

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2020- 7:00pm
Department of Recreation Headquarters
Conference Room #1
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046

Members Present:

Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Dave Grabowski; Mavis Ellis; Joanne Kiebler; Tom Franklin;
Anna Boyd, Student Member

Members Absent:

Sylvia Ramsey

Staff Present:

John S. Marshall, Bureau Chief of Parks; Robert E. Linz, Acting Bureau Chief of
Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction; Michael H. Milani, Bureau Chief
of Administration; Laura T. Wetherald, Bureau Chief of Recreation; Ryan Etter,
Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Ms. Coleman called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Proposed Outdoor Lightning Alerting System Presentation:

Bureau Chief of Parks, John S. Marshall gave a presentation on the new proposed
Outdoor Lightning Alerting System.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Mr. Grabowski to approve the January meeting minutes.
Seconded by Ms. Kiebler. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Director's Report:

No Report

Bureau of Parks:

No Report

Bureau of Capital Projects and Planning

- **Blandair Park Phase 3**- the contractor has increased staffing and will be working Saturdays to meet the June 5, 2020 deadline.
- **Conservancy Bridge**- The bridge should be completed in the next week.
- **Centennial Park West Bridge**- Engineered drawings for the Centennial Park West area bridge are complete and have been forwarded to the contractors.
- **Kiwanis Park**- We anticipate completing the fencing and parking lot extension before formal play begins.
- **Water Fountains**- Water fountain installations for (9) park sites will begin in the beginning of March.
- **Wine Festival**- Planning and design of this year's wine festival has been completed. We are currently working on contracts for all of the logistical items and equipment.

Bureau of Recreation:

- Wine in the Woods
 - Premier Tent will be a new feature for this year's festival
 - High end Maryland wines that are not offered to the rest of the festival
- Howard Magazine
 - HCRP is highlighted throughout
- Summer Camp Guide is out.
 - Registration is open for 2020 camps
- Looking for part time staff
 - Camps
 - RLC
 - After school
 - Park workers
- Recreation University

- Offered through Maryland recreation and Parks Association (MRPA)
- 6 full day sessions for trainings in the Recreation and Parks field
- Encore Program
 - For active aging group
 - Researching outdoor fitness equipment in parks for seniors
 - Looking to put Golf Simulator in Harriet Tubman facility
- Pentagon Trip on March 20th

Bureau of Administrative Services:

- Started testing new Kronos payroll system
- Looking to make improvements to Timbers of Troy golf course

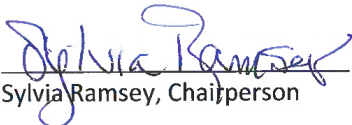
Old Business:

- Met with Veterans Committee for the Vivian C. Bailey Park in Columbia
 - Playground equipment is in
 - Waiting until warm weather to put safety surface in
 - Water feature will be unveiled

New Business:

- The Department is purchasing a 25 acre farm that is across from the Marriotts Ridge High School.

Mr. Coleman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A second motion was made by Mr. Grabowski and Mr. Franklin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.



 Sylvia Ramsey, Chairperson



 Raul Delorme, Executive Secretary

