

# BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

MICHAEL WEBER, CHAIRMAN

## Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 6:08 PM at the Department of Recreation and Parks administrative offices, Cockeysville, Maryland. In attendance were Mike Weber, chairman, Eric van den Beemt, vice chairman; board members Leslie Monfred, Greg Heitner, Chuck Munzert, Brian Weir, and Robbie Palmisano. Recreation and Parks department staff included Barry F. Williams, director, Beahta Davis, chief, Recreation Services, and Mike Schneider, community outreach liaison.

Board members discussed the recent passing of David Smylie. Chairman Mike Weber stated that Mr. Smylie [who had the longest tenure on the board] will be missed. Director Barry F. Williams stated that there were a couple of board members who attended the funeral services and the family was very appreciative.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Weber and Greg Heitner each requested one minor change. Leslie Monfred motioned to approve the October board meeting minutes with both requested changes, Mr. Heitner seconded, and all were in favor.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Mr. Weber announced that it is time to elect new officers of the board. He reported that Mike Milani will head the nominating committee and stated he hopes to have a slate to vote at the next meeting.

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

Mr. Williams stated that there are a few board members approaching the end of their term, and there are a couple of board members with new council members. He has spoken to two of them and hopes to speak with the third newly elected council member soon. He encouraged board members to invite their council member to attend a board meeting.

Mr. Williams reported that the Cockeysville project would be delayed because of BGE, which could also affect Soukup Arena.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Heitner announced that he created a new Facebook group, which both he and Mr. Weber are members, in addition to one council president. Mr. Heitner conducted a great deal of testing and believes everything is ready to go. He passed around the draft wording for board members to review

and discussed the details of the group. Mr. Weber asked Mr. Heitner to draft dialogue stating what this is and what it is meant for. Mr. Heitner agreed.

Regarding the financial review, Mr. Weber reported that not every council has complied. He stated he would have a report at the next meeting. Chuck Munzert received documents from Middle River and Towsontowne Recreation Councils. He reviewed these and stated that everything looked fine. Mr. Munzert mentioned an issue regarding Bengies-Chase; Mr. Weber stated that he would discuss this with Mr. Munzert after the meeting.

Board members require that all councils are 501(c)(3); however, there are some councils that are not. A document was circulated amongst the board entailing which councils are not in compliance. Discussion ensued and board members talked about meeting with these councils. Robbie Palmisano has done this with the help of his parents. He plans to look into how long it took him to complete the process and will report back to the board. Board members are happy to help these councils. Mr. Weber offered to write a letter from the board. (See Action item.)

Vice Chairman Eric van den Beemt provided background information regarding the Greater Loch Raven Recreation Council and the failure to reimburse expenses. He told the individual what to provide/submit to the recreation council president and he has not heard from him since. It has been three weeks and Mr. van den Beemt stated that he plans to follow up.

### **New Business:**

Board members received a copy of the by-laws, with suggested revisions clearly marked. Mr. Weber stated that he would like to be able to vote on this next month. Brief discussion ensued. Board members have two weeks to review and come up with a final document. All changes should be submitted to Lisa Liupaeter for incorporation.

Mr. Williams circulated an appeal letter, with regard to the Turner Station Recreation Council, for board members to review. Discussion ensued regarding the way these types of situations are handled and the protocol for this. Mrs. Monfred offered to meet with Brian Weir, investigate this situation and report back to the board.

Mr. Williams provided insurance information to the board, from National PAL. Councils have asked the board which companies provide board and officer insurance and this company does.

### **Action:**

Mr. van den Beemt motioned that all councils, which are not 501(c)(3), start the process to become 501(c)(3) by February 1, 2015, and offered the help of the board, if needed. Mr. Munzert seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mr. van den Beemt moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Munzert seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Liupaeter