

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
October 24, 2018**

**Approved Minutes**

**Members Present:** Judy Baker; Donald Gerkin; Michael Rodgers; Tony Rosas; Tom Long; Derek Ludlow; John Marks

**Members Excused:** Caitlin Christ, Carolyn Garber, David Dolch, Kristin Darby

**Staff Present:** Katherine Cottingham, Lisa Carroll, Ric Buchanan, Brad Rogers, Matt Decker, Jamie Noel

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

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on October 24, 2018 at Piney Run Park's Yurt. The meeting was called to order at 1:01p.m by board chair Anthony Rosas.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Marks moved to approve the September 19th, 2018 meeting minutes, Judy Baker seconded, all concurred and minutes were approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Piney Run Hayrides** – Nearly 300 people have registered thus far for Friday and Saturday night hayrides October 19 – November 17 with more anticipated. Feedback from participants has been very positive
2. **Maryland STEM Festival** – Statewide event held October 26 – November 11, 2018. Thirty events from CC Public Library, Recreation & Parks, Freedom Area Rec. Council PIE3 and others including 11/2 Starry Night at Bear Branch Nature Center and 11/3 Maker Day at Robert Moton Center
3. **USS Sioux City Commissioning** – Recreation and Parks secured 40 tickets to first ever commissioning of a ship at Annapolis on November 17. Tickets sold out almost instantly.
4. **Patapsco Valley State Park (PVSP) Trail Vision** – Staff met with PVSP staff regarding long term trail vision and possibility of assisting with connection to Freedom Park. Positive discussion and follow up meeting likely to occur in early 2019.
5. **Recreation Services for Seniors** – Survey recently conducted with Seniors in Action members as part of a larger effort to evaluate program delivery to older adults and fastest growing demographic in county. Staff will be meeting with Seniors in Action again in November to continue discussion.
6. **Volunteer of the Year and Hall of Fame** – Event scheduled for November 1 at Carroll Arts Center with desserts at 6:30 pm and event at 7 pm. Thanks to Advisory Board members for their efforts with Hall of Fame voting.

**SELF HELP PROJECT RECAP & POLICY DISCUSSION:**

- All self-help requests except the WARC Grindstone Wrestling Mats and the NCRC Basketball Rebound Machine were approved by the commissioners.
- During the discussion regarding these two projects, Derek Ludlow stated that he thought he had voted against the basketball rebound machine when first proposed. Board Chair Tony Rosas moved to approve funding based on past precedent; we continue to support the funding of the Wrestling Mats to move forward, Tom Long seconded and all concurred. Donald Gerkin moved to retract support of the rebound machine, John Marks seconded, and all concurred.

**MODIFICATIONS TO CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS:**

- In years past, meeting was held in June
- In 2018 it was moved to May
- Starting January 2019, we will begin taking public input using Web, Social Media, Surveys, letters to stakeholders, etc.
- At the March meeting, we will discuss the input we receive  
Preliminary discussion in May with project presentations in June

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Judy Baker, Mike Rodgers seconded, and concurred by all, the meeting adjourned at 2:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff R. Degitz*

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Jeff R. Degitz, Director

*Katherine Cottingham*

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Katherine Cottingham, Secretary