

CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minute Notes

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

Present:

Chuck Timberman	Richie Kates
JT Burks	John Fuqua
Chris Wilson	Commissioner Barber
Commissioner Albrecht	

Guest: Matthew Pisarski, Department Head
Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator

Approval of Minutes – March

A motion was made to approve the minutes from February by Commissioner Barber. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burks and passed unanimously.

Grant Discussion

Mr. Pisarski said the ROID grant (people with disabilities) will not be available until early 2022. The Kaboom grant link was emailed to Commission members, the grant is for playgrounds. Commission members received in their packets information regarding the Cultural, Recreational and Hospitality COVID 19 Assistance Program. The funds will come from the federal grant that the county received. If the federal government approves the county assistance program plan Mr. Pisarski will send out grant applications for non-profits to apply. In packets is an email about the FY2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant, Mr. Pisarski asked if the commission received the grant how do they feel about a sports facility being at the fairgrounds. Several members expressed transportation being an issue. If the county applied for the funding, it may be limited to county property. Mr. Fuqua said we need to find a way to enhance facilities in each municipality. Mr. Pisarski said if this were to be pursued, the Commission would quickly need to assess where these funds could possibly be used. Mr. Pisarski asked commission members to email him pictures, information about the area and estimated cost of the area that needs improvement. He indicated he would follow up on the conditions of the grant.

39th Annual CC Kids' Fishing Derby

The kids' fishing derby will be held on May 2nd at Mary Elmer Lake in Bridgeton. Commission members are encouraged to attend.

Sponsorship Requests

Three sponsorship requests have been received: Bridgeton Midget Football, Bridgeton Invitational Tournament and Positive Vibes. Vineland Midget Football asked for funding but a request letter needs to be sent in. A motion was made to approve Bridgeton Midget

Football, Vineland Midget Football and Positive Vibes for sponsorships for \$750 each and Bridgeton Invitational Tournament \$500 by Commissioner Barber. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fuqua and passed unanimously.

Planning Department Updates – Matthew Pisarski

Mr. Pisarski showed the executive order by Governor Murphy increasing outdoor gatherings. Almost 70,000 people in Cumberland County have been vaccinated. Mr. Pisarski will email the information to the commission about how to get vaccinated.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barber would like to see improvements on walking trails and waterways. Commissioner Barber commented that a playground for kids with disabilities also needs to be considered.

Commissioner Albrecht commented he would like to see the park areas enhanced.

Recreation Commissioners Comments

Mr. Burks thanked Mr. Pisarski informing the commission about grant opportunities.

Mr. Kates said everyone has great ideas but they need to be put into action.

Mr. Wilson would like to set a date to go and see what parks needs improving.

Adjournment

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