



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

1/23/2012

Attendees:

Board members:

Mr. Mike Weise – chairperson

Mr. Edward Pinder

Mr. Otis Sampson

Others:

Mayor Robert Willey

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

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

Mayor Willey enlightened and brought the Park Board up to date on progress of the RTC Park. The parking lot is completed near the Board of Education building, grading and seeding are done; the base coat of the northern half of the park is done, Mr. Hause is working on prices to run the water, location has been established for the comfort station and the tot lot will be the next item to work on. Trees have been moved and relocated. The park is really shaping up and looks good. Contact is still going on with owners of property on the Route 50 side of the park for possible access. In the future it is hopeful to have the building completed in the Chapel Farms community. The Park Board members still have a concern of people parking vehicles on the side streets.

Mrs. Gould reported Mrs. Megan Cook will be present at the next meeting to bring the Park Board up to date on the Port Street Project. If members have any concerns or questions we will present them at that time.

Mrs. Gould requested the Park Board get information together sooner than later for all items needed to be presented to the Council for recommendations. Park Board agreed to get this in well before the deadline.

The Park Board suggested Mrs. Gould contact the police department of the overnight parking in the parking lot at Idlewild Park. Complaints are still coming in and the rules have to be enforced.

Skate park hours are listed on the website and posted at the skate park. We still have an attendant at the facility when it is open. Mrs. Gould reported the attendance at the skate park being extremely low and paying staff to be there is not productive. Park Board will discuss sending this to Council with recommendations for other alternatives.

Mrs. Gould received a request from Ms. Anne O'Connor of the Mulberry Station community with a request to add benches, picnic tables and a basketball court to the park. The Park Board and Mrs. Gould looked back on a list of items that could be done in the parks and found benches and a picnic table was on the list. Further discussion will need to be done on the basketball court. The Park Board will take a look at the area and bring feed back to the next meeting.

Mrs. Gould received a phone call requesting use of the baseball area at Mattewstown Run park for adult kick ball. He was asked to put his request in writing with all information included and submit it to her so it could go to the Park Board meeting today. As of noon it was not received yet. The Park Board agreed to wait for submission of the request.

Talbot County Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton Parks and Recreation along with the YMCA of the Chesapeake are working together again this year with youth basketball. Mrs. Gould reported things are going nicely. The practices are during the week and all games are played on Saturdays. The game schedules have been placed on the web site.

The Park Board has approved the following activities in the parks:

- 1) Rails to Trails clean up with Audubon Center April 14, 2012
- 2) Multi-Cultural Festival May 5, 2012 at Idlewild Park
- 3) Plein-Air Easton July 21, 2012 at Thompson Park
- 4) 3rd Annual Bark in the Park October 20, 2012 in Idlewild Park

The Park Board asked Mrs. Gould to please make sure it is understood by all users of Town of Easton parks; alcohol is not allowed, consumed or to be brought into the parks. She is to continue making sure a copy of the "General Parks and Facility Rules" are included with Park permits.

Mrs. Gould is to get back with Talbot Interfaith Shelter board to find out more information of the event they would like to have in Idlewild Park during the fall of 2012. They are looking to organize a bike ride and needing quite a bit of park space. This may need to attention of the police department for permits. Mrs. Gould will be able to know how to proceed after talking with them.

Mrs. Gould will need to get with Easton Rotary member, John Flohr, concerning his proposal of placing cluster of flags at the sports complex, Thompson Park and Idlewild Park for a fund-raising event he is planning. The Park Board would like to know: The size of the flags? Will they need to be maintained? If so, who will take care of it? Where exactly will they be placed? Has the underground irrigation been considered at the sports complex? After Mrs. Gould gets this information she is to bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2012 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton