

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

DAVID SMYLIE, CHAIRMAN

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 6:12 p.m. at the Department of Recreation and Parks administrative offices, Towson, Maryland. In attendance were Mike Weber, vice chairman; board members Mike Milani, Leslie Monfred, Eric van den Beemt, Althea Page, Wayne Definbaugh and Jacob Smith. Recreation and Parks department staff included Barry F. Williams, director and Don Kuklinski, regional coordinator, Region 4.

Approval of Minutes:

Wayne Definbaugh motioned to approve the May board meeting minutes, Eric van den Beemt seconded, and all were in favor.

Director's Comments:

Mike Milani arrived a few minutes late and after mentioning the idea of changing the start time for the Board of Recreation and Parks' meetings, Director Barry F. Williams suggested, as he has before, moving the meetings to the councilmanic districts and inviting the respective councilmanic person or their staff to attend. This would allow board members to get around the county. Mr. Williams stated that he thinks this is the direction the board should be going.

Mr. Williams informed the board that the county would be purchasing the YMCA property in Towson for about \$2.6 million, part of which would be paid for by Program Open Space. The property is approximately 16-17 acres and would eventually consist of a field and trails. The county would lease back to the Y a portion of the site. Mr. Williams suggested an artificial turf field for this site, which would allow for more flexibility. The field would probably not be available for use until the end of 2013 or 2014. In addition, the Y has offered us the use of their fields located at Stadium Place.

Mr. Williams reported that the department would not be using Miami Beach as a swimming beach this year, but plans to turn it back to a soil conservation type of area. As a swimming beach, there were not many attendees.

The County Executive has a new green initiative, which involves picking up litter. A letter was sent to all council presidents and board members about this. Mr. Williams stated that it appears this has not really taken off, but the Office of Communications is looking to ramp this up.

Old Business:

Members of the Back River Recreation Council (BRRC) and the Baltimore County Sailing Center (BCSC) came before the board to discuss the BCSC's desire to leave the BRRC and form their own

council. In summary, the BCSC presented a power point showing different sailing centers they would like to model and what they would like to do as a council. The BCSC wants to become their own council primarily to be able to apply for grants and be able to receive grants and donations without the control of another outside group. The BRRC is not partial to this as they claim they would lose money if the BCSC is no longer part of their council. Further discussion ensued regarding the reasoning of both parties. The board urged both parties to get together and come up with an arrangement; it is up to them to work this out. Discussion ensued. Board members requested to be kept apprised of the situation. Leslie Monfred requested that the board receive an email summarizing the meeting between the two groups.

New Business:

Larry Shackelford, president, Lutherville-Timonium Recreation Council (LTRC) came before the board to discuss issues regarding 1099s. Mr. Shackelford stated that the issues have stemmed from the board's financial guidelines. Councils are required to issue 1099s for services rendered. The last tax year, LTRC accounted for 100% of the cash. Mr. Shackelford informed the board of a situation during a soccer tournament where the referees were expecting to be paid in cash on the field and wanted nothing to do with providing tax information. Rather than shut down the tournament, the referees were given cash payment on the field. Mr. Shackelford reported that most organizations have changed, allowing referees to take responsibility for 1099s, but Central Maryland Soccer Association has not. The soccer folks have talked to this organization, but they don't want the accounting hassle that this would bring. Since the council had to account for the cash, they issued 1099s to the volunteer coaches that took the cash and paid the referees. Mr. Shackelford would like the board to get organizations such as the Central Maryland Soccer Association to change their policy and suggested the board write a letter. Vice Chairman Mike Weber stated that the board issues guidelines and that includes abiding the law. He indicated that the board should try to be helpful in making sure that these guidelines are followed. In addition, the board can put pressure on the department not to issue permits for those councils who are not in compliance. Further discussion ensued and the board stated they would like the county to make contact with these organizations.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Jacob Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Althea Page seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Liupaeter