

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 15, 2020- 7:00pm  
Department of Recreation Headquarters  
WebEx Video Meeting

Members Present:

Sylvia Ramsey, Chair; Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Dave Grabowski; Tom Franklin; Mavis Ellis

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. Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Director's Report:

- July 6<sup>th</sup> staff has returned to the office on a rotating schedule
- No Recreation & Parks Advisory Board meeting in August
- Interviewed three applicants for Student Board member
  - Sent letter of recommendation to the County Executive
- Senior Sendoff for High School baseball players was held at Blandair Park
  - Centennial Bridge along Centennial Lane is finished - in-house project

Bureau of Parks:

- Belmont Manor & Historic Park - At least 45 weddings have been cancelled or moved to other dates in 2020/2021 requiring refunds, cancelling or re-doing permits and finances
- Natural and Historic Resources submitted the final rules and regulations for managed hunts. Final hunting dates have been established and sent to

Maryland DNR for approval. Staff also constructed GIS maps for future managed hunt operations.

- Horticulture and Land Management continue to make adjustments to the landscape maintenance contract renewal for the end of the year. New maps are being created for new and renovated sites. It is projected that contract costs will increase by 20%.
- Park Operations is working with a Boy Scout on an Eagle Scout Project for landscaping at the Thomas Isaac log cabin. The Department works with both Boy Scout and Girl Scout projects coordinated by Shawnte Berry with the Park staff.
- Brenda Belensky continued planning work for the David Force Park volunteer trail construction project projected to start in July 2020. Created the volunteer opportunity for Shawnte to post on HoCoVolunteer.org.
- Hardware for the Lightning Alerting System installations continue
- Two new water fountains have been donated

Bureau of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction:

- Centennial Bridge is finished - detour around has been removed
- Schooley Mill Cricket Pitch grading starting by end of July
- Blended pickleball court lines have been completed

Bureau of Recreation:

- Online Summer Program Offerings
  - Marketing giving constant updates are status and information on programs
- Have gained access to some school facilities for child care and camp programs
- Staff Training videos created to show camp check-in and check-out processes
- Senior Sendoff baseball games were very successful
  - Made the local news
- Facility Updates
  - Community Center numbers are down
    - All reservations can only be 50% capacity
  - Pools and fitness centers are open during nights and weekends
    - Must call ahead to make reservation

- Camps are running during the day during the week
- eSports Committee has been set up to keep up on trends

Bureau of Administrative Services:

- There will budget challenges for the upcoming year
- Still receiving refunds for programs

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

- Cedar Lane Fire Station is being moved to the Rt. 108 side at multipurpose field at Cedar Lane Park
  - Recreation & Parks would be given replacement field

Ms. Ramsey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A second motion was made by Mr. Grabowski and Mr. Franklin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
Sylvia Ramsey, Chairperson

  
Raul Delerme, Executive Secretary

