

Open Work Session
Lease Agreement with the Wicomico Equestrian Club, Ltd.
February 16, 2021

Mr. Steve Miller, Director of Recreation, Parks and Tourism, came before Council and said he is here to talk about the request to extend the lease agreement with the Wicomico Equestrian Club at the Wicomico Equestrian Center. He said the County has had a lease agreement in place for the last five years that started in 2016 and just recently expired, and their hope and intention is to extend that lease for an additional five year term that would expire at the end of 2025. He said their relationship with the Club has traditionally been very good, and they have been excellent stewards of the facility. He said the County's relationship with the Club has indirectly enhanced the quality of life, their Department's mission, by providing equestrian events for locals, but also by drawing visitors in from out of town when they hold events that draw people in from out of the area. He said they feel very positive about that relationship and would like to see that continue. He said they have made some minor wording adjustments to the agreement, and they also agreed to a minor increase in the rate the County would charge over five years as a gradual increase to help the County recoup some of the costs that have increased over the years. He said Mr. Stanley Morris from the Club is also here, and he has been a big part of this over many years, and they would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Cannon said this has been a great organization to work with, and has been a very complimentary group to have in Winterplace, so, without question, he thinks they should move forward with this.

Mr. Dodd said this is going to require a Public Hearing, which can be held on March 16 at 10:00 a.m. There was no further discussion.



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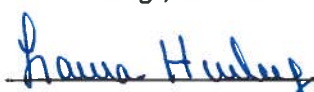


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