

# MINUTES: REC AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2022- 7pm

Attendees:

Patti Stevens, Laura Scharle, Bill Barnard, Michael Fraser (pending committee membership), Sharon C. (chair of environmental committee)

**Approval of Minutes** – April minutes approved by the committee, all in favor

**Committee Membership Update** - Thomas “Michael” Fraser pending a vote via email (Patti will send out)

Martha is taking a break, Laura filling in to take minutes.

**Sharon C - invited since we had some overlap between the two committees**

4/25 presentation to board about south pond - geese deterrents and advice on addressing erosion (plants, landscaping)

Route 90 pond (officially called “front” pond) - wildlife signs to be installed around pond, kayak launch area to be cleaned up by cutting back shrubs. MD Coastal Bays did a survey of the topography around the lake - discussed kayak launch and turtle basking islands.

Water quality tests in south pond revealed more human and dog fecal matter than goose fecal matter. Discussion on more trail signage and mile markers.

Patti explains how the trail is not obvious that it rounds the route 90 pond. It looks like you’re walking through backyards. Suggested the environmental committee get the trail plans, pot mapping, or property markings from Marty (former resident).

Resident called Sharon concerned about dog poop bags everywhere. Looking to add dog poop bags and trash cans around route 90 pond.

Trail maintenance has been diverted a bit due to COVID outbreak in public works as the start of pickleball work.

Recommended to the board to fill up newspaper vending machines or put newspapers on the front porch to reduce the plastic bags and newspaper debris around the neighborhood. Patti mentioned that The Parke doesn’t allow it, why can’t we do that for the whole neighborhood?

## **Emailed updates via Debbie Donohue**

Kayak racks should be installed next week. Once they are hung, we'll make an announcement to those on the waiting list. If there are any leftover, they'll push out to the community.

Received proposed plans from Vista on the floating kayak launch for Pintail Park. Debbie is going to go back to public works with questions to be proposed to Vista about the steepness of the ramp vs. water levels (to ensure it's ADA accessible). Goal to have kayak launch installed by Fall 2023. Pintail Park bulkhead replacements in 2022.

Registration for community walks will be through Northstar. OPA will send out press release about the walks and include registration info.

Bainbridge Playground – No updates

## **Updates from Committee**

Bill: AARP Grant update– fingers crossed - find out very soon. If we don't get it, we should consider bringing it to the Choptank Community Foundation.

Laura: Paddling classes – 3 for sunset, 0 for entry level so far. Laura will reach out to Susie from Ayers Creek about the logistics of doing rentals for the intro courses on June 15 and 22.

Patti: Community bike ride - Michael will help Patti with sign installation. Laura and Michael can help with clean-up. Patti will ask OPA to create facebook events for both the bike ride and the June 4 walks.

Bill: Community walks - Kathryn and Ralph Ferrusi will host the walk on Robin Hood Trail at 9.30am. Bill will host the Library Trail at 1pm. Hosts should bring trail maps. Laura will create survey for walkers on google forms and create QR code to be scanned at the end of the walks.

## **New Business**

What is the old tennis/basketball court at Swim & Racquet club being used for? Quick brainstorm - kids input for kids game area, large picnic pavilion that could be rented out.

Topography of south pond - need more info and discussion