

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting
May 25, 2016**

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Judy Baker, Brad Knatz, Mike Rodgers, Derek Ludlow, Tony Rosas, Sue Ruppert, John Marks and Carolyn Garber

Members Excused: Brian Clancy, Tom Long and Jim Rodriguez

Staff Present: Candy Sharrer and Ric Buchanan

Ex-Officio Member Present: Jeff Degitz

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on May 25, 2016 at the County Office Building's public hearing room 003/004. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by board chair Derek Ludlow.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Derek Ludlow moved to approve the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections, John Marks seconded, all concurred and minutes were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Self Help Policy Update:** Staff have completed some revisions to Self Help policy and forms in preparation for upcoming year's requests. Volunteer hours now credited at \$10/hour instead of \$7 as well as some minor revisions of procedures and approval process.
- **Parks Ordinance Changes:** Proposed changes were approved by Commissioners on April 21; next step will be to develop internal policies for staff use
- **Pickleball:** Staff recently conducted a survey of pickleball players at South Carroll Senior & Community Center and Robert Moton Center. 100% of responders indicated that they would use an outdoor court if one existed and 74% indicated it did not matter if standard tennis net height of 42" (instead of pickleball regulation 36") was in place. When courts are resurfaced this year at Sandymount and Deer Park this year, pickleball lines will be included in new painting as well as tennis.
- **Budget Update:** Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the budget tomorrow, May 26. Items not included in original recommended budget but added by Commissioners after agency hearings include:

- \$200,000 additional funding for park restoration in FY17 and additional \$50,000 in subsequent years
 - \$500,000 to help with maintenance & operating costs associated with closed school facilities that will continue to be used in coming year by recreation and parks
 - \$90,000 additional funding towards the \$180,000 cost to resurface the Mayeski Park entrance road, contingent upon the remainder being contributed by Board of Education, Winfield Fire Company and/or community
 - Additional POS funding will be utilized towards Krimgold Park play equipment and the department may also have sufficient funds to complete additional section of walking trail
- ❖ In other budget news, additional POS funding allowed Bear Branch Nature Center tot lot to be included in FY 17. Other projects scheduled for FY17 include Deer Park and Sandymount tennis courts resurfacing and \$420,000 for Westminster Veterans Memorial Park and \$200,000 for parkland acquisition.
- ❖ Park restoration projects anticipated for FY17 thanks to the additional funding include the following:
- Piney Run Pier Replacement
 - Hashawha siding/window replacement
 - Cape Horn walking trail resurfacing (part one)
 - Parking renovations at Landon C Burns
 - Deer Park pavilion replacement
 - Piney Run upper comfort station
 - Mayeski Park pavilion roof repairs

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Carroll County Recreation & Parks 1st Annual Carroll County ‘Park Legacy’ Golf Outing coming up on Friday, June 3rd. The event starts at 7:30am at the Westminster National Golf Club.
- Therapeutic Recreation Day will be held Tuesday, June 7th from 11am – 2pm at the Carroll County Farm Museum.
- The Lax Max Youth Lacrosse Tournament will be held June 10 and 11.

LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN (LPPRP) UPDATE:

Jeff Degitz shared some brief information about the LPPRP before giving a power point presentation of the survey results. The Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) is updated every 5 years. There was a random public needs assessment survey done in 2014 and another survey completed this year. The information gathered helps to guide our future efforts to best meet the park and recreation needs of the community. Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks will be holding two (2) public meetings to discuss current efforts to update the County’s LPPRP. Meetings will be held on Thursday, June 2 at the South Carroll Senior and

Community Center and Monday, June 6 at the North Carroll Branch of the Carroll County Public Library. Both meetings are open to the public and begin at 7 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Derek Ludlow and John Marks asked about a recent Carroll County Times article that mentioned an altercation at the Sports Complex. Jeff Degitz shared that the department is aware of the situation and looking into the matter further. Once we have all of the facts, an appropriate response to the situation and individual(s) will be delivered.

Derek Ludlow asked about the geese problem at Westminster Community Pond. Jeff Degitz and Ric Buchanan shared that the county has purchased a device to deter the geese and will install it in the near future.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Sue Ruppert asked if we had a plan in place for mosquitos with concern of the Zika virus. Jeff Degitz shared that the Health department has shared pamphlets that we will place at the parks.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by John marks and concurred by all, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff R. Degitz

Jeff R. Degitz, Director

Candy Sharrer

Candy Sharrer, Secretary