

# BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

WAYNE DEFINBAUGH, CHAIRMAN

## Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held immediately following the annual dinner meeting with Board of Education at 7:30 p.m., at Sherwood House located at 2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, Maryland. In attendance were Wayne Definbaugh, chairman; David Smylie, vice chairman; board members Althea Page, Dunbar Brooks, Mike Weber and Jacob Smith. Recreation and Parks department staff included Barry F. Williams, director; Bud Chrismer, deputy director and Marty Stoelting, chief, Recreation Services.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mike Weber motioned to approve the March board meeting minutes, Dunbar Brooks seconded and all were in favor.

### **Old Business:**

In regards to the board's authority, Mr. Weber stated that the board would like to work through the liability issue and then focus on this matter.

Marty Stoelting reported that she spoke with Maurice Watkins, community supervisor, Woodlawn Recreation Office. Mr. Watkins informed Ms. Stoelting that the recreation council went to the State's Attorney with evidence and requested that charges be brought against those involved. Ms. Stoelting stated that this is now in the hands of the State's Attorney.

Board members discussed insurance coverage, certification, financial review, incorporation and 501(c)(3) status, in length. Chairman Wayne Definbaugh motioned to accept the mandate for Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance for all recreation councils and also made a motion to modify the certification form to view records annually but later rescinded these motions. Board members were in agreement, but discussion ensued about possibly revising the certification form first, before making a motion. Director Barry F. Williams recommended combining these mandates and making one motion. Deputy Director Bud Chrismer stated the importance of making sure the motion included a date for compliance. Mr. Williams stated that this is not meant to be punitive but instead, helpful.

### **Director's Comments:**

Mr. Williams stated that the dinner meeting with Board of Education was a very positive, worthwhile meeting with good dialogue. Mr. Williams further stated that Ms. Stoelting informed him that the Board of Education members were more talkative this year. Althea Page responded stating that she prefers having this annual meeting at Sherwood as opposed to the Greenwood Admin Building. Ms. Page stated that when the meeting is held at Greenwood there are so many others from BCPS in attendance, having this meeting at Sherwood is more intimate. Mr. Definbaugh

agreed. Mr. Williams suggested that the board speak with Board of Education members to let them know how they feel, see how they respond. Mr. Williams added that he would like to get rid of the ties and do something more casual. Further discussion ensued regarding the dinner meeting with Board of Education.

**Action:**

Mr. Weber motioned to require, as part of the certification process, that every council have D&O Insurance, obtain 501(c)(3) status and become incorporated, and require an annual financial review. All councils must be in compliance by July 1, 2012. Dunbar Brooks seconded and all were in favor.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mr. Brooks moved to adjourn the meeting, Jacob Smith seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Liupaeter