

Wicomico Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
June 23, 2020
Minutes

The Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 via Webex due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

The following Commission and staff members were on the call:

Commission Members

Allen Brown
Tom Bowden
Shawn Johnson
Erin Smith
Paul Butler
Les Wright

Staff Members

James Simmons
Chuck Poole
Linda Lyons

Chairman Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The minutes from May 26, 2020 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Poole reported on the following ballfield updates. Starting with the complex, he noted Field 7-1/2 is nearing completion. The final projects include the fence, shade area and dugouts. These items will be complete by the end of June. Salisbury Rotary donated two pavilions and handicap accessible picnic tables. They plan to donate additional work by building a changing room for Field 7-1/2. The layout for the playground and sensory trail is being developed for completion by Spring 2021. Fields 1-4 were skinned. Initially the material wasn't performing as promised, but now the fields play extremely well. Mr. Poole noted all nets are back on tennis and basketball courts. Nick Meyer basketball court's repair is nearly complete and the basketball court and pavilion replacement at Willards will begin after July 1.

The bulkhead renovation project at Cedar Hill was sent to the State. This process can take up to six months for approval to proceed. The plan is to replace all electric around the harbor this off season. The funding for the restrooms is in place so the park will have its face lift by next season.

With the reopening of parks and restrooms, the parks team is following COVID-19 guidelines. Required extensive cleaning is very time consuming and with less help, is proving challenging.

Mr. Simmons presented the Recreation updates. Two tournaments have been held the past 2 weeks at the complex. They are staying connected with the Health Department and Emergency Services to follow social distancing protocols. Live streaming is available on all fields at the complex. Spectators are encouraged to use this option. As summer temperatures rise, direction from the Health Department is to eliminate the temperature portion of screening. Electrostatic sprayers for bathroom cleaning are being used. This method sanitizes and is dry within 10 minutes. Restrooms are cleaned every 2 hours.

Kids Klub Summer Escape summer camp was cancelled due to capacity restrictions. The Pemberton Nature Camp will take place beginning July 6. Various sports camps will be offered throughout the

summer. The Karate program will return to the Civic Center on July 6 with the choice of virtual or in house participation.

Mr. Simmons went on to introduce the new back to school event. Leftover school supplies will be distributed through the Board of Education. Extra funds from fundraising will be put toward Comcast Essentials Program which provides internet for lower income families. The goal is to provide this service to 200 families. They want to be sure the supplies get to the most needed families. Hopes are to host the original backpack event next year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.
Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Linda Lyons