

CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minute Notes

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at The Authority in Millville and via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

Present: Carman Daddario, Jr. Commissioner Albrecht

Staff: Matthew Pisarski, Department Head
Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator
Wanda Riviera, Confidential Assistant

Guest: Samantha Cruz, City of Millville
Maria Gallo, Commercial Township
Heather Willits, Stow Creek Township
Yogesh Thakur
Joe Blandino
Richie Kates

Approval of Minutes – March 2022

Postponed until next month.

Celebration of Outgoing Recreation Commission Members

Mr. Williams presented Mr. Blandino and Mr. Kates with a proclamation and gift from the Commissioners. He thanked Mr. Blandino and Mr. Kates for their years of service. They spoke about the years they served on the commission, the things that were accomplished and all the different programs the Recreation Commission established. Mr. Daddario spoke about all the activities Mr. Blandino and Mr. Kates were a part of.

40th Annual CC Kids' Fishing Derby-Sunday, May 1, 2022

Mr. Williams said everything is ready for the Fishing Derby. The derby has been advertised on social media and the Cumberland Salem Guide. Available to the kids will be bait, food and a t-shirt. Fishing rods have been donated for any kid that would need one.

Passive Recreation Inventory

At last month's meeting it was discussed to create a listing of waterways, trails and boat launches etc. Mr. Williams asked everyone to look over the spreadsheet in their packets and let him know of any changes or additions to the list. Commissioner Albrecht questioned if anyone has ever gone down a specific waterway and timed how long it takes to get to certain points along the way. Mr. Pisarski stated a Blue Trail Plan has not been done but Citizens United might have information regarding the Maurice River. Mr. Pisarski commented that

after the master plan process is completed for recreation, if it is recommended to do a Blue Trail Study then the Recreation Commission can look at that as the next possible component.

Sponsorship Requests

Since we do not have quorum members will vote by email to approve the sponsorship requests.

Kite and Color - \$750 (festival)

Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce - \$150 (golf tee sponsor)

Bridgeton Invitational Tournament - \$500 (full page ad)

Positive Vibes - \$750 (basketball)

Mr. Thakur said the Kite and Color Festival is organized by the Friends of India Society. The festival will be held at the fairgrounds on June 11. There will be kite flying, dancing, color play, and other activities. Tickets are \$15 for children and \$25 for adults, and that includes, food, a kite, t-shirt and colors. There is no cost to the county.

Commissioner Albrecht asked if kids have to pay a fee for the Positive Vibes Basketball Camp and how the \$750 will be spent. Mr. Williams said their request letter said it would help make the registration fee cheaper for the kids but he will find out the cost.

Recap of the Pocket Park Clean Up – March 26, 2022

Mr. Williams thanked everyone that helped with the pocket park cleanup. Public Works is looking into the cost of replacing the fence. Mr. Pisarski said next would be a neighborhood community outreach effort art day. Plastic pucks would be purchased that would fit into the fencing in a design to be determined by an artist, that would be approved by the commission, and the neighborhood residents.

Planning Department Updates – Matthew Pisarski

Mr. Pisarski gave everyone a copy of the masterplan proposal done by Clarke Caton & Hintz regarding the fairgrounds and recreational facilities in the county. Mr. Pisarski went through the proposal and what the next steps will be. Commissioner Albrecht stated he wants the Recreation Commission to have input regarding the masterplan.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Albrecht spoke about the different recreational facilities he has been to and what amenities were at the facilities.

Recreation Commissioners Comments

Mr. Daddario said he enjoyed listening to the different opportunities that could happen in the future.

Public Comments

Ms. Willits spoke about the lack of recreational opportunities in Stow Creek Township. The township created a comprehensive plan to restore the open space that is available. Ms. Willits would like to forward the plan to the commission, Mr. Williams stated the plan could be sent

to him and they could discuss how the recreation commission could help with some of their ideas.

Ms. Cruz said she will send over a list of events the City of Millville will be having.

Correspondence

Old/New Business

Adjournment

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