CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minute Notes

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at The Cumberland County Administration Building in Bridgeton and via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

Present:	Ken Sheppard Carman Daddario, Jr.	Chris Wilson Commissioner Barber
Staff:	Matthew Pisarski, Department Head Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator Wanda Riviera, Confidential Assistant	
Guest:	Samantha Cruz, City of Millville Mayor Ritter, Hopewell	

<u>Approval of Minutes – August 2022</u>

A motion was made to approve the minutes from August by Mr. Sheppard. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daddario and passed unanimously. Commissioner Barber abstained.

Update on Fairgrounds and Recreation Master Plan

Mr. Pisarski gave an update on the master plan. The consultants reached out to the 14 municipalities, the following are some of the responses they received; Fairfield would like a safe area for ATV's, Millville and Vineland would like a splash park, Deerfield would like to host league sports and most municipalities would like walking trails. A concern for all was a lack of transportation to recreational sites and the fairgrounds. Some expressed concerns about the lack of lodging. The next step is to reach out to entities that could potentially use the fairgrounds for events.

Discussion of 2022 Improvement Project – Basketball Nets

Mr. Williams stated that we have funding for a small project and the thought was to supply basketball courts with basketball nets. Mr. Williams suggested contacting the municipalities and asking how many nets they would need. A motion was made to purchase basketball nets not to exceed \$2,000 by Mr. Wilson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and passed unanimously.

Discussion of Senior Recreation Block Grant

Mr. Williams stated the board does not do a lot for senior recreation; he is proposing sponsorships to senior centers to help with senior programming. Commissioner Barber suggested giving funds to the centers had let them decide how they spend the funds. A letter will be sent out to the senior centers letting them know that funding is available and at next months meeting we will have an idea how many centers are interested in funding. A motion was made to approve \$250 per center by Mr. Wilson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daddario and passed unanimously.

Sponsorship Requests

There are three sponsorship requests at \$750 each, Holly City Youth Football, Vineland Midget Football and United Advocacy Group. A motion was made to approve the sponsorships at \$750 each by Mr. Daddario. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and passed unanimously.

Mr. Pisarski stated at next months meeting the commission will discuss proposals to zero out the recreation account. Several groups that applied last year did not apply this year.

Planning Department Updates – Matthew Pisarski

Mr. Pisarski and Ms. Riviera went through the many events that are coming up. Mr. Pisarski said Hopewell Township reached out asking for help with purchasing picnic tables. Commissioner Barber stated picnic tables should be part of the master plan. Recreation members feel funds should go to nonprofits not municipalities. It was also stated picnic tables are not active recreation. The picnic tables will be priced out but will not be available in the 2022 budget.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barber thanked everyone for their hard work.

Recreation Commissioners Comments

Mr. Sheppard said he explained to West Cumberland what Cumberland County Recreation does and what sponsorships are available. West Cumberland did not realize Cumberland County had a recreation commission.

Public Comments

Mayor Ritter invited everyone to Hopewell Day at the Amish Market on October 1. Mayor Ritter offered to give everyone a tour of Hopewell Park.

Ms. Cruz said Millville would like to receive basketball nets and the senior center would like to apply for the grant that talked about earlier in the meeting.

Correspondence

Old/New Business

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Daddario. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and passed unanimously.