

**Baltimore County
Board of Recreation and Parks
December 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 6:26pm at the Department of Recreation and Parks administrative offices, Towson, Maryland. In attendance were Vice Chairman Wayne Definbaugh; board members Mike Milani, Steven Kroll, David Smylie, Althea Page and Jacob Smith. Staff included Bob Barrett, director; Bud Chrismer, deputy director and Marty Stoelting, chief of recreation services.

Approval of Minutes:

Steven Kroll motioned to approve the October board meeting minutes, David Smylie seconded and all were in favor.

Announcements:

Althea Page attended the Marshy Point Nature Center Fall Festival and despite the rainy weather, stated she had a good time. Ms. Page stated there were many wonderful activities there for the children.

Deputy Director Bud Chrismer informed the board that the Candy Cane Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, at Eastern Regional Park. Mr. Chrismer stated that this is a great event and encouraged everyone to attend.

Jacob Smith informed board members that the hockey program at Reisterstown Sportsplex is going very well. Mr. Smith stated that this year's National Festival is at Garden Ice Rink in Laurel.

Director Bob Barrett announced that the Department Holiday Breakfast is December 18 and all are invited to attend.

Mr. Chrismer informed the board that the Boys Lax Clinic is scheduled for January 30 at 9 am, at Towson University. This clinic is for those 6 to 14 years of age and coaches. The Girls Lax Clinic is scheduled for February 13 from 11 am to 2 pm, at the Ravens Training Facility.

Vice Chairman Wayne Definbaugh introduced new board member Mike Milani, 1st Councilmanic District Representative.

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Chrismer informed the board that the Shining Star Awards Ceremony took place this week and was a great success.

Old Business:

Mr. Definbaugh reported that Mr. Kroll and Mr. Smylie would take the initiative to meet with the Woodlawn Recreation Council Board. Mr. Smylie will take the lead and address the issues that were brought before the Board of Recreation and Parks. Mr. Kroll would like a meeting with he and Mr. Smylie, Maurice Watkins and the council board. Mr. Kroll has asked Marty Stoelting to set this up after the first of the year. Mr. Milani was informed about the issues Vivian Jefferson has with the council.

As for the Report to the County Executive, Mr. Definbaugh stated that Mr. Kroll would update this for Chairman Stephen Verch, before the end of the year.

Revisiting the subject of Board Contact Information on the Website, Mr. Definbaugh asked Mr. Chrismer what the verdict was. Mr. Chrismer stated that he looked into this, discussed this with the web folks and stated that the board would continue to have the web page through the Recreation and Parks site, as it is currently. In addition, photographs of board members may be added if board members would like but as for posted contact information, the web page will include an email address for web inquiries, which will be handled as part of the Department's web inquiries to avoid inquiries going to the wrong individual. Board members agreed.

New Business:

Mr. Definbaugh stated that Mr. Verch would like an Executive Citation and a County Council Resolution presented to Norman Knoerlein to recognize him for his 47 years of service. Ms. Page replied stating that the road leading into Eastern Regional Park should be named Knoerlein Drive. Mr. Barrett said he would look into this.

Mr. Verch requested that the next board meeting be held at Victory Villa Community Center. Mr. Kroll responded stating that the board does not travel during the winter months (December – February). The board discussed other meeting dates that could be held on the road, the next being May. Board members agreed.

Information was distributed to board members regarding Dennis Collier, and the BMSOA (Baltimore County organization), who lost the referee bid for Northeast Regional Recreation Center. The Soccer Board at NERRC chose HARSOA, the Harford County organization, to handle refereeing for NERRC. Mr. Collier has several issues regarding the selection process and the board's decision including conflict of interest, insurance issue, training, youth referees and the Ref Pay system. Board members reviewed the documents and discussed the issues in detail and ultimately found no fault in the board's decision. For the record, Mr. Kroll is listed as a referee for CASRA but has never refereed for them.

Director's Comments:

Mr. Barrett informed the board that it was a tough year for the budget. Staff has been spending a great deal of time working on the budget, getting ready to submit it.

Mr. Barrett reported that the NERRC dedication on December 1 went very well and further stated that this is a great facility! In addition, Mr. Barrett informed the board that the Blast will be practicing there.

Jacksonville is now under construction and we settled on Keyser. We have \$6 million left in POS and all is accounted for. In addition, Bauer Farm is in our sites now; we should know more this week. We will have some community meetings coming up, including Keyser in the spring, to discuss the wants and don't wants of the community. The Robert E. Lee MOU has been signed and construction has begun. This should be complete in a year. There has been one community meeting

for Robert E. Lee Park where we received a list of people interested in participating in an advisory group. The Department has put together an advisory group from this list.

Action:

Wayne Definbaugh motioned to request an Executive Citation and a County Council Resolution for Norman Knoerlein, Steven Kroll seconded and all were in favor.

Jacob Smith motioned to accept the NERRC Soccer Board's recommendation choosing HARSOA over BMSOA, Mike Milani seconded and all were in favor.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Wayne Definbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting, David Smylie seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Liupaeter