

CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minute Notes

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

Present:

JT Burks	John Fuqua
Chris Wilson	Commissioner Barber

Staff:

Matthew Pisarski, Department Head
Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator
Kim Wood, County Administrator
Jody Hirata, Deputy County Administrator

Guest:

Marie Gallo, Commercial Township
Mayor Paul Ritter, Hopewell Township
Samantha Cruz, City of Millville
Bob Campbell, Downe Township
Mayor Abby O'Brien, Deerfield Township
Kuan Bowleg, Holly City Youth Football League

Approval of Minutes – June & July 2021

Postponed until next meeting.

Introduction of Municipal Representatives

Mr. Pisarski asked municipal representatives to introduce themselves and what municipality they represent. Commercial, Hopewell, Millville, Downe and Deerfield were represented. Mr. Pisarski will be creating a directory of representatives so they can receive invites to attend recreation meetings.

Recreation Grant Applications

The county has applied for two grants: Local Recreation Improvement Grant and Green Acres Stewardship Grant. The Improvement Grant is for upgrades to the fairgrounds, the announcement has been delayed by the Department of Community Affairs. The Green Acres Grant will be used to create a trail system adjacent to the fairgrounds, the announcement will be made in November.

Sponsorship Request

Rob Shannon Slo-Pitch Tournament (\$200) received \$1,000 in 2020 but the tournament was canceled. They are asking for an additional \$200 for 2021 since this will be their last tournament.

Millville Army Airfield Museum Golf Fundraiser is requesting \$100 for a tee hole sponsor.

Holly City Youth Football League is requesting \$1,200. Mr. Bowleg said Holly City Youth Football League is requesting funds for equipment. Mr. Bowleg said they have had few tuff years with equipment being stolen and other issues.

Mr. Pisarski stated we will proceed with the request, but they will be affirmed at the next meeting.

Sponsorships to date

Seven sponsorships have been given out this year for a total of \$4,400.

Recreation Site Inventory – Comprehensive Strategic Plan

Mr. Pisarski commented that hopefully we will see an increase in funds, with the increase in funding a comprehensive strategic plan will be done.

Upcoming Events

With the county having a booth a many events we have three options: a 10' x 10' and a 10' x 20' tent and an outreach bus that can but used. Mr. Pisarski listed the many events that the county will have a presence at. If anyone has an event they would like the county to attend please let Mr. Pisarski know and if available we will attend.

Correspondence

The City of Bridgeton responded to the letter the Recreation Commission sent out regarding swimming opportunities. Ms. Hemple said the issue is finding lifeguards to provide safe swimming in the area. Commissioner Barber suggested to Commission members that work with older youth to see if they would like to get certified to become lifeguards. Ms. Hirata said if anyone needs CPR training to contact the county Health Dept.

Recreation Departments Comments – Melissa, Samantha, Dale

Ms. Cruz said asked if the bus was available to attend one of the fourth Fridays in Millville. The first Hispanic parade will be September 26. Mr. Pisarski asked for events to be forward to the him so they can be added to the Explore Cumberland Facebook page.

Ms. Gallo said Commercial Township is having a Community Day on October 2.

Mr. Ritter commented on September 11 & 12 SJ Apple Fest will be taking place at The Shoppes at Dragon Village.

City of Millville is having a 9/11 ceremony at Buck Park at 8:30am on September 11.

Commissioner Barber asked for a list of events to be emailed to the county commissioners.

Department Head Comments – Matthew Pisarski

Mr. Pisarski stated a press release was done stating a \$200,000 grant was received for COVID related expenses for tourism and recreation nonprofits. The maximum award is \$20,000. Mr. Pisarski will email everyone on the board the application.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barber thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Commissioner Barber said some changes will be coming to the Recreation Commission in the future.

Recreation Commissioners Comments

Mr. Fuqua said on August 28 there will be a basketball tournament in Millville.

Adjournment