

# **CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Minute Notes**

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at The Cumberland County Administration Building in Bridgeton and via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

**Present:**          JT Burks    John Fuqua  
                          Ken Sheppard     Chris Wilson  
                          Carman Daddario, Jr.

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

### **Approval of Minutes – June 2022 (July 2022-Quorum not met)**

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

### **ROID Grant – Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities**

Mr. Williams stated it has been several years since the county has applied for a ROID grant. In the past when the county received the grant the funds went to the Christmas party and bowling for the disabled. The state made it a requirement to receive the grant that no one could be excluded. The county stopped applying for the grant because members of the disabled community that were participating in the programming did not feel comfortable with integrating with people not from their community. Mr. Williams will be applying for the grant again and with help from Jennifer Underwood from the state they have come up with several ideas that the grant can be used for: swimming, disability awareness barbecue and program support for Hands Up Silent Theatre. Mr. Williams has applied for a \$5,000 grant. Mr. Williams explained how the funds would be spent regarding the three suggestions that were made. In the future the county would request more funding, funding is based on a 20% match.

Mr. Sheppard asked about recreation facilities for the disabled, Mr. Pisarski stated all three cities have facilities. He would get pictures and locations. Mr. Pisarski said he received an inquiry from the City of Vineland regarding an autistic spectrum playground. Mr. Pisarski forwarded the request to Clarke Canton Hintz so it can be included in the recreation master plan.

### **Update on Fairgrounds and Recreation Master Plan**

Everyone received in their packet an update regarding the master plan that Clarke Canton Hintz (CCH) is working on. The report gives an overview of the conditions and environmental constraints of the fairgrounds. On the commissioner's agenda is the grant

agreement for the trails that is on the opposite side of Morias Avenue. As updates come in from CCH, Mr. Pisarski will forward them to the commission. If anyone has any questions or edits regarding the information, please forward them to Mr. Pisarski. CCH was at the county fair doing surveys, they are also in the process of getting surveys from the municipalities. When completed we will receive an assessment of those surveys.

### **Budget Review**

Everyone received in their packet a copy of the proposed 2022 budget. Mr. Williams went through each line item. Mr. Williams wanted commission members to get the word out that sponsorships are available. Mr. Pisarski stated several organizations that received sponsorships last year have not yet applied for 2022 funding. Mr. Pisarski stated there is \$5,000+/- remaining for sponsorships. New Jersey and National Recreation & Park Association dues have to be paid. Mr. Sheppard asked if there are funds left over at the end of the year will the county reduce the budget in future years, Mr. Pisarski said that is a possibility.

### **Sponsorship Requests**

Mr. Williams stated in 2021 \$11,550 was awarded in sponsorship requests, to date for 2022 \$4,650 has been granted. Mr. Williams stated there are four sponsorship requests, to be approved at this meeting.

South Jersey Futbol Club was brought up at a previous meeting and Mr. Williams was asked to get clarification from Roy Spoltore. Mr. Spoltore confirmed to Mr. Williams that Upper Deerfield Township is working with South Jersey Futbol Club moving forward. A motion was made to approve the sponsorship request for \$750 by Mr. Fuqua. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and passed unanimously.

Life Worth is requesting \$750 to help with recreational and educational programming. A motion was made to approve the sponsorship request for \$750 by Mr. Sheppard. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and passed unanimously. Mr. Fuqua abstained.

Two requests were received for golf hole sponsors, Millville Army Air Field and Italian American Civic Club. Both organizations are requesting \$100. A motion was made to approve sponsorship request for \$100 each by Mr. Fuqua. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and passed unanimously.

### **Review of Outreach Events**

Mr. Williams took the county outreach bus to the Isaiah Pacheco Parade.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Williams will be attending Unity Day/Markquese Bell Day in Bridgeton.

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

Commission members received in their packet an attendance sheet for recreation meetings. Mr. Pisarski stated lack of attendance for some members needs to be addressed. If there is an issue with time or day of the meetings, please let Mr. Pisarski or Mr. Williams know. Mr.

Burks said later in the day is better due to his work schedule, Mr. Pisarski said he will try to arrange something with Fairfield Township so Mr. Burks can attend the meetings.

Mr. Williams stated he would like to add someone to the commission from hunting/fishing or the hockey community. Ms. Riviera said there is a hockey organization called Small Town Sticks in Millville, she is not sure if they are a nonprofit. Mr. Fuqua suggested Robbi Ford, Ms. Ford runs a nonprofit agency called Cumberland County Youth Sports.

### **County Commissioner Comments**

#### **Recreation Commissioners Comments**

Mr. Burks said Vineland is having a Unity Day on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Landis Park. Mr. Williams confirmed that the county will have a presence there.

Mr. Fuqua said August 13<sup>th</sup> at Bridgeton Park they will be having a Bikes Up Guns Down event, it is in partnership with law enforcement.

### **Public Comments**

### **Correspondence**

### **Old/New Business**

### **Adjournment**

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