A request was made from a resident near the park. At this time the Park Board think it is best to place this on hold. Mr. Brophy has advised there is an area in Easton Village designed and set for the game. He will reach out to let to the resident.
- 3) Selling of any goods is not allowed in Town of Easton parks, per Town of Easton rules.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020 at noon.

No more business came before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Brophy, seconded by Mr. McFadden and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 1:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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