



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

2/27/2012

Attendees:

Board members:

Mr. Mike Weise – chairperson

Mr. Edward Pinder

Mr. Jeff Parks

Mr. Ken McFadden

Others:

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

Mrs. Megan Cook – Port Street Project

Mr. Lynn Thomas – Port Street Project

Regular meeting brought to order by Mr. Mike Weise. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Cook and Mr. Thomas gave the Board members an overview of the “Port Street Project” and where the project stands at this point. This is an 11 acre waterfront at the end of Glenwood and Port Streets. (The old Public Works Facility) This is a project Mayor Willey asked about the possibility of creating into a park. They have been working with a grant from the Town Creek Foundation and there has been quite a bit of input from the public. Mrs. Cook and Mr. Thomas showed plans from students at Philadelphia University. The both thanked Mrs. Cook and Mr. Thomas for coming in and bringing them up to date on the progress. Mrs. Cook will continue to keep the Park Board informed as things move forward.

Mrs. Gould polled the Park Board members to see if they wanted to remain seated as Park Board members for another term. All Board members would like to remain seated. Mrs. Gould will make sure this information is given to Mayor Willey for further action.

Mrs. Gould has ordered signs to be placed in parks with parking lots. These signs are for “no overnight parking”. Public Works will make sure the signs are placed in the parks upon their arrival. Mrs. Gould will make sure “No overnight parking” is placed on the Park Rule signs that are placed in the parks.

The Park Board voted in favor of Easton Rotary placing “American flags in the park” during the Memorial Day Weekend. This is a project the Easton Rotary will try to do in a couple of parks and throughout the Town of Easton. The parks that were approved were: A. James Clark, sports complex – inside the fence along RT 50 and away from the underground irrigation. (Will need to be careful, Mrs. Gould is to make sure they are well aware). Idlewild Park – near “five corners”. Moton Park - edge of the park facing the bypass. Thompson Park – along Dover and Washington Streets. If any other parks or locations in the parks are planned, Mrs. Gould is to know and approve before placement.

The Park Board voted to okay the Art in the Park event in Idlewild Park pending proof of all documents required such as business licenses and insurances are taken care of in advance. If there are any problems, Mrs. Gould will be able to deny access of usage in future.

Mrs. Gould asked the Park Board to give their feedback on dogs in the RTC park. The Park Board will discuss this at a future meeting. The RTC park progress is moving along and Park Board input will be important.

Rails to Trails cleanup is April 14th. The cleanup will begin at 9:00 am promptly using the skate park as the starting place. This is a joint effort with Pickering Creek. We did this project last year and it was a success.

Our Public Works department will be working on replacing the old fencing on the Rails to Trails. We would like to begin near the bridge where the fencing is always damaged. The replacement will be something more durable such as barricade style fencing.

Jeff Parks reported on his meeting with Talbot County Park Board. They are facing large money cuts also. The pool in St. Michaels received donations for coverage but, Easton is not fully covered to be open for seven days this coming summer. They don't know if they will get donations for it yet. It may only be open three or four days a week.

Next meeting scheduled for March 26, 2012 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton