



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

10/28/2013

Attendees:

Mr. Mike Weise – Chairperson

Mr. Jeff Parks

Others:

Mr. Zach Smith

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

Excused:

Mr. Ed Pinder

Mr. Ken McFadden

Mr. Otis Sampson

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

Items by Mr. Zach Smith:

Rails to Trails extension projects:

Spur Line project still progressing on track. It is scheduled to enter into a construction contract by the end of July 2014. On track to do it. Federal money is still available. Hope to be done by the end of 2014. Board members agreed split rail fencing should be placed as needed. The trail will be a 10 feet wide asphalt path. There will be several areas where a crossing brick speed table will be placed. On Route 33 (St. Michaels Road) a plan is to place a small parking area. This is a \$1.6 million project. Half of the money is from a federal grant, 25% is from Elm Street development that was required, and 25% from the Town and a small grant from the State.

Mr. Smith discussed briefly the Dutchmans Lane project of the trail. He informed the Board as of right now they are looking to hold off since has a timeframe until December 2015 to use the money. He will discuss with the Board further at a future meeting.

RTC Park:

RTC tree planting projects. Planning and Zoning acquired a grant to purchase 1420 trees. 161 students from Easton High School, St. Michaels High School and Chesapeake Christian School planted the trees on 10/22. The Town has money for one hundred 2 inch trees to

place in RTC Park. Maybe the trees could be placed in the wetland area. Mr. Brian Hause will flag areas where trees could go. Public Works department will plant the trees. Park Board approved planting of trees with Mrs. Gould being kept in the loop through the process. Mr. Smith discussed “the big push” to clean up the bay and the requirements the local government have to address urban storm water. Wetland features on the RTC property could either be planted or let them grow or excavated with equipment. The Council has approved addition of open space in the comp plan. He stated Planning and Zoning would be happy pursue grants if we would like. Midshore Riverkeepers Conservancy has already applied for a grant. Mr. Smith does not know if anything has been approved as of yet.

Idlewild Park:

Mr. Smith showed a map of Idlewild Park and the thought of placing a sidewalk on the Washington Street side of the park near the entrance of the park to close to the property line near Dutchmans Lane. He will bring more information to a future meeting for discussion. Have money to do the design work not the actual project. Board concern of the trees and not split the park to put a sidewalk through it. There will be more information and discussion to come at a near future meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Smith for the information and look forward to his return at a future meeting with further discussion.

Items from Mrs. Gould:

- a) Recommendations are due to the Mayor and Council on or before November 1st. Need to make sure the list is in prior to the deadline.
- b) Trees were planted in RTC Park around the walking track by employees of Easton Utilities and Town of Easton Park and Recreation Department on October 17th.
- c) Irrigation and the comfort stations at Moton Park, Idlewild Park, Thompson Park and the sports complex will be winterized in November after WaterFowl weekend this year.

Next scheduled meeting will be November 25, 2013 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton