

**Baltimore County
Board of Recreation and Parks
March 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

The annual Board of Recreation and Parks and County Council dinner meeting was held on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 5:00pm in the Council Library, Towson, Maryland. The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held at 6:15pm. In attendance were Chairman Steve Verch; board members Emmet Davitt, Steven Kroll, Jim Emerick, Althea Page, Michael Weber and Jacob Smith. Staff included Bob Barrett, director and Bud Chrismer, deputy director.

Approval of Minutes:

Jacob Smith motioned to approve the February board meeting minutes, Jim Emerick seconded, and all were in favor.

Announcements:

Deputy Director Bud Chrismer informed the board that the Department had acquired the Somogyi property, 85.3 acres in Back River.

Old Business:

Chairman Steve Verch visited the Lutherville Timonium Flea Market and reported back to the board. He reported that sale items were hanging over top of student artwork; cigarette butts were on the ground in the area that folks gathered to smoke and while he was there he saw no law enforcement. Mr. Verch has not yet received a letter in response to the board's recommendation of arbitration but he did however receive a letter thanking members for meeting to discuss this issue. Mr. Verch saw a woman walking her dog and he approached her asking about the flea market. She stated that folks were trying to clean things up but there are still concerns to be addressed. The woman said that the school does take a beating. Councilman McIntire and Steven Kroll discussed this issue and Councilman McIntire said he would visit and take pictures.

Michael Weber was unable to attend the Pikesville Recreation Council meeting but was informed by Wayne Definbaugh as to how this meeting went. There was an actual Treasurer Report issued and the Council agreed to hold elections. Mr. Definbaugh is happy about the way things are turning out. Things will be placed on hold until after the elections.

Regarding the letter that was sent to Mr. Snitzer, he responded that he would only be dealing with the Department because the accusations in the letter about the elections, by-laws and transparency with finances were untrue.

Jim Emerick commends the committee for a job well done. Appropriate action will be taken after the elections.

Regarding certification, Jacob Smith worked on the form and it was then emailed to all board members.

Board Member Activities:

Mr. Smith was introduced to a couple trying to start a program for developmentally disabled children. Mr. Smith spoke to the couple several times and has put them in touch with Keith Williams and Bob Barrett, to work on obtaining grant money.

Reports:

- A. Information Technology – Dunbar Brooks, David Smylie and Jacob Smith – no report
- B. Budget and Enterprise – Jacob Smith, Jim Emerick and Emmet Davitt – no report
- C. Incorporation and Liability – Wayne Definbaugh, David Smylie and Dunbar Brooks –no report
- D. Land Acquisition and Capital Projects – Steven Verch, Emmet Davitt and Wayne Definbaugh – no report
- E. Programs – Althea Page and Dunbar Brooks– no report
- F. Legislation – Wayne Definbaugh, Steven Verch and Emmet Davitt –no report
- G. Policy –Jim Emerick and Jacob Smith – no report
- H. Facilities –David Smylie and Althea Page –no report

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Liupaeter