



FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

The Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission

September 9, 2021

Parks and Recreation Commission Attendees:

Nick Augustine
Charlotte Davis
Viktor Kraenbring
Mary Jo Richmond
BoE Liaison-Brad Young

Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis
Council Liaison- Jerry Donald
Harry Lashley
Howard Looney

Parks and Recreation Commission Absentees:

Dave Twigg

Staff Attendees:

Bob Hicks
Jeremy Kortright
Sandi Rauh-For Becky Clarke

Voting Legend

For-Against-Abstained-Absent

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APPROVED

OCTOBER 14, 2021

Call to Order:

Vice Chair Viktor Kraenbring called the September 9, 2021 meeting to order at 6:30 pm, in the absence of Chair Dave Twigg.

Members met in the First Floor Training Room of the Bourne Building, 355 Montevue Ln, Frederick, MD 21702.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the July 8th, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. It was noted to change the spelling from Charlotte *Dave* to *Davis* under the Call to Order section. A motion was then made by Howard Looney to approve the July 2021 minutes. Charlotte Davis seconded the motion. **The motion passed 8-0-0-2.** There were 2 absentees at the time of the vote. **(Brad Young arrived at 6:45pm)**

PRC Chair Comments:

Viktor Kraenbring welcomed everyone back and stated he was glad to be back. He then thanked everyone for their votes for him as Vice Chair for 2021.

Rock Creek Rec Center/Scott Key Center Updates:

Jeremy introduced Division of Parks and Recreation employees Calli Feudale, Recreation Supervisor and Rachel Warner, Recreation Specialist. They gave a PowerPoint presentation on FCP&R's Therapeutic Recreation & Inclusion program, being implemented at both the new Rock Creek Rec Center and the Scott Key Rec Center.

Overview:

- Goals of Therapeutic Recreations programs and inclusion services
 1. Increase knowledge and education
 2. Expand the programs and service offerings
 3. Increase number of participants
 4. Develop partnerships with other agencies, organizations and support groups
 5. Increase staff and volunteers
 6. Acquire external funding
- Program Highlights & Stats
 1. 200+ participants
 2. Fall programs
- Rock Creek Recreation Center is now open
 1. Recreation Center
 2. Gymnasium
- Scott Key Community Center is now open
 1. Lobby
 2. Preschool programs
 3. Classroom/Multi-functional space
 4. Gymnasium

Directors Report:

Jeremy Kortright asked if anyone had any questions about the monthly reports that were previously distributed. He then gave updates:

- Park staff started seeding ballfields and getting them prepared for next year.
- Programs for Fall will start the week of September 13, 2021.

- Flood clean-up/damage from the recent tropical storm
 1. Buckeystown Park is currently closed due to flooding.
 2. Pinecliff Park ballfields are closed for the remainder of 2021, due to flood damage. The shelters and playgrounds are fine. The shortage on supplies is prohibiting further work to repair the fields. All renters have been relocated to other parks for field use.
- Trick or Treat drive-thru at Utica will take place again this year and beyond due to the success of last year.
- Gymnasium rentals will start on November 1.
- There are two new employees of Parks and Rec; a custodial supervisor and a security specialist.
- Capital Projects – Middletown Park is moving slowly due to recent storms and shortage on supplies- metal is delayed by months. It is projected to be complete by early December. Elements of the project may linger due to material delays.
- Othello Regional Park solar lights along the walking trails are all installed and look great. They are the same solar lights we use at the skate park. There are plans to put them in at Utica once the trail is completed there.
- November meeting falls on a County Holiday. **November 11, 2021 is Veteran's Day, so it was requested and approved that the November meeting be scheduled for November 18, 2021.**

Commission Items:

- Nick Augustine asked about dedicating or naming a park after the Battalion Chief that recently passed away in a fire. Brad Young responded that there is construction of a new Green Valley Fire House that will be named in his honor. Jeremy commented on the County's Park and Facility Naming policy and Howard Looney commented on the fact that the person has been deceased for at least 2 years before anything can be named in their honor, unless the land is donated by that person.
- Howard Looney stated Jeremy was kind enough to invite him on a park tour and suggested that other members should consider the same. He suggested that since Othello Regional Park is open until 10:30pm that everyone should go out and take a look at the solar lights. He also stated that he is the Parks and Recreation Commission Representative for the new Rural and Scenic Roads Program. This program will look at enhancing unpaved roads and historic roads. It will be looking for synergy between rural road and our parks. Howard asked if Utica was going to have an Agricultural Center. Jeremy acknowledged that there will be an Agriculture Center at Utica and that Kari Saavedra is overseeing that project at the Snook Family Agricultural Complex. The complex is set to open late Spring of 2022. All the buildings will be renovated. The Milking parlor is going to be conditioned space to hold programs and camps.
- Charlotte Davis asked if the Utica Agricultural Center would they have crops and livestock? Jeremy shared that there will be pens to bring livestock in for display, but that livestock will not be there on a permanent basis. Jeremy stated that the Division is researching a software touring system that can be uploaded on smartphones.
- Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis thanked Carrie Sprinkle for her help in getting Walkersville Heritage Park included in the Docs in the Park Program.
- Brad Young was glad to see that Rock Creek School didn't have any flood damage. He also stated that the designs for the Brunswick Elementary school were approved. He commented on the struggles that FCPS was having with quarantine issues due to COVID.
- Viktor Kraenbring thanked everyone for coming out and stated the next meeting would be October 14, 2021. Brad offered to host the October meeting at Rock Creek School. Staff will look into this.

Public Comments:

None

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Davis. **The motion passed 7-0-0-3. (Harry Lashley and Jerry Donald left at 7:20pm)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Rauh
Acting Recording Secretary