

OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2022

MAAC Members Present: Donna McElroy, Sue Challis, John Latham, Mike Johnson

The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Donna McElroy at 10 a.m.

The minutes from March 15, 2022 were reviewed and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Marine Debris Plunder Project - Sue Challis gave an update on the planned May 15 event. The dumpster is being donated by Seagull, all Parks and Recreation personnel have been notified, and Maryland Coastal Bays is receiving some registrations. Sue handed out some of the brochures and flyers that have been handed out at the Ocean Pines Farmer's Market over the past several weekends.

Community Requests/Input - John Latham shared a note he received from GM John Viola with an update on the requests for repairs that Public Works received from the Committee. As for the storage and launching of kayaks at Pintail Park that he received several inquiries on, the GM says they are waiting on permits. The group discussed whether more public outreach is needed to show where existing kayak launches are located in the community, i.e., White Horse Park boat ramp, Mumford's Landing. When John sees action on the pending requests at Mumford's he will go back to the residents who inquired and let them know that it's being scheduled/worked on.

Dredging - Dave Allen attended the executive council where dredging was discussed. No update available yet.

Inviting chairperson of Environmental and Natural Assets Advisory Committee to our meeting? Doug Parks was to have given us an update, but was unable to attend the meeting. Mike offered to call Sharon and extend an invitation to the next meeting.

White Horse boat ramp parking area and walking trail damage/vandalism - Sue has not yet given the photos and a write up to Viola. Pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Measuring canal depths in Ocean Pines - how can the committee assist? Mike Johnson will call the DNR for some guidance on the procedure and the committee will revisit this subject at the May meeting.

Mike said he has heard from several kayakers who would like to have street markers on some of the community bulkheads as an aid to navigation. The committee will investigate.

Sue said one of her friends had asked about a NO WAKE navigation buoy that used to be on the canal near the golf course bridge, but has disappeared. The group will find out who is responsible for installing such buoys (community or DNR, etc.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Next meeting is May 17, 2022.

Submitted by Sue Challis (acting recording secretary)

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