



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

January 23, 2017

Attendees:

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

Others:

Mr. Rick Van Emburgh, Town Engineer
Mrs. Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton

Regular Park Board meeting brought to order by Mr. Weise. Upon motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously, minutes of the November 28, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Van Emburgh gave an update of the dog park. The area in the RTC Park has been staked to the size of a football field. There are a few trees in the area. Mrs. Gould has photos of the dog parks in Oxford and Kent Island that she will bring in to share with the Park Board. Friends of the Easton Dog Park came up with an estimate of about \$88,000 they would need to raise and this would be their role. Mr. Van Emburgh's estimate of fencing alone the size of a football field would be more than the estimate the Friends group had, since the Friends of the Easton Dog Park are requesting water lines and cement pads. The water lines would need to be laid first, the cement pad, then fencing. He is turning in the invoice to be paid for the staking that was done. Members of the Park Board voted to have the Town of Easton hold making any further incurred expenses for the dog park until a significant amount of financial money is coming in to the account at the Town of Easton for this project.

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

- 1) Forms for bricks to be placed at the dog park site and contribution forms for the dog park can be picked up Town Hall on Harrison Street and also on the Town of Easton's website. All forms and contributions are to be turned in to the Town of Easton.

- 2) The Town of Easton is still taking forms for memorial bricks to be placed at the Memorial Walk located at the corners of West and Dover Streets.
- 3) Ethics forms are to be turned in today.
- 4) Park and Recreation departments for the Town of Easton and Talbot County are working together again this year with the (TYBL) Talbot Youth Basketball League. Games are held on Saturdays at Easton Middle School and the YMCA of the Chesapeake. Grades 1 through 8 are represented in this league.
- 5) MLK Classics held on January 16th went well again this year. Youth from Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester Counties played basketball games together as well as learn as the legacy of Dr. King.
- 6) Applications are coming in to reserve the fields at the sports complex. Slots are filling fast. Permits and approval letters will be sent timely to those approved for usage.
- 7) Applications are coming in to reserve the pavilions in the parks and permits will be sent timely if approved for usage.
- 8) The request for a play to be held in the park will be free to the public. A public assembly permit will need to be filled out and taken to the Police Department for approval.
- 9) Mrs. Gould is waiting to hear from Mr. Femi with dates for Town of Easton/ Femi baseball camp during the summer.
- 10) Mrs. Gould is submitting the final paperwork to Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Program Open Space, Community Parks and Playgrounds Program for reimbursement of \$40,000 on the Thompson Park Restoration Project.
- 11) Mrs. Gould urged members of the Park Board to please let her know if they have ideas or see anything in any of the parks that could enhance, improve or need to be addressed in either park.
- 12) Park Board requested getting information together and working on a “field cancellation” policy. There should be a plan in place, so if there is a significant amount of rain, the Director of Parks and Recreation will make a final call to cancel field usage to protect the fields from damages at the sports complex.
- 13) Mr. Weise requested to have a member of the Park Advisory Board or Mrs. Gould start or end meetings if he is not able to do so due to scheduling at work. Members of the Board and Mrs. Gould agreed.

Next Park Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017 at noon.

No more business brought before this meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Weise, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried unanimously, the meeting was closed at 12:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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

