

Wednesday, June 16th, 2020- 7:00pm
Department of Recreation Headquarters
WebEx Video Meeting

Members Present:

Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Dave Grabowski; Herman Charity; Eduardo Marin

Staff Present:

A. Raul Delerme, Director; Nicola Morgal, Acting Bureau Chief of Recreation;
Robert T. Linz, Acting Bureau Chief of Capital Projects, Park Planning and
Construction; Michael T. Milani, Bureau Chief of Administrative Services; Ryan
Etter, Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Mr. Grabowski called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Deer Management Program Presentation:

Tim Maynard gave a presentation proposing using Benson Park as a potential deer
management site

Title 19 Amendments:

- Has not been updated in 15 years
- Board will vote via email

Director's Report:

- Blandair Park Playground was dedicated to Laura Wetherald on June 12,
2021
- Board meetings will return in person in September 2021
- July 4th celebration
 - Food vendors
 - Live bands
 - Fireworks go off at 9:20pm
- State Legislation passed grant funding for park infrastructure
 - \$8 million

- Nicola Morgal has been named Bureau Chief of Recreation starting June 21, 2021.

Bureau of Parks:

- Centennial Park East tennis court renovations are complete. The paving is finished, and the signs are installed.
- Victor Stanley benches at Meadowbrook Park have been removed due to safety reasons with cracked slats. Benches will be taken apart and the good boards will be put together so that some of the benches can go back out until more materials arrive. James Reed has taken the lead in getting the company all the information they need so that we can rectify this recurring issue.
- All three of the newest Rangers (Travis Anthony, Tabitha Kanagie and Ian Smith) have completed their field training and began their regular shifts as of May 26, 2021.
- Horticulture and Land Management is consulting with Utilities as they wish to re-design their shops landscape.
- Tim Maynard finalized managed hunt letter for submission to DNR for 2021-2022 managed hunt season. The letter is scheduled for submission in the middle of June.

Bureau of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction:

- **Blandair Park Phase 3-** The playground dedication to Laura Wetherald went very well. The contractor continues to complete minor punch list items. We await receiving the O&M manuals and commissioning meeting.
- **Blandair Park Phase 6-** The Park design is in progress with WRA and we have received the contract proposal from Spohn Ranch.
- **Centennial Park North Playground-** The playground installation has begun. The anticipated completion is one month. The field #1 outfield fence installation started this week.
- **Glenwood Shopping Center Well -** A preconstruction meeting was held last Thursday for the installation of a new well. Once the project area has been mowed and staked out, the contractor will order supplies. Once the supplies have been received the project completion is anticipated to be one week.

- **Land Preservation Parks & Recreation Plan-** We had a project kick-of meeting last Wednesday for the 2022 Land Preservation Parks & Recreation Plan. The agency received a lot of feedback for the beginning of the project.
- **Cedar Lane Park Dugout Covers-** Paul Walsky has the building permit ready and the dugout covers will be installed during the summer ball field break. The dugout covers for Schooley Mill Park and Hammond Park will be installed this fall after play ends.
- **South Branch Park-** The electrical work has been completed at South Branch Park.
- **Haviland Mill Trail-** The Haviland Mill trail project is scheduled to start June 28th and will take 5-6 months to complete.
- **Garden Plot Signs-** Woo designed new garden plot signs that the Heritage Construction staff installed.
- **Cedar Lane Park East Bridge-** Beginning July 6, 2021 the existing Cedar Lane Park East area bridge deck and railings will be removed, and new deck and railings installed. The bridge will be closed for one month. Tennis court access will be by the West area pathway only.
- **Water Fountains-** Sean Markley coordinated new water donated fountain installations at Alpha Ridge Park, Centennial Park North and Waterloo Park. The fountain for Centennial park East will be installed the last week of June.
- **Symphony Woods Park Blue Path-** The Columbia Association will stake out the Blue Path this week for final review. The new pathway will be installed by the end of August.
- **Savage Park Playground-** The playground submittals have been approved and the equipment is being ordered. In the near future a pre-construction meeting will be held.

Bureau of Recreation:

- Vaccination Clinics end July 1, 2021
- Met with Howard County Public School System
 - Has agreed to let camps begin in schools starting June 21, 2021
 - Approved evening tennis at High Schools
 - 2021-2022 school year will return in person 5 days a week
 - Hoping child care and programs will return
- Food Access Program
 - Free meals for all students and child care next school year

- Outdoor camp registration numbers are very good
 - Staff numbers are increasing
 - Celebration of Sports Hall of Fame - Laura Wetherald is being inducted
- Recreation Services Superintendent, Phil Bryan is retiring June 30, 2021

Bureau of Administrative Services:

- Weddings have started back up
- Summer tournaments are kicking off
- Budget has been approved
 - Slight increase - most going to Harriet Tubman Cultural Center


Old Business:

- Staff returning to office on A/B schedule on June 21, 2021
- Staff returning full time on July 6, 2021
- Headquarters will be open to public in August 2021

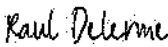
New Business:

No new business

Mr. Grabowski made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A second motion was made by Mr. Coleman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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Dave Grabowski, Chairperson

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Raul Delorme, Executive Secretary