



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

2/24/2014

Attendees:

Mr. Mike Weise - Chairperson
Mr. Ed Pinder
Mr. Otis Sampson
Mr. Ken McFadden
Mr. Jeff Parks

Others:

Mrs. Lorraine Gould – Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton
Mr. Drew Koslow – MidShore RiverKeepers Conservancy
Mrs. Kristin Junkin - MidShore RiverKeepers Conservancy
Mr. Bob Tull – WaterBoyz 100 Man Choir

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

Mr. Koslow spoke to the Park Advisory Board members concerning wetland restoration at the RTC property. Mr. Koslow informed the Park Advisory Board he applied for a grant to do this project after identifying an area on the property where storm water runs and the area is low lying. Members of the Park Advisory Board agreed and recommended MidShore RiverKeepers move forth with the project. They also suggested Mrs. Gould and the Park Advisory Board be kept in the loop as the project progress. They look forward to being informed of the progress from time to time.

Mr. Tull spoke to the Park Advisory Board members concerning having a free concert in Idlewild Park sometime in July or August of 2014. He did not have a specific date in mind and it would be needed in order for Mrs. Gould to check the calendar if the event was approved. He will need to check with his appropriate members of his group for possible dates and let Mrs. Gould know. If this event is approved, Mr. Tull will need to obtain proper permits. He will need to have a public assembly permit approved by the police department. Mrs. Gould will remain in contact with Mr. Tull.

Items from the Director of Parks and Recreation:

Mr. Zach Smith contacted Mrs. Gould concerning the fence that was to be placed in Moton Park. He is having issues getting approval from Delmarva Power on a project having to do with the Rails to Trails and thought he should wait until that project goes through first. Park Advisory Board members will be kept informed on the progress.

Chick Fil-A Easton would like to have a 5K Race in Easton on March 29, 2014. The request or information did not come to Mrs. Gould or LT. Wright until after correspondence was released by Chick Fil-A. Mrs. Gould is willing to work with the group and Easton Police Department. Mrs. Gould is to make sure she receives all necessary paperwork and permits along with making sure the group receive a copy of the rules and regulations for parks in the Town of Easton. The group will have to be in compliance with Town of Easton's park rules and regulations.

Lease to the property the Easton Skate Park rested on has expired. The Skate Park had to be dismantled. Mrs. Gould forward conversations concerning thoughts of the skate park location to the Park Advisory Board for thoughts. Majority of the suggestions were for Idlewild Park. The Advisory Board would like to keep communication open to get more feedback at least through the next meeting.

Mrs. Gould received a request from a group called Shore Shakespeare Foundation to perform a play in Idlewild Park on June 21, 2014. They would like to set up on Thursday, have a rehearsal on Friday and perform on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Gould checked her calendar and found this would not be a good fit for Idlewild Park at that time. A copy of the rules and Regulations had to be forwarded to the group. Parks in the Town of Easton are closed at dusk and the request was to have this play under the stars. Also, they would not be able to leave their stage in the park from Thursday until Sunday evening.

Friends of North Easton Sports Complex have money they would like to put in the sports complex. Mrs. Gould asked the Park Advisory Board for suggestions. All members agreed the money should be spent throughout the entire complex not just in one area. The thought of lights at the complex was suggested. Thought it would be good, but should find out the conditions set forth from neighbors when it was agreed to have the sports complex in the area. If put lights in area for one sport, other sports will look for the same. We should not do for one sport that we don't plan to do for another. It should be looked into that lights be on an "as needed" basis. Another thought was to have a restroom facility that is centrally located on other fields along with a maintenance building, not a portable shed, combined with the building. The Park Advisory Board decided to think about this and try to come up with additional suggestions for the next meeting.

Park Advisory Board members thought the millings placed along parking on the Aurora Street side of Idlewild Park was a well done. It went over well.

Next scheduled meeting is March 24, 2014 at noon.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton