

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, November 13, 2023**  
**OPA Community Center – East Room**  
**6:30 – 7:30 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**Participants Present:** Five of seven members were present. Elaine Brady attended as the Ocean Pines Board Liaison.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for month of November was approved.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes for the month of October were approved.

**Chairperson Comments:** Congratulations to Laura Scharle for completing the 600-Mile Paddle journey around the Delmarva peninsula. Her achievement was highlighted in several local media outlets – Bayside Gazette, Chesapeake Bay Magazine, OC Today and NBC WRDE Coast Life.

**Public Comments:** None

**Topics Discussed:**

- Results of Monthly Trail & Park Walk: Becky shared the results from the Trail & Park Walk conducted at White Horse Park. Notable items included condition of the walking trail, dead trees, and other safety hazards. These items were identified in the 23 May Trail & Park Walk Recommendations and have yet to be addressed.
- Annual Report: Bill provided status of Recreation & Parks Annual Report that was submitted to the Board 31 Oct. The group discussed requesting feedback from the Board on the contents of the Annual Report, the status of requests and establishing a feedback loop. The Annual Report will be presented at an Executive Board Meeting which is to be scheduled.
- OP Bike & Pedestrian Safety Committee: Patti discussed the establishment of the Ocean Pines Bike and Pedestrian Safety and Access Community Work Group. The purpose of the working group is to reflect the interest of residents, business owners, and employees of the Ocean Pines community including OPA, identify immediate and longer-term actions to improve access and safety for walking and biking, creating safe routes to connect OP North and South gates and safe routes to schools and businesses.

- OP Day: Becky discussed that OP Day was approved by the Board for 20 April 2024. The purpose of the event is to showcase the Ocean Pines amenities and clubs to residents and non-residents.
- 2023 Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Amenity Survey: Prior to the meeting, Bill sent out an email with the survey results. The group discussed Board expectations for survey results. Bill requested that the group review the survey results for discussion at the December Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Rec & Parks Advisory Committee Chairperson: Bill announced that he will be stepping down as chairperson and will remain a committee member. He asked that anyone interested in serving as chairperson contact him prior to the next meeting.

**Actions for Committee:**

- Bill to reach out to Board Liaison on status of Advisory Committee recommendations that have been submitted to the Board.
- All Advisory Committee Members to review the 2023 Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Amenity Survey results for discussion at the December 11<sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee Meeting. The survey results were sent by Bill on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

**Final Note:** *Next Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Ocean Pines Community Center – East Room. The option of an online “Teams Meeting” is available upon request.*