

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

MICHAEL WEBER, CHAIRMAN

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held immediately following the annual dinner meeting with the Baltimore County Council Membership, at 5:45 p.m. The meeting was held at the Old Courthouse –Room 118, located at 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland. In attendance were Mike Weber, chairman; Eric van den Beemt, vice chairman; board members Leslie Monfred, Mike Milani, Chuck Munzert and Brian Weir. Recreation and Parks department staff included Barry F. Williams, director, and Behta Davis, chief, Recreation Services.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice Chairman Eric van den Beemt motioned to approve the May board meeting minutes, Brian Weir seconded, and all were in favor.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Mike Weber stated that he thinks it's important to move the board meetings to different locations. This would allow members to see some of the assets in Baltimore County. He asked board members to give some thought to this. Mr. Weber asked Behta Davis to come up with a list of sites the board should visit over the course of the next year. Mr. Weber suggested holding the July meeting at Robert E. Lee Park.

Mr. Weber asked board members to think about what they could be doing on a positive note. Mr. Weber reported that he met with the individual who runs the Franklin Square Medical Foundation; she is going to try and get him in touch with the community outreach person to discuss what the board can provide to them and what they are looking to do in the community. The board has access to many young kids across Baltimore County. In addition, the National Parks Service has expressed interest in doing something with Baltimore County Recreation and Parks. This is something positive the board can get behind.

Director's Comments:

Director Barry F. Williams informed board members that he and Mr. Weber have been meeting prior to each board meeting. Mr. Williams thinks this has been beneficial.

Old Business:

In regards to follow-up for financial review and re-certification, Mr. Weber discussed the latest report regarding the recreation councils and also discussed the letter that will go out to all re-certified

councils, which was approved last month. Mr. Weber discussed the list of councils that have not yet submitted proper documentation for re-certification. Board members plan to contact those within

their representative districts that are missing minor documentation; however, there are councils that have not yet submitted anything or have greater issues and, therefore, need to be handled by a sub-committee. Board members identified these councils.

Board members agreed that they are ready to get the letter regarding coverage for volunteers to Mike Field.

Mr. Definbaugh is not in attendance to report on background checks; however, brief discussion ensued. Board members voiced their opinions on this matter, and Mr. Weber replied stating that he thinks the board should make an official stance by September.

New Business:

Discussion ensued regarding the 90 foot diamond that was supposed to be done by June 1 but was not. Board members expressed their frustration and further stated that this is directly affecting a recreation council. Everyone is in agreement that someone needs to be held accountable. Mike Milani discussed the loss of services due to the transfer of the maintenance division and stated that priorities have changed; this move was not for the greater good. He has expressed his feelings to several county staff including Don Mohler and Bryan Sheppard. In order for the board to be proactive, Mr. Weber stated that members need to direct all concerns to the appropriate person. Mr. Milani excused himself from the meeting to attempt to reach Mr. Sheppard and find out what is going on with this project. Mr. Milani re-entered the meeting and stated that Mr. Sheppard is going to call him back.

Chuck Munzert and Mr. Weir have been attending council meetings within their areas and informed board members about some of the issues they have uncovered. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Weber stated that he thinks the board should create a sub-committee to oversee and assist this area. Further discussion ensued regarding Gray Charles Recreation Council. Mr. Weber suggested having a meeting with Mr. Definbaugh, Mr. Munzert and Mr. Weir to discuss these issues.

West Inverness Recreation Council Constitution and By-Laws was tabled until the next meeting as a result of Mr. Definbaugh's absence.

In regards to conduct for coaches, Ms. Davis has pulled copies of this and will have these documents for the next meeting.

Action:

Mr. van den Beemt motioned to hold board meetings at various sites around Baltimore County, Mr. Munzert seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. van den Beemt motioned to submit the letter to Mr. Field regarding coverage for volunteers, Mr. Weir seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Weber will get a copy to Mr. Williams to forward to Mr. Field.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mrs. Monfred moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Milani seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Liupaeter