

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
County Office Building – Room 003  
July 28, 2010**

**Approved Minutes**

**Members Present:** Samuel Case, Joe Cook, Gary Davis, Brad Knatz, Jody Ledford, Herman Padilla, Jim Rodriguez, and Bobbi Tucker

**Members Excused:** Colin Furneaux, Sue Podobnik, Tom Ronaghan

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

**Staff Present:** Bruce Dutterer, Dottie Freeman, and Shawn Reese

Mr. Knatz called the meeting to order. Mr. Degitz introduced Ms. Dottie Freeman as the Manager for the Carroll County Farm Museum.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon motion of Sam Case, seconded by Bobbi Tucker, the Board voted to adopt the May 26, 2010 Recreation and Parks Board meeting minutes. Upon motion of Jim Rodriguez, seconded by Joe Cook, the Board voted to adopt the June 30, 2010 Recreation and Parks Board meeting minutes.

**Director's Report:**

- The Carroll County Farm Museum is once again a facility within the Department of Recreation and Parks, effective July 15.
- Harrison Leishear Property in Mount Airy will feature approximately 100 acres that will be leased to the town for development as a park site and will add athletic fields to the community; remaining 154 acres anticipated to be business park.
- Streaker Road Practice Field – The Recreation Council met with neighbors in May, a public meeting with a broader invitee list was held on July 8. Mr. Degitz will brief the Board of County Commissioners next week. There were 60 citizens in attendance with two-thirds of the group opposed and one-third in favor.
- Piney Run received a \$1,000.00 community grant from Wal Mart at the Grand Reopening of Eldersburg store. These funds will be used to remodel the children's room at Piney Run Nature Center.
- Mr. Degitz reported that this election year will include voting for five (5) County Commissioners as opposed to three (3) County Commissioners in years past and that citizens will only be able to vote for one (1) Commissioner in their own district. This is a good chance to get to know the candidates that are running in

your district. The League of Women Voter will be holding the upcoming candidate forums:

- August 5 District 4 Parris Ridge Elementary @ 7 P.M.
- August 9 District 3 Community Media Center @ 7 P.M.
- August 16 District 2 Hampstead Town Hall @7 P.M.
- August 18 District 5 Sykesville Town Hall @ 7 P.M.
- August 19 District 1 Manchester Town Hall @ 7 P.M.

### **Carroll County Farm Museum Update:**

Ms. Freeman gave an overview of the history of the Carroll County Farm Museum; highlighting the educational as well as the historical features that it has to offer. The Farm Museum was a 140 acre “Alm’s House,” a working farm for those people down on their luck that needed a place to live. In 1965, the state started helping people with the Department of Social Services Welfare Program and the “Alm’s House” was closed. In 1966, the Board of County Commissioners renovated and opened the farm as a museum of living history. This museum is used to educate the citizens of Carroll County as to what it was like to live on a farm in the early 1900’s. There are now guided school tours of the museum as well as Christmas tours and weekend events. Rental of the pavilion for picnics and weddings help in the effort of raising funds as well. Upcoming weekend events include Steam Show Days, the Maryland Wine Festival, Fall Harvest Days, and the December Holiday Tours. Ms. Freeman distributed rack cards and posters promoting the Maryland Wine Festival stating that there will be 25,000± people that will attend the festival on the weekend of September 18 and 19, 2010 with 600 to 700 volunteers helping with selling tickets, selling t-shirts and posters, etc.

### **Capital Sub Committee Report and Recommendations:**

The Capital Sub Committee met on July 21<sup>st</sup>, reviewed all proposed capital projects, and placed them in priority order:

1. Park Restoration
2. Landon C. Burns Walking Trail Connection – Development
3. Westminster Community Trail
4. Hyde Quarry Pavilion and Development
5. Westminster Community Park (former Majewski Property) – Design and Construction
6. Krimgold Park, Phase 3

Upon motion of Sam Case, seconded by Bobbi Tucker, the Recreation and Parks Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Capital Sub Committee. The Recreation and Parks Board commended the sub committee for their time and hard work.

### **Other Business:**

The Farm Musuem will not be included in the Fall Program Guide. It has already gone to press. Becky Kishter is working on completing the 2010 Winter Guide which will include Farm Museum programs.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned, upon motion of Brad Knatz, seconded by Gary Davis at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff R. Degitz*

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Jeff R. Degitz, Director

*Shawn Reese*

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Shawn Reese, Secretary