

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minute Notes

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at The Authority in Millville and via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

**Present:** John Fuqua Director Barber

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

**Guest:** Heather Willits, Stow Creek Township Recreation  
Melinda Weisgerber, Stow Creek Township Recreation  
Terry Gould, Tri-City Boxing  
Jerry Young, Tri-City Boxing

### **Approval of Minutes – March & April 2022**

Postponed until next month.

### **Stow Creek Park Improvement Plan – Heather Willits**

Commission members received a copy of the Stow Creek Park Improvement Program. Ms. Willits stated the last time Stow Creek had a park constructed was in 1965. Since then, all equipment has been removed. Ms. Willits attended a township meeting and requested funds that were received from the American Recovery Act to be spent on rebuilding the park. Once a month they have a cleanup day to clean up the trails that have grown over. They are also holding a monthly yard sale to help raise funds for park equipment. They are looking into grants to make the park ADA compliant. Mr. Williams stated he will reach back out to Ms. Willits regarding what assistance the county can provide on rebuilding the park.

### **Recap of 40<sup>th</sup> Annual CC Kids' Fishing Derby-Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Mr. Williams went through pictures from the fishing derby. Mr. Williams commented that it was a great day with 54 kids participating. Director Barber thanked 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Club for donating and cooking the hotdogs.

### **Sponsorship Requests**

Mr. Young said Tri-City Boxing was formed in 2010 and they operate out of the Boys and Girls Club of Vineland. They are asking for funding to help with expenses with traveling to boxing tournaments. Mr. Gould stated all kids that travel must be registered with USA Boxing. Mr. Williams informed Mr. Young and Mr. Gould that Tri-City Boxing is eligible for a \$750 sponsorship. Mr. Williams will email the recreation commission for approval of the \$750 sponsorship.

### **Planning Department Updates – Matthew Pisarski**

Mr. Pisarski gave an update regarding the master plan components of the fairgrounds and the recreation plan. An architecture firm went out to the fairgrounds and started documentation of existing conditions, facilities, and the landscape. Mr. Pisarski said when he receives documents from the architecture firm, he will present them to the recreation commission.

Ms. Willits asked if Stow Creek Park would be part of the recreation master plan. Mr. Williams said a survey was done regarding all the different recreational facilities in the area and that survey was provided to Clarke Caton Hintz and when the master plan is complete Stow Creek will be made aware of the findings.

### **County Commissioner Comments**

Director Barber commented that the Sheriff's Department is having a fishing tournament in Cedarville in a few weeks.

### **Recreation Commissioners Comments**

Mr. Fuqua said he stopped at the fishing derby and how nice it was to see all the kids fishing around the lake.

### **Public Comments**

### **Correspondence**

### **Old/New Business**

### **Adjournment**

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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.

### **40<sup>th</sup> 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.