

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020- 7:00pm  
Department of Recreation Headquarters  
Conference Room #1  
7120 Oakland Mills Road  
Columbia, MD 21046

Members Present:

Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Dave Grabowski; Mavis Ellis; Joanne Kiebler; Tom Franklin;  
Anna Boyd, Student Member

Members Absent:

Sylvia Ramsey

Staff Present:

John S. Marshall, Bureau Chief of Parks; Robert E. Linz, Acting Bureau Chief of  
Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction; Michael H. Milani, Bureau Chief  
of Administration; Laura T. Wetherald, Bureau Chief of Recreation; Ryan Etter,  
Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Ms. Coleman called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Proposed Outdoor Lightning Alerting System Presentation:

Bureau Chief of Parks, John S. Marshall gave a presentation on the new proposed  
Outdoor Lightning Alerting System.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Mr. Grabowski to approve the January meeting minutes.  
Seconded by Ms. Kiebler. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Director's Report:

No Report

Bureau of Parks:

No Report

Bureau of Capital Projects and Planning

- **Blandair Park Phase 3-** the contractor has increased staffing and will be working Saturdays to meet the June 5, 2020 deadline.
- **Conservancy Bridge-** The bridge should be completed in the next week.
- **Centennial Park West Bridge-** Engineered drawings for the Centennial Park West area bridge are complete and have been forwarded to the contractors.
- **Kiwanis Park-** We anticipate completing the fencing and parking lot extension before formal play begins.
- **Water Fountains-** Water fountain installations for (9) park sites will begin in the beginning of March.
- **Wine Festival-** Planning and design of this year's wine festival has been completed. We are currently working on contracts for all of the logistical items and equipment.

Bureau of Recreation:

- Wine in the Woods
  - Premier Tent will be a new feature for this year's festival
    - High end Maryland wines that are not offered to the rest of the festival
- Howard Magazine
  - HCRP is highlighted throughout
- Summer Camp Guide is out.
  - Registration is open for 2020 camps
- Looking for part time staff
  - Camps
  - RLC
  - After school
  - Park workers
- Recreation University

- Offered through Maryland recreation and Parks Association (MRPA)
- 6 full day sessions for trainings in the Recreation and Parks field
- Encore Program
  - For active aging group
  - Researching outdoor fitness equipment in parks for seniors
  - Looking to put Golf Simulator in Harriet Tubman facility
- Pentagon Trip on March 20<sup>th</sup>

Bureau of Administrative Services:

- Started testing new Kronos payroll system
- Looking to make improvements to Timbers of Troy golf course

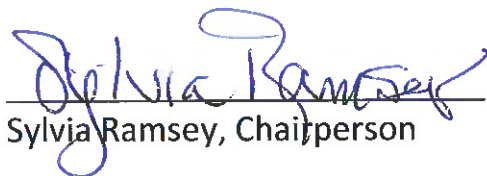
Old Business:

- Met with Veterans Committee for the Vivian C. Bailey Park in Columbia
  - Playground equipment is in
  - Waiting until warm weather to put safety surface in
  - Water feature will be unveiled

New Business:

- The Department is purchasing a 25 acre farm that is across from the Marriotts Ridge High School.

Mr. Coleman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A second motion was made by Mr. Grabowski and Mr. Franklin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

  
Sylvia Ramsey, Chairperson

  
Raul Delerme, Executive Secretary

