



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

February 22, 2016

Attendees:

Mr. Michael Weise – Chairperson
Mr. Otis Sampson
Mr. Michael Brophy
Mr. Jeff Parks
Mr. Ken McFadden

Others:

Mayor Robert Willey
Mr. Al Silverstein, Town of Easton Council member
Mr. Rick VanEmburch, Town Engineer
Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation
Ms. Merrilie Ford, Friend of Easton Dog Park

Regular Park Advisory Board meeting opened was opened by Mr. Michael Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Otis Sampson, seconded by Mr. Jeff Parks and carried unanimously, minutes of the November 30, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Ms. Ford spoke with the Park Board and presented a sketch drawn by Pam Gardner of a dog park and a handout from the Friends of the Easton Dog Park. After discussion on exact location and time frame of a dog park, it was decided Mr. Rick VanEmburch would take the design Ms. Ford presented at this meeting and place it on a plan in several areas in the RTC Park to show what it would look like before sending a recommendation to the Town Council. Based on what Mr. VanEmburch thought would be a reasonable fit in an area where the dog park would be located, the size may have to be adjusted. Mr. Silverstein advised the Park Board of feedback he received from local residents in area of the Rail Trail and RTC Park concerning possible excessive barking if the dog park were placed close to the homes. The Park Board did not give Ms. Ford's a time the dog park would come to fruition or an exact location for the dog park since they would like to see an additional entrance and parking access for the park. Park Board members

discussed having the additional entrance and parking so park users will not drive in the surrounding neighborhoods to access the park. The Park Board did not feel as though a temporary fix would be beneficial and expensive.

Mrs. Gould asked the Park Board to consider ideas to help eliminate driving through Moton Park in order to park next to the pavilion. Traffic back and forth through the park is a concern for safety of children in the park. The sign at the entrance does state, "No motor vehicles permitted on the park land such as playground and playing fields except for those authorized by the Town of Easton. Parking is permitted only in designated parking areas." Mr. VanEmburch asked if it would make sense to build a pervious brick parking lot near the pavilion. He will look into it and get back with the findings.

Mrs. Gould and volunteers from the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore are in the process of looking into having "no pets" signs placed in Thompson Park. They (both volunteers and park staff) have been in the park and witnessed an owner of a dog allowing the dog to urinate on bushes at the entrance of the park.

A larger cabinet has been placed at the sports complex for the lights that will be placed at the complex. The plan is to have led lights. Mr. Van Emburch will put bids out. Proposals will be for installation not purchase of materials. Musco Lighting will provide the poles and materials. The lights will not be up and running in March.

Mr. Jeff Parks informed Mrs. Gould of an opportunity to have a tournament in late July. He will let the inquirer know to go ahead and contact her.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Otis Sampson, seconded by Mr. Jeff Parks and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 12:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

