# **CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION**

# **Meeting Minute Notes**

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at The Authority in Millville and via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

Present:

JT Burks

Chris Wilson

John Fuqua

Director Barber

Staff:

Matthew Pisarski, Department Head

Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator

Wanda Riviera, Confidential Assistant

## Approval of Minutes – January 2022

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January by Mr. Fuqua. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and passed unanimously. Director Barber abstained.

# **Discussion of Eagle Fest**

Mr. Williams said the Eagle Fest was held February 5. There were trail walks, viewing sites and speakers, the speakers were virtual. Mr. Pisarski commented that you had to preregister for the walks and most were at capacity. Mr. Pisarski will get a full report from Jane Galetto, and he will give an update at the March meeting. Mr. Pisarski said hopefully next year we will we be able to have a full in person Festival.

# 40th Annual CC Kids' Fishing Derby

The Fishing Derby will take place May 1<sup>st</sup> at Mary Elmer Lake (Bridgeton). Mr. Williams said kids can preregister or register the day of. T-shirts, food and bait is provided, poles are not provided. It was suggested to reach out to the organizations that the recreation commission sponsored to get those kids involved. A draft flyer will be sent out to the rec commission. Mr. Williams said on Facebook is a video of last year's fishing derby.

# Review of Parks and Facilities Inventory

Mr. Williams went through the process of how to add to the parks and facilities inventory. Mr. Williams said if anyone has any suggestions regarding adding features to the inventory list, please let him know. Mr. Williams will send the link out to members so they can add to the list. Some sites have already been added to the list, updates and new additions can be added to the list at any time. A spread sheet was in everyone's packet showing what sites have been added. Mr. Pisarski said once things start getting added to the list, we must identify the specific needs for each site and the cost. It was suggested to come up with a standard fee for equipment, trashcans and benches etc. Mr. Fuqua suggested we check with other recreation areas and see how they priced out their areas. Mr. Pisarski suggested we add

a ranking system to see what areas are most critical. Mr. Wilson said regardless of ranking all kids deserve a safe place to play. Mr. Fuqua said frequency of use should also be a factor. Mr. Pisarski said once we get pricing and ranking done, we will reach out to municipalities and see if they are willing to partner with upgrades.

## **Discussion of County Broadband Initiative**

The County and The Authority are partnering together to conduct a survey for a speed test for broadband. They are asking county residents to go to: countybroadband.info to conduct a free internet speed test. The test is being done to find the problem areas for Wi-Fi. The county will be attending events to get the word out regarding the survey, it will also be posted on social media. Mr. Pisarski said we have about eight weeks to collect the data. We are relying on internet providers to give us their internet coverage and speeds, with conducting are own survey we can create a map and see if internet providers data is correct.

## Planning Department Updates - Matthew Pisarski

The liaisons to the commission are working to get the three seats filled to have a full commission. Director Barber said they try to get people from all areas of the county and different aspects of recreation. We should have a full commission by April. Mr. Pisarski said the county received grant funding for the trail system on Morias Avenue in Millville.

## **County Commissioner Comments**

Director Barber commented that the commission board is diverse, and the two new commissioners are eager to learn the workings of the county. At the moment, the county budget has a zero-tax increase.

#### **Recreation Commissioners Comments**

Mr. Fuqua said Life Worth Living received a grant from the Attorney General's Office. Basketball signups were held and exceeded the number of spots available for kids, no kid will be turned away, all kids will be worked with. Bridgeton will have T-ball little league, girls' softball and Babe Ruth kids will be bused to Millville.

Mr. Wilson said they have a community cleanup day coming up in Vineland. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Fuqua spoke previously about holding a community clean up day in all communities on the same day.

Director asked if anyone is involved with the Boys & Girls Club or PAL. Mr. Wilson said they are not involved with each other, but he is speaking with Vineland PAL about working together. Mr. Fuqua said he does have a relationship with Bridgeton PAL. Mr. Wilson said Vineland Midget Football and Vineland Police will be playing a flag football game. Director Barber said we also have to promote adult recreation.

#### Correspondence

#### **Old Business**

## **New Business**

Mr. Williams said he has received phone calls regarding advertising in major league programs. Mr. Williams said we do not have funding but it could be a future goal.

# Adjournment

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