

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting
September 26, 2012**

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Joseph Cook, Colin Furneaux, Brad Knatz, Lewis Baylor and Judy Baker

Members Excused: Gary Davis, Jim Rodriguez, Bobbi Tucker, and Walter Schemm Jr.

Staff Present: Bruce Dutterer, Abby Gruber, Loren Lustig, and Tina Shupp

Guests: Ed Beane, Mark Slater, Bridget McCullough, John Lowe, Chris Englebrake, Carolyn Garber, John Fitzgerald, Troy Staub, Dave Tartaglia, Talara Kumrow, Greg Karlz, Tyler Elliott, Ken Whalen, Sandy Oxx, Scott Linton, Bill Warburton, and Mark Turner

Ex-Officio Member Present: Jeff Degitz

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on September 26th, 2012 in the Public Hearing Room at the Carroll County Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by board member Brad Knatz.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Strategic Plan Update** - We have begun working on an update to the Department's strategic plan. Brad Rogers, Abby Gruber and I are compiling our thoughts and sharing them with Gary Davis who is representing the Board. We will meet as a committee in October and be submitting a draft to the full Advisory Board. This item will be on the Agenda for the October meeting.
- **Park Legacy Fund** - We continue to receive donations to help fund the new dog park at Bennett Cerf. We have also just received a donation of \$1,500 for the new park benches at Bennett Cerf from Random House.
- **Recreation and Parks Crab Feast** - The second annual Recreation and Parks Crab Feast celebration will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 6-10pm in the Freedom Optimist Community Hall. The menu features steamed crabs and shrimp, fried chicken, pit beef and much more. Tickets are \$40 and available through Recreation and Parks. All proceeds benefit the Park Legacy Fund.
- **Fall Festivals** - Approximately 850 people attended the Monarch Madness Festival at Bear Branch Nature Center on September 9 and we also had an excellent crowd at the Steam Show which was at the Farm Museum on the same weekend. Over 17,000 people attended the Maryland Wine Festival on September 15-16. Piney Run will be hosting its annual Apple Festival this Saturday, September 29 from 10am- 4pm.

- **Capital Projects Update** - Equipment has been moved to Leister Park and construction is imminent. We are working with Budget to transfer funds from soon to be closed projects in order to sufficiently fund the recently opened Krimgold Park bid.

SELF-HELP PROJECT REQUESTS:

- *Carroll County Arts Council- Presented by Sandy Oxx*

Carroll County Arts Council is requesting the preparation and painting of the concrete theater floor, two art classrooms, two galleries, lobby, stairwell, hall and the four public restrooms.

Total project cost: \$10,757.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$2,689.00; County Funds: \$8,068.00

- *Central Carroll Recreation Council*

A request was submitted by Kevin Stewart for the roof repair of the concession/storage building at Deer Park. The roof continues to leak which can lead to a hazard.

Total project cost: \$4,500.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$1,125.00; County Funds: \$3,375.00

- *Central Carroll Recreation Council- John Fitzgerald*

The Central Carroll Recreation Council is requesting a new electronic scoreboard at Deer Park since the other one is very old and constantly needing repair.

Total project cost: \$6,415.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$1,576.00; County Funds: \$4,839.00

- *Central Carroll Recreation Council- Presented by Robert Freter*

Central Carroll is requesting field repair at Sandymount Park on field #2. They are in need of topsoil to maintain a safe playing area.

Total project cost: \$4,500.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$1,125.00; County Funds: \$3,375.00

- *Central Carroll Recreation Council- Presented by David Roth*

Central Carroll is requesting soccer goals for Deer Park. Additional goals are needed for the growing soccer program, as well as the fall and spring soccer tournaments.

Total project cost: \$3,805.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$888.00; County Funds: \$2,917.00

- *Central Carroll Recreation Council- Presented by Scott Linton*

Scott is requesting miscellaneous improvements at Sandymount Park. They would like to repair the benches on field 1 and 2, install 2 batting cages- 1 on field 1 and 1 on field 3, install a 10' x 10' wooden shed on field 1 and install a single 120v outlet on each field.

Total project cost: \$3,435.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$579.00; County Funds: \$2,856.00

- *Central Carroll Recreation Council- Two Projects Presented by Rich Zavetz*

Finksburg baseball is requesting 1 batting cage on memorial field at Deer Park.

Total project cost: \$1,500.00 Rec. Council Contribution: \$375.00; County Funds: \$1,125.00

Finksburg baseball is requesting ball diamond mix for Deer Park and for Sandymount Park.

Total project cost: \$11,431.00 Rec. Council Contribution: \$2,648.00; County Funds: \$8,783.00

- *Charles Carroll Recreation Council- Presented by Talara Kumrow*

Talara is requesting ball diamond mix for Charles Carroll Elementary fields.

Total project cost: \$4,340.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$945.00; County Funds: \$3,395.00

- *Carroll County Equestrian Council- Presented by Bridget McCullough*

The Equestrian Council is requesting to construct a ford crossing through a shall stream located on the southwest side of Piney Run undeveloped area. The ford crossing will support horse and pedestrian traffic.

Total project cost: \$2,450.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$504.00; County Funds: \$1,946.00

- *Freedom Area Recreation Council- Presented by Ken Whalen*

Ken Whalen is requesting window tinting on the 6 gymnasium windows at the South Carroll Senior and Community Center. This will reduce the sunlight that comes in affecting visibility.

Total project cost: \$2,850.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$712.00; County Funds: \$2138.00

- *North Carroll Recreation Council- Four Projects Presented by Tyler Elliott*

The first project request is for ball diamond mix for Manchester Elementary fields.

Total project cost: \$2,250.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$388.00; County Funds: \$1,862.00

The second project request is for ball diamond mix for Cape Horn Park fields.

Total project cost: \$2,250.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$388.00; County Funds: \$1,862.00

The third project request is for ball diamond mix for Christmas Tree Park field C.

Total project cost: \$1,500.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$288.00; County Funds: \$1,212.00

The fourth project request is for ball diamond mix for Christmas tree Park field D.

Total project cost: \$2,250.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$388.00; County Funds: \$1,862.00

- *West Carroll Recreation Council- Presented by Troy Staub*

Troy Staub is requesting a wireless scoreboard at the Union Bridge Community Center. The current scoreboard is no longer working.

Total project cost: \$4,583.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$936.00; County Funds: \$3,647.00

- *Westminster Recreation Council- Presented by John Lowe*

John Lowe is requesting a wrestling mat for Winters Mill High School. Having their own mat would allow for the ability to host tournaments and dual meet competitions with less reliance on the County School Equipment.

Total project cost: \$6,600.00 Rec. Council Contribution: \$1,650.00; County Funds: \$4,950.00

- *Westminster Recreation Council- Three Projects Presented by Bob Jenkins*

Bob Jenkins is requesting field maintenance at East Middle School to keep them in a healthy and safe condition to use.

Total project cost: \$1,992.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$330.00; County Funds: \$1,662.00

Bob Jenkins is requesting field maintenance at Friendship Valley Elementary School to keep them in a healthy and safe condition to use.

Total project cost: \$1,992.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$330.00; County Funds: \$1,662.00

Bob Jenkins is requesting field maintenance at Kate Wagner Fields to keep them in a healthy and safe condition to use.

Total project cost: \$1,992.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$330.00; County Funds: \$1,662.00

- *Westminster Recreation Council- Presented by Tom Whitcomb*

Tom is requesting ball diamond mix for Jaycee Park. The fields have become uneven and do not drain well.

Total project cost: \$5,000.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$1,222.00; County Funds: \$3,778.00

- *Winfield Recreation Council- Presented by Ed Beane (in place of Dave Becker)*

Ed Beane is requesting backstop fencing at Mayeski Park. The addition of the backstop will allow both softball and baseball to hold practices and games.

Total project cost: \$6,521.00; Rec. Council Contribution: \$1613.00; County Funds: \$4,908.00

Ms. Judy Baker thanked everyone for coming out and for their time putting together their presentations, as well as their time for the kids.

Mr. Degitz explained that the requests will be voted on by the full Board through email and then to the County Commissioners for their recommendation. \$83,386.00 is available for Self-Help projects this fiscal year and the projects requested tonight total \$76,419.00 in County funds.

NOMINATION OF NEW CHAIR AND CHAIR ELECT:

The Board requested that the nominating committee will meet and make a nomination for the new chair.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jeff Degitz would like to schedule a tour of the park sites. An email will be sent requesting whether you can attend on October 20th or October 27th beginning at 9am.

On a motion by Colin Furneaux, seconded by Joe Cook, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff R. Degitz

Jeff R. Degitz, Administrator

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