

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

ERIC VAN DEN BEEMT, CHAIRMAN

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Baltimore County Recreation and Parks Board was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Department of Recreation and Parks administrative offices, Cockeysville, Maryland. In attendance were Eric van den Beemt, chairman, Chuck Munzert, vice chairman; board members Mike Milani, Leslie Monfred, Brian Weir, Robbie Leonard, Greg Heitner and Rob Palmisano. Recreation and Parks department staff included Barry F. Williams, director, Beahta Davis, chief, Recreation Services and Kara Burman, regional coordinator, Region 1.

Call to Order:

Chairman Eric van den Beemt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Member Activities:

Since there were members of the Lansdowne-Riverview Recreation Council present to testify, the chair opted to suspend the reporting of board member activities.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Heitner motioned to approve the May board meeting minutes, Mr. Leonard seconded, and all were in favor.

Comments from the Public:

Current members of the Lansdowne-Riverview executive board were present to discuss the state of affairs regarding their council. Pat Kreitzburg, the current secretary stated that nothing had changed since February. Checks written were not posted until after they had been cleared in the bank; could not get officers for June election. No one wants to work for the (in-coming) president; the treasurer has strange practices, she is up for re-election. A deposit was made in 2012 that no one claimed, it went into the council account in 2013 and was later moved to football: \$700 cash and a \$20 money order. Dave Clevenger, current president spoke and said that no one wants to be an officer; Donte White nominated himself and Ramona to be treasurer. He (Donte) wanted the meeting to be taped. Treasurer and chairperson had an altercation, police were called and the council is suspended from meeting in the school because of inappropriate language that was used in front of students. This was one of many altercation incidents between council members. Dave said that they have never had anything of this magnitude; by-laws are not being followed.

Recreation and Parks Board members had a discussion and a recommendation following the comments from the public.

Donte White came in about 15 minutes after the other group had left and gave a passionate account of his version of how things have been in the council and spoke of his interest in making changes and starting anew.

Both Dave Clevenger and Donte White acknowledged wrong doings and said that they would have handled things differently.

After hearing the testimony of Donte White, the board affirmed the earlier decision to decertify the Lansdowne-Riverview Council which was rendered at 6:45 PM. Additional procedural information is needed from the Law Office and Councilman Quirk will need to be informed, which will be handled by Mr. Williams.

Director's Comments:

Mr. Williams reported the schedule is set for the background check trainings for staff and all presidents who have expressed an interest in participating. The training lasts about 5-10 minutes, depending on the amount of questions. Mr. Williams stated that interested board members could participate in the training and would need to contact Beatha Davis.

Old Business:

Back River is still not ready, but the board voted to give them until next March to gather the necessary documentations for a financial review. Baltimore Highlands still has not provided their financial review. Cockeysville's financial review has been completed.

New Business:

Mr. Munzert reported that he reviewed the Liberty Road Recreation Council's constitution and by-laws and is making the necessary changes. He stated that he is about half through making all the changes.

Mr. van de Beemt reported that he has not connected with BCPS chair Dave Uhlfelder. He said that the best course would be for the two of them to sit down minus a large group.

Mr. Weir reported that he thought the Green family would be coming to the board meeting. The board voted to allow the reinstatement of the son and other members of the Green family. The Green family should only have to sign what other participants have to sign to take part in the league, nothing special or extra.

Mr. Weir reported that Berkshire-Eastwood would be participating in the national night out on August 4th.

Mr. Munzert will be informing Laura Bockner that Bengies-Chase Recreation Council needs to have two additional officers.

Mr. van de Beemt expressed a concern about for profit groups using the councils to get access to fields and buildings for their own programs. Discussion ensued and it was stated that although it is legitimate to do so, still, councils need to be more vigilant of the practices.

Mr. Williams stated that Robbie Palmisano will be moving on to Duke University, thanked him for his time on the board and all wished him success. This was followed by photos.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Milani moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Leonard seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry F. Williams