

Chester County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

September 25, 2017 Minutes

Commission Members Present: Jamey Wooten; Jerry Thomas; Wade A. Young; Walker Thompson, Jr.; Kyle Heffner; Brad Jordan; Justin Reynolds

Commission Members Absent: James P. McNeil

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Jamey Wooten with pledge and invocation.

Motion to approve minutes by Jerry Thomas, and seconded by Jamey Wooten. The vote passed unanimously.

The first topic was the Great Fall's M.O.U. and Contract. Jerry Thomas recommended that we advise to omit the line from page 5, "The County may not assign or sublet this Lease Agreement with the expressed written approval of the Town." Brad Jordan suggested that the board recommends removing the topic of hiring Great Fall's personnel and employee salary from page 2, second and third paragraphs. Page 3, third paragraph should also be updated. This item deals with taxes and insurance. Brad Jordan would also like to list each recreational program that the County would support. He stated that it should read, "Under the agreement, we agree to maintain all county recreational programs at these facilities....." Also, on page 4, paragraph 4 needs to be changed to responsible only for facilities support and maintenance. In total, the board feels that we should start to renegotiate the contract with Great Falls now, and not when the contract is up in 3 years.

The next topic was the Rodman Master Plan. Kyle Heffner suggested that the soccer field and baseball fields are reversed for convenience during baseball or softball tournaments. He mentioned that there may be a lot of time during relocation. He also stated that a bridge over the waterway could reduce travel time from one side of the complex, connecting it to the other side if the fields aren't switched. It was also stated that we advise making some of the baseball fields larger to 300 feet fields. The reasoning is, we could use portable fencing to make the fields smaller into 200 feet fields, thereby, having a wider range of use from these fields.

Item 5 on the agenda was discussing the recreation manager and the line item breakdown for the YMCA. Shane mentioned he would invite the director of the YMCA so we could ask questions and figure the services that the county is paying for in terms of recreational activities. Kyle Heffner mentioned that he would like to invite Pop Warner to Chester because the "Y" no longer contributes to youth football.

There is no director of recreation as of yet. A main job would be working with the non-profits and organizing fields. Although our committee wouldn't write the job description, we could offer insight into what the job functions should be.

The topic of West Chester cost of parks included a \$10,000 – \$12,000 cost to repair the trailer near the Baton Rouge grounds. We would still need to survey the land to figure if the trailer was set on the County's land, and not private land.

Justin Reynolds stated that he would like to ask companies for donations and recognize the company with its name on the park's ground.

It was stated that the county use Chester County School District as a template for the facilities use agreement while renting any county park. It would state what could and couldn't be done while using any county park.

The committee stated that we could use the cost estimates of park's upkeep by property as a starting point when seeking sponsorships from companies such as Giti Tire.

The last item on the agenda was a portable fence for David Minor's Park presented by Kyle Heffner. He found quotes ranging from \$4,200 - \$4,300. The fencing would allow the David Minor's park to reduce the length from 285 feet to 200 feet field for younger kids. The remaining field will give other teams an area to practice at while games are being played. Kyle also stated that this would help with safety because the teams would have to warm up behind the bleachers and could potentially harm spectators and even damage vehicles. It was decided to hold on any recommendations right now, and visit with Robert Hall at the Chester baseball field to view a portable fence that one of the leagues raised money to buy.

The committee decided to meet October 23, 2017 at 6:00

Brad Jordan motioned to adjourn, Jamey seconded. The meeting ended at 8:25pm.

