



FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

The Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission

April 13, 2023

Parks and Recreation Commission Attendees:

Nicholas Augustine
Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis
Dave Twigg
Charlotte Davis
BoE Liaison – Nancy Allen
Howard Looney
Council Liaison-Mason Carter

Parks and Recreation Commission Absentees:

Viktor Kraenbring
Mary Jo Richmond
Harry Lashley

Staff Attendees:

Bob Hicks
Kayla Brannen
Jeremy Kortright

Voting Legend

For-Against-Abstained-Absent

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Call to Order:

Chair Howard Looney called the April 13, 2023, meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis motioned to approve the March 2023 minutes. Nicholas Augustine seconded the motion.

The Motion passed 6-0-1-3

PRC Chair Comments:

Chair Howard Looney thanked Viktor for leading the March 2023 meeting. He also mentioned that it is time to schedule a Park Tour.

Kanode Master Plan Presentation:

Bob Hicks stated that last fall the PRC assigned committee members to the Kanode Master Plan Advisory Committee. In October, they visited the site. Next, the Advisory Committee began meeting monthly until January 2023. A Master Plan was submitted and is now open for public comments until May 31 using a QR code or visiting the website. An Open House was held last night. Bob stated that it was well attended.

He alerted the PRC members that Parks & Recreation will be looking for members input and a vote on the Kanode Master Plan during the June 2023 meeting.

Next, he introduced a representative from the design consultant to begin her presentation that was on a loop while people visited the open house.

She began the presentation with fly over footage of the parkland and then moved into describing in detail several areas of the park as shown in the attached presentation:

- Park Entrance
- Lease Farmland Areas
- Visitors Area near log cabin
- Agricultural Education
- Equestrian Center
- Agricultural Demonstration Event and Lot
- Agriculture Research and Demonstration Field
- Outdoor Environmental Education
- Environmental Enhancements

During the presentation, the following provided public comment:

- Joel Anderson
- Brigitte Shroyer
- Lysione G-Lacnte
- Carolyn Mackintosh

Director's Comments:

Jeremy stated that Parks has completed aerating, fertilizing, and seedings of all grass ball fields and crews are mowing. Other tasks, such as mulching, and landscaping will be completed as time allows. The handicap swing at Othello Regional Park was installed.

Recreation sports leagues began April 1st and 15th with 2,500 enrolled. He stated that our programs are seeing record enrollments. A new league called, "Learn to Play" was launched for T-Ball and Basketball. Spring Fling and Egg Roll was held in April and welcomed just under 2,000 visitors. Four locations are hosting Spring Break Camps this week. Staff are currently in the process of hiring and training Summer Camp staff. He noted that we have been very fortunate that applications have picked up. Fall planning in underway.

Bark in the Park, May 13, 2023

We will be sending several staff to MRPA in Ocean City. While there, two staff will be graduating from the MRPA Leadership Institute.

Mason asked what age range we are seeing with our Summer Camp applicants. Jeremy and Kayla explained that we are unable to specifically identify ages. However, many of the applications that have come through cite Mentor, Coach, Counselor with specific high schools. So, we know that our outreach efforts made it into the local colleges and high schools.

Commission Items:

Nick asked what attendance our Bark in the Park event brings. Jeremy stated that this is a free event, so it is hard to gauge its popularity.

Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis stated that she attended the Spring Fling & Egg Roll. She said it went well but asked if something can be done about adding a tree buffer to the stream. Bob state that FCPR is working with the Division of the Environment for a future project.

Mason asked Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis about the Walkersville Creamery Park. She provided an update.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Howard Looney adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kayla Brannen
Recording Secretary

APPROVED
May 11 2023

