



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

9/23/2013

Attendees:

Board members:

Mr. Mike Weise – chairperson

Mr. Otis Sampson

Mr. Ken McFadden

Mr. Jeff Parks

Mr. Ed Pinder

Others:

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

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

Items from Director of Parks and Recreation and Park Board members:

Mrs. Gould shared a layout of Thompson Park that was given to her from Mrs. Sandy Kaufman and Mrs. Kathy Gilson. They are co-chairs of Thompson Park Garden Club of the Eastern Shore. Mrs. Gould met with the co-chairs in Thompson Park to discuss things in the park that need to be done and things we would like to see done. Mrs. Gould is looking into the following:

- 1) There is a large red oak tree in the park that does not appear healthy. Mr. Brian Hause was contacted. He and Mr. Bruce Phillips thought the tree was nearing or at the end of its life also. Arrangements will be made to have the red oak tree removed and removal of a tree stump still in the park from a previous tree.
- 2) Cleaning under and pruning of the magnolia tree in the park.
- 3) Locate and a grate area that is no longer visible.
- 4) Ask public works to work on the sidewalks, do some regarding in the park to promote better drainage and removal of dead limbs on the locust trees.
- 5) Have public works take a look at the benches presently in the park. Make sure they are secured down properly.

Mrs. Gould is trying to come up with a thought of how and where to place maps of the Rails to Trails on the trail.

Mrs. Gould and her staff will continue keeping checks on the comfort station door lock situation at the RTC Park. The multipurpose fields and the exercise stations are getting some use. All pet owners need to make sure they are picking up after their pets. There is a dog waste station in the park.

Easton Utilities is looking to plant up to 100 trees in the RTC Park for their celebration this year. Mrs. Gould will contact Mr. Paul Moffett for details and plan accordingly.

Parking at the sports complex is the same as in the past. The back parking lot near the baseball fields is practically empty. There are some people parking on the roadway to the entrance gate or at the neighboring business and walking to the football field when football season is in. For the most part, quite a number of people are parking inside of the complex. Easton Police Department is doing a great job in assisting with parking violations in the complex. There have been a few people who still bring their pet to the complex. Staff has been making sure the owners remove them promptly from the complex. They are not allowed.

The Board members have seen a light on in the gazebo at Idlewild Park. Mrs. Gould will get with Easton Utilities to see if there is a problem and have it taken care of.

The discussion on the surface in the skate park is still the same. Board has agreed to continue enforcing the rules, before any money is spent on equipment we need to find out the status of ownership of the area. The neighboring business has changed hands, and it is necessary to know what is going to happen with the property that the skate park is on.

The Talbot County Garden Club has a piece of property on South Washington Street, the Warner Wildlife Sanctuary, near the Cross Court Athletic Club; they would like to donate to the Town of Easton.

Mrs. Gould is working on revisions to the “park reservation request” and the “field use request/agreement” forms. The Board members discussed fees for use of the park pavilions and fees for use of fields in the sports complex. This should be in the recommendations that will be sent to the Mayor and Council by November 1st of this year. Even if leagues supplied the field athletic paint, it would be an asset.

The Town has added two picnic tables to Mulberry Station Park and four benches to the play area. The benches are stationary and the picnic tables are not. If the picnic tables become used inappropriately, they will either be removed or secured down on cement pads.

Board members will forward recommendations and come with their list of recommendations for the Mayor and Council at the October meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for October 28, 2013 at noon.

No further business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton