

## **Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting**

**March 22, 2006**

### **Unapproved Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Vince DePalmer, Judy Baker, Gary Davis, Earl Hersh, Tom Hersh, Jody Ledford, Kevin Null, Sue Podobnik, Tom Ronaghan

**Members Excused:** Art Nelligan, Jim Rodriguez

**Ex-Officio Member Present:** Jeff Degitz

**Department Staff Present:** Brad Rogers, Barbara Lages, Bill Schaefer, Bruce Dutterer, Matt Purkins

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on March 22, 2006, at Hashawha Environmental Center. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Vince DePalmer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Earl Hersh made a motion to approve the March Minutes as written, seconded by Judy Baker, and unanimously approved.

### **UPDATES/ISSUES:**

Jeff Degitz provided the following updates:

#### **Capital Projects:**

**Leister Park, Krimgold Park, and Gillis Falls Park** – design plans are continuing to move ahead with groundbreaking anticipated for later this year. Letters have been sent to the neighbors of Krimgold Park as well as Freedom Area and Winfield Recreation Councils notifying them that test borings are scheduled for later this week.

**West Carroll Regional Park** – The Hibberd property, located across from New Windsor Middle School, will be kept in the County's Ag Preservation Program. There has been an article in the press that we are looking for land in this area. There has been some discussion again with Lehigh Cement Co. and the Town of New Windsor concerning the company's plan for a rail spur that they want to put through one of the Town's parks. Since Lehigh would have to give New Windsor some land in return, perhaps some additional land could be worked out as well.

**Program Open Space** – Full funding is still planned for FY 2007, which may help us complete some of our capital projects more quickly.

**Gillis Falls Reservoir** – Recent newspaper articles have mentioned an interest from the State in building the Gillis Falls. In the past, however, the obstacle has been Federal regulations. If a decision is made to build the reservoir, the trails planned for the park would have to be relocated.

### **Capital Committee Report:**

The Capital Committee Report of March 10th on Self-Help Project recommendations was reviewed and unanimously accepted with a motion by Tom Ronaghan and seconded by Kevin Null. (See Addendum)

### **Constitution and By-Laws:**

With regard to revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws, Kevin Null, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, proposed taking a more in-depth look at the document and drafted a complete rewrite that was handed out to the Board. He requested input from the committee members, other Board members, and staff prior to the May meeting.

**Nominating Committee:**

Kevin Null announced that the Committee nominates Jody Ledford as Vice Chair and she has accepted the nomination. With no other nominations from the floor, Judy Baker made a motion to accept the nomination and elect Jody Ledford for the Office of Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Sue Podobnik and unanimously approved.

**Other Business:**

Jeff Degitz thanked Vince DePalmer for his service as Chairman and welcomed Tom Ronaghan as the new Chair. He also welcomed Gary Davis to the Board.

Barbara Lages reported that Richard Soisson has been selected to receive the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association's Retired Life Professional Award that will be presented to him at the Annual MRPA Conference in April.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Degitz, Director

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Darlene Rohrbaugh, Secretary