



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

April 27, 2015

Attendees:

Mr. Michael Weise – chairperson

Mr. Otis Sampson

Mr. Jeff Parks

Mr. Michael Brophy

Others:

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

Excused:

Mr. Ken McFadden

Regular meeting of the Park Advisory Board opened by Mr. Michael Weise.

Upon motioned by Mr. Otis Sampson, seconded by Mr. Jeff Parks and carried unanimously, minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Mrs. Gould informed members of the Park Advisory Board she will communicate with them of the date at which the ethic forms will need to be submitted. To date, the filing date has been extended to May 31, 2015. All Board members are required to file the forms. Once the Town Manager receives and distributes the authoritative version of the updated form, she will forward the form to the Board.

Mrs. Gould met with Mrs. Lisa Ghezzi and Ms. Tracy Ward on April 22, 2015 concerning the 11 acre site on Easton Point. Their hope is to see the area become a beautiful waterfront park someday. Mrs. Ghezzi and members of a group calling themselves, Friends of the Easton Point Project, would like to come to speak with the Park Advisory Board at the June 2015 meeting.

The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore would like to have a ribbon cutting on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 1:00 pm for the opening of Thompson Park after the renovations being done in the park are complete. A rain date of June 23, 2015 at 1:00 pm is being planned.

There was discussion of placing the skate park at the sports complex in the near future. Mrs. Gould will get with Mr. Dickerson (Superintendent of Public Works) to ask if someone could go through the material with her and take it to the sports complex to be put up. Enough fencing should be in place to keep vehicles from entering the area. Mrs. Gould will bring in a sketch of the skate park placement to the next meeting. All in attendance agreed, they would like to have the skate park in operation this summer.

Mrs. Gould is working closely with Mr. Sean McGowan (Bayside Breeze baseball coach) in an effort to grate the dirt on the baseball field into a playable surface. The field would be maintained by Bayside Breeze for as long as the organization is using it. Bayside Breeze organization will work with a number of other local clubs in sharing of the field for practices, and neighborhood use. Mr. Parks suggested looking into the possibility of tilling the area at least twice a year.

Mrs. Gould advised the Park Advisory Board Mr. John Ford was given the information of the proposed dog park they were asking to receive. Mr. Ford will pass the information to Mrs. Gould and she will make sure it is given the members of the Park Advisory Board.

Mrs. Gould advised the Park Advisory Board of the good job the Girl Scouts did on April 14, 2015 Project Clean Stream cleanup day. The Girl Scouts cleaned up in Stoney Ridge Park.

Reservations for the gazebo/pavilion in Idlewild and Moton parks are filling up. People are reserving the gazebo/pavilions in the parks to be assured an area for their special events. Reservation forms can be obtained either on the Town of Easton's web site or at Town office. Mrs. Gould will continue working closely with the Easton Police Department as needed and directing users to the appropriate persons at the police department for public assembly applications when necessary. Mrs. Gould is still looking in to the possibility of placing permanent electric at Idlewild Park near the gazebo. She is in conversation with Mr. Russell Miles on this.

Mrs. Gould is in contact with Mr. Brian Femi about having baseball camp this year at the sports complex. As soon as the dates are set, the flyers will go out. Registration will start May 11, 2015 at Town Hall.

All fields look good and everyone appears to be doing a good job. Mrs. Gould commented on the fencing job done by the Town of Easton's Public Works department. She felt as though they did a very good job and proud of the job they did. The fence suggested for Acorn Field has been placed. Mrs. Gould has heard no negative feedback as it is serving the purpose to shield balls from entering the neighbor's yard.

Mr. Jeff Parks commented on the appearance of the sports complex. The fields look “top notch”. All fields look good and everyone appears to be doing a good job.

Due to Memorial Day falling on the regular meeting date, the Park Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motioned by Mr. Otis Sampson and seconded by Mr. Jeff Parks and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 12:54 until the next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton