



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

June 22, 2020

Attendees: Via Zoom

Mr. Michael Weise

Mr. Otis Sampson

Mr. Ken McFadden

Mr. Michael Brophy

Others:

Mr. Rick Van Emburgh, Town Engineer

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

Excused:

Mr. Jeff Parks

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Brophy and carried unanimously, minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting were approved.

It is at this time we acknowledge not having Park Advisory meetings during March 23, 2020, April 27, 2020 or May 25, 2020 due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

Items from Town Engineer and Director of Parks and Recreation:

- 1) Update to redo two fields at the Sports Complex: The original decision was made to do two fields which were Pyles and Kerr fields. In respect for time and since we have not done this before, we made the decision to do one field and it will be Pyles Field. This way, in case football will be able to move forward, we will not be down two fields. The plan is to spray the grass to kill it, bring in sand, till it and regrade it to get a good crown so it will drain properly. Next year we will look forward to doing work on Kerr Field and do one field each year. Looking to reach out to Mr. Ken McFadden for assistance. As this job get underway, Mr. VanEmburch will copy Mr. McFadden on the process.
- 2) Update on lights for two of the multi-purpose fields at North Easton Sports Complex. An account has been set up at Mid Shore Community Foundation to receive donations for lights to be placed on Kerr and Pyles fields. We are in the process of getting letters written for donations and looking to get them out by the end of this summer or early fall 2020.

- 3) Easton Club Field at the Sports Complex – The field is dry now and there are no plans to do additional work. We will monitor and see where we are in the fall.
- 4) Storage building at the Sports Complex – Quotes and plans were received for the storage building and given to the Town Manager. Town Manager carried the money forward to next fiscal year budget.
- 5) Moton Park Restoration grant from Community Parks and Recreation has been moving forward with approval through the process.
- 6) Idlewild Park gazebo – Rotary Club has requested to move their schedule up to early in the month of September 2020. Mrs. Gould has been making the accommodations and is not scheduling activities in Idlewild Park so they may work on their project.
- 7) Dog Park – The group is now looking at a third spot and will be getting back to the Park Advisory Board with a plan they would like to move forward on. Park Board will wait to hear from the group.
- 8) Easton Point Park – Mrs. Gould suggested the Park Advisory Board go to Easton Point Park to take a look at the progress that is being made and asking for input. Asphalt is being removed, grass planted and a lot of clearing in the area. As part of the grant, we will be placing benches, trash receptacles and a water fountain in the area.
- 9) Park Advisory Board agreed with continuing with first come, first serve usage of the pavilions in the parks at this time. Restrooms are open during the day and closed in the evenings. There are no portable units in the Sports Complex. Mrs. Gould should receive guidelines from those asking for field usage. As we move closer to the month of July 2020, Mrs. Gould will get with instructors of baseball and soccer camps to make plans.
- 10) Mrs. Gould had a request from a store owner to use Thompson Park on July 4th to place sellable items in the park. Mrs. Gould will get back with him to get details. It does not appear to be something that can be done in a Town of Easton park.

Items from Park Advisory Board:

- 1) There are six or seven dead the Town planted trees at Wayside Avenue that are dead. Need to be replaced.
- 2) Parks look good.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020 at noon. Depending on the weather, we may do a brief walk through at Easton Point Park.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Brophy and carried unanimously, the ZOOM meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

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