

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes March 10, 2015

Ocean Pines Community

Center Assateague Room 7pm

Next meeting: April 14

In attendance: Chair; Roy Forman, Staff Liaison, Sonya Bounds, Secretary; Tres Denk, Jim Wahl, Tim McMullen, Skip Schlesinger, Brad Gibson

Absent: Members: BOD Liaison: Sharyn O'Hare, Marie Gilmore

Announcements

Roys term ends June 17, 2015 We must vote on new chair for committee. Tim McMullen has been nominated.

Ray Unger and Terri Mohr have resigned.

Skip Schlesinger introduced Brad Gibson as potential new member.

Sonya presents a sample for directional trail signs for Robin Hood Trail.

Roy announces budget has not been passed. We discussed some of the reasons.

Roy explained our projects for Brad Gibson.

Old Business

Mulch: Manklin Creek Playground will be all new. New Mulch starts here. Will the new mulch be put on top of old mulch in other parks? Or be cleaned out to acquire the correct depth? Is there a potential to excavate the bed instead of raising the side walls to hold the correct amount of mulch?

ADA Compliance: Phase 1 will be about access to parks. Not Compliance. The budget is for at most 3 parks. Whitehorse Park will be the first with the exception of Manklin Creek which will continue to have priority. Once the budget passes then the supplies can be ordered and these projects can begin.

Parks: 1. White Horse Park is most used and needs new equipment. 2. Huntington Park needs complete new design and equipment and is in the budget. Sonya is going with soccer fields 3. Bainbridge Park has terrible parking, very little equipment and no shade. Bainbridge needs a fence to keep cars off the field and protect the drain. Not ADA accessible at all. 4.

Robin Hood Park has all new fence to protect basketball court. It could have new equipment.
Every year one park should be upgraded.

Gym Floor: We are up to 88 bubbles in the gym. Sonya explained the repair process to repair bubbles. Unfortunately new bubbles are being created from repair work. Unsatisfactory conclusion. Roy explains the situation to Brad. The floor will not be replaced until the moisture problem is rectified. Public Works recommends a 100 gallon holding tank and sump pump to move storm water away from building doors. The heavy rain comes in through the bcd door of the gym. We had \$60,000 in the budget for gym floor already. It should be used to fix the moisture problem. This should not be a capital expense because its a repair. We would like to make this a PRIORITY.

Trail Report: Tres met with GM. we discussed Robin Hood Park Trail awaiting directional /informational signs. The Library Trail extension is awaiting approval. The trail could have educational signs about the history of Mumfords Landing and pictures with info about horseback riding in Ocean Pines.

Bainbridge Park will host a Take a Kid Mountain biking Day. Saturday, May 9, 2015. This is the inaugural event. We hope to see some board members and the GM come together and celebrate the success with a Ribbon Cutting and cook out.

Computer System: This will be addressed in the fall.

Baseball Field: Sonya is getting the baseball field into kids tournaments. This could offer a value to advertisers. The MaryMac donation may be used for a needed concession stand.
Sharyn asked about sponsorships and advertising.

A new chair for this board needs to be decided on.
Sonya is having an employee certified in playground equipment.

New Business

We will work with the marketing dept. to gain sponsors and advertisers.

Wifi is needed for the community center but taken out of the budget.

New floor in Assateague room. this will be replaced May28th.

Bathrooms at Whitehorse Park Crafter building need to be rebuilt. This is in our budget. Not something we want to move on. We want to respect the crafters.

Sonya needs a storage shed for Whitehorse Park. There's a potential for new bathrooms closer to the fire house and the shed or similar building. There is a water fountain so there must be water and sewage in that vicinity.

Skip Presented our committee with a list of businesses that are interested in advertising. This looks very promising. We need address what the guidelines will be and the process for approval.

Examples are, standard sizes being 4x8 or 2x3,

Sonya discussed the work group for negotiating the use of the community center.

Committee Actions

Tres would like the new Bainbridge Park Map displayed in the Community Center kiosk with a flyer for upcoming Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day. At least until May 9,2015. The day of the event, Smaller maps will be made available as well.

Tres and Tim will meet with public works to install new directional signs on Robin hood Trail.

Sharyn will work on advertising and sponsors for rec. dept. once budget is complete.

Could PMRC, Pohanka and other businesses help us fund better parks?
Sharyn will look into the pool computer issue.