

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 17, 2020- 7:00pm  
Department of Recreation Headquarters  
WebEx Video Meeting

Members Present:

Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Dave Grabowski; Tom Franklin

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:

Mr. Coleman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Director's Report:

- Pavilions are opening
- Sports fields have been opened
- Wedding venues open July 15, 2020
- Basketball courts have opened
- Restrooms are open in parks
- Boat Rentals are still closed

Bureau of Parks:

- Assistance to the school system- Carrie Shershanovich and staff including Kelly Vogelpohl, Tracey Gelner, Ellen Reinecke, Josh Detweiler, Kaitlyn Murphy, Brianna Lites and Jessie King all worked on creating vital virtual content for HCPSS to utilize in the online learning modules elementary teachers need to help students complete their school year.
- The B&O Ellicott City Station Museum Caboose restoration project neared completion with only minor details to wrap up.

- David Keane compiled data and developed a DRAFT- 2019 Departmental Pesticide Report to submit to County Administration. The Department reduced its use of pesticide by 52% during the last calendar.
- Megan Mills partnered with Community Ecology Institute, Office of Sustainability and Howard County School Board to plant a tree at each Howard County High School to honor the class of 2020; trees will be provided and planted through the Tree Canopy program and will include promotional opportunities for the program.
- Zone 5 conducted numerous trips picking-up and delivering PPE supplies from around the state to schools, warehouses, and health departments.
- Millie Bailey Park should be opened within 2 months

Bureau of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction:

- Old Centennial West bridge is gone, and new bridge has been set.
  - Fiberglass and anti-skid decking
  - Should be open in 2 weeks
- Schooley Mill cricket pitch has been installed
  - Finished by September 1, 2020
- Painting blended lines at all pickleball courts in coming weeks
- Thomas Isaac Log is finished
  - Moved onto new foundation
- Blandair Phase 3
  - Started construction on restroom facility
  - Pavilion is next
  - Playgrounds are finished
- Centennial North handball courts have been power washed
  - Atholton Park is next
- Oakland Mills Tunnel lighting have come in
  - Less than a week to complete
- Installing sneeze guards in facilities for staff to return

Bureau of Recreation:

- Have developed guidelines/charts for when activities/facilities/camps will open during different phases of COVID-19
- Following state guidelines for youth sports and camps
  - Outdoor camps starting June 29, indoor on July 6<sup>th</sup>

- Many virtual camps and programming offerings on websites for all ages
  - Outdoor sports camps have been combined
  - hybrid all day camps at 4 regional parks
- Can have up to 15 in a group for camps

Bureau of Administrative Services:

- Finalizing the budget
  - \$1.5-2 million cuts
    - Not operational
    - Converting part-time staff to full-time
- Fields opening to bring in revenue
- Warehouse has been organizing all PPE supplies, masks, and cleaning supplies for county


Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

No New Business

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 7:33pm.

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Ed Coleman, Co-Chairperson

  
A. Raul Delerme, Executive Secretary