# **CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Minute Notes**

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at The Cumberland County Administration Building in Bridgeton and via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

**Present:** JT Burks John Fuqua

Ken Sheppard Director Barber

Commissioner Albrecht

**Staff:** Matthew Pisarski, Department Head

Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator

Wanda Riviera, Confidential Assistant

**Guest:** Paul Ritter

Samantha Cruz

### Approval of Minutes - May 2022

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May by Mr. Fuqua. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burks and passed unanimously.

### **Memorialization of Approval of April Minutes**

A motion was made to memorialize the April minutes by Mr. Fuqua. The motion was seconded by Director Barber and passed unanimously. Mr. Sheppard abstained.

### Recap of Meeting with Stow Creek Park Site Visit with Heather Willits

Mr. Williams met with Ms. Willits and toured Stow Creek Park. Commission members received in their packet a list of dates for clean up days at the park. Ms. Willits is currently trying to find funding for park benches and other amenities to beautify the park. If anyone would like to assist with clean up in July please contact Mr. Williams, Mr. Fuqua said he will help with clean up in July.

## Memorialization of Approval of Sponsorship Request Tri-City Boxing

Mr. Williams stated a memorialization needs to be made for the \$750 sponsorship for Tri-City Boxing, the Boys & Girls Club of Vineland will be accepting the funds on their behalf. Mr. Fuqua stated standards were created so funds could not be funneled through organizations because the intended organization did not have a nonprofit status. Mr. Williams stated if the sponsorship is approved, he will reach out to Tri-City Boxing and inform them they will have to become a non-profit to receive future funding. Mr. Williams said the county is working on putting together a workshop to help organizations understand the process of becoming a non-profit. A motion was made to approve the \$750 sponsorship by Mr. Fuqua. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and passed unanimously.

### **Sponsorship Requests**

Habitat for Humanity and Vineland Chamber is requesting a sponsorship for their golf tournament. Mr. Williams stated all golf sponsorship requests receive a \$125 tee sponsor. Mr. Sheppard asked what happens if the next request for a tee sponsor comes above \$125. It was suggested to give the tee sponsorships the requested amount but reevaluate if tee sponsorship requests become costly. A motion was made to approve the two tee sponsorship requests by Mr. Sheppard. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fuqua and passed unanimously.

The South Jersey Futbol Club (SJFC) is requesting \$750 to help purchase new equipment. SJFC is a non-profit soccer league located in Upper Deerfield. Cohansey Soccer Club who used to be located in Upper Deerfield is now operating in the City of Bridgeton. Commissioner Albrecht asked if Upper Deerfield is in support of SJFC. Mr. Williams commented that Upper Deerfield is working with SJFC to bring soccer back to the area. It was suggested that Mr. Williams contact Upper Deerfield to clarify that they are in support of SJFC. Mr. Sheppard suggested tabling the sponsorship until next meeting. A motion was made to table the sponsorship request by Director Barber. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and passed unanimously.

### **Discussion of Upcoming Events**

Mr. Williams spoke about the upcoming events the county will be participating in:

Isiah Pacheco Parade on June 18<sup>th</sup> County Fair – July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Cumberland County on Canvas on July 15<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Williams said Cultural & Heritage Commission will be partnering with Gallery 50 for Cumberland County on Canvas. The awards ceremony will take place on July 15. The County will purchase the top three art pieces.

### Planning Department Updates - Matthew Pisarski

#### **County Commissioner Comments**

Director Barber said she received a verbal request from a City of Bridgeton resident, Director Barber asked Mr. Fuqua to follow up with the mayor. The city is having staffing issues with the Splash Park and Sunset Lake, the resident is asking if the county has \$10,000 in COVID reliefs funds to assist. Commissioner Barber informed the resident the request needs to be in writing from the City of Bridgeton. Mr. Fuqua commented the lake has a new filtration system and lake has been busy with swimmers the past few weekends. Mr. Fuqua commented that the city is having staffing issues, Mr. Williams said if there is a job application that can be posted to the website, please send it to him.

Commissioner Albrecht said he attended a cancer walk in Vineland. The library is having their book sale and many events in July. Commissioner Albrecht asked if there was an update on the Masterplan, Mr. Williams will try to have an update at the July meeting.

#### **Recreation Commissioners Comments**

Mr. Fuqua and Mr. Burks are partnering together for their Youth vs Drugs basketball game on August 6. Life Worth Living and the City of Bridgeton are partnering to have a "safe summer" providing recreational activities five days a week. Unity Day will be held September 3.

Mr. Sheppard said West Cumberland will hold their annual chicken BBQ on June 11.

Mr. Burks said on June 25 the first annual Positive Vibes Day will be held in Millville. Mr. Burks would like to see parks and other areas more diversified regarding namesake. Commissioner Albrecht commented there is usually a five-year period after someone retires before something is named after them. Mr. Fuqua said an event is held every year called "Flowers While You Are Here" to honor the living that has contributed to the community. Mr. Fuqua and Mr. Burks would like to see parks named after people while they are alive. Director Barber suggested to Mr. Williams to ask Mr. Carr (legal counsel) to write a letter to the municipalities stating when they are naming a park or recreational facility to encourage them to diversify their choice of names.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Ritter (Hopewell Township) said Hopewell Day will be held October 1 at the Amish Market. Mayor Ritter commented that a lot of hard work has been put into Hopewell Park a picnic area and trails have been added.

Ms. Cruz said nine parks in Millville have been adopted by community organizations. The City of Millville will be having a Fourth of July celebration. Play Streets will take place July 13 – August 17 on Wednesdays.

#### **Correspondence**

#### **Old/New Business**

#### Adjournment

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