

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.  
WebEx Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Dave Grabowski, Chair, Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Herman Charity; Chloe McGeehan

Staff Present:

Michael H. Milani, Bureau Chief of Administrative Services; Nicola Morgal, Bureau Chief of Recreation; Robert E. Linz, Acting Bureau Chief of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction; Ryan Etter, Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Mr. Grabowski called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Approval of January Minutes:

Minutes were approved unanimously

Director's Report: (Presented by Robert Linz)

- The Groundbreaking ceremony for the Cradlerock Cricket Pitch was held on January 28th. This will be the first youth cricket pitch in the county. Thanks to Dave for attending and the Zone 1 staff and our Marketing staff for making the ceremony possible.
  
- I will be testifying for the new Capital Project N3979 Shipley Park at tomorrow night's Planning Board Hearing. We are proposing to Master Plan for a 25-acre Community Park on the former Coles property located across from Marriott's Ridge High School on Route 99.

Bureau of Parks: (Presented by Robert Linz and Mike Milani):

- Zone 1, Hung 15 banners in Ellicott City for the EC250 Celebration
- Zone 2, Centennial Park
  - North area stream restoration project has started
  - Pathway closed between pavilion O intersection and Centennial North in January and February so that staff can perform maintenance.
  
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- Zone 3, Schooley Mill
  - Tree work throughout the park
  - Western Regional Park:
    - Continued trail work; clearing, pruning and addressing footing areas and small wash-out areas.
- Zone 4, Rockburn Park
  - Completed hay wagon rebuild
  - Split rail fence installed at Skills Park
- Zone 5,
  - Blandair Park, field 1 renovations continue
- John peach retired after almost 40 years of service

**Bureau of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction:**

- **Blandair Park-** The replacement of field #1 will be completed within a week. The new goal posts are on back order and will be installed once received.
- **Centennial Park South Lower Area-** The contractor is currently installing the underground utilities. The wall work will resume the week of March 7th.
- **Centennial Park Pavilion Renovations-** Heritage Construction continues to work on cedar siding replacement at pavilion E. Hayes Construction is nearing completion of the residing projects at Pavilion D and H. The completion date for both projects is April 30, 2022.
- **Centennial Park East Area-** We have received permit approval from MDE for the stream bank stabilization project and await approval for the Alternative Compliance this week. We anticipate completing the project prior to the March 1st State stream closure. Once completed, the East Area parking lot asphalt resurfacing project will be scheduled and completed prior to April 30, 2022.
- **Cedar Lane Park-** Construction staff continue work on the press box door and flooring renovations for press box #6. We are obtaining proposals for replacing the existing scoreboards on fields #5 & #6.
- **Cradlerock Cricket Pitch-** The Groundbreaking was held on January 28, 2022. The concrete pitch has been installed. The artificial turf installation is scheduled for the beginning of March. Completion is anticipated by May 1, 2022.

- **Haviland Mill Trail**- 80 percent of the boardwalk has been constructed, along with the installation of the black locust decking. The contractor also has 30 percent of the stonework completed.
- **Barnard Fort House**- The Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed and commented on the plans for the house renovation. Jason Thompson and the architect are currently working to address their comments.

#### Bureau of Recreation:

- Summer Camps are now open for registration
  - 15,000 registered on opening night
  - Waitlists are due to lack of staff
- A few more full-time vacancies have been filled
- Wine in the Woods 2022
  - Had full committee meeting today
  - Half the number of wineries as normal
  - Will be having Explorers Tent
    - Exclusive wines available for a higher ticket price

#### Bureau of Administrative Services:

- Waverly Mansion is getting back in shape and will be a premier wedding venue
- Weddings at Belmont are completely booked from April to July on weekends
  - Few single weekend days in July are available
- We have hired many staff in the past few weeks
- The minimum wage increase will cost the department \$1.2 million
  - Prices will probably need to be increased to cover costs

#### Student Member Update:

- Registration is open for Light the Night 5K run for suicide prevention
  - 41 registered so far
  - Looking to get more schools involved

#### Old Business:

No Old Business

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 7:22 pm.

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Dave Grabowski, Chairperson

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Raul Delorme, Executive Secretary