

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minute Notes

A meeting of the Cumberland County Recreation Commission (CCRC) was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 via Microsoft Teams and/or Teleconference.

### **Present:**

Kim Gauntt	Chuck Timberman
JT Burks	Richie Kates
John Fuqua	Chris Wilson
Commissioner Barber	Commissioner Albrecht

**Guest:** Matthew Pisarski, Department Head  
Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator  
Jake Botticello, Triad Assoc.

### **Approval of Minutes – February**

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

### **Grant Discussion – Jake Botticello from Triad Associates**

Mr. Botticello gave examples of past grants that have been done for Cumberland County. Mr. Botticello asked what kind of projects the recreation commission is looking to do, several members would like to see area basketball courts rehabbed. Commissioner Albrecht would like to see improvements done to trails. Mr. Pisarski said funding is needed for a comprehensive plan.

### **2020 Annual Report**

Ms. Gauntt went through the 2020 annual report. Seven sponsorships were given out last year. A social distancing campaign was done that included digital advertising and billboards. Calendar of events will be done later in the year when things start to open back up.

### **Proposed 2021 Slate of Officer's Nominations**

Mr. Pisarski commented that the bylaws state the commission should have a chair and vice chair. It was recommended that Mr. Timberman serve as chair and Mr. Burks serve as vice chair for one year. A motion was made to approve Mr. Timberman as chair and Mr. Burks as vice chair for one year by Mr. Fuqua. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and passed unanimously.

### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual CC Kids' Fishing Derby**

Ms. Gauntt said the fishing derby brings in kids from all over the county. Advertising is done on social media, Cumberland Salem Guide and a mailing goes to previous attendees. Ms. Gauntt will email the flyer to everyone so they can share it also.

### **Horse Riding Therapy for Disabled – Grant Opportunity**

Mr. Pisarski said several years ago we received a grant from DCA at the state for a horse riding event. Ms. Gauntt and Mr. Pisarski are going to see if the grant is available and apply to bring back several disabled events that took place previously.

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

Mr. Pisarski provided graphs to show the development in the county. Costar (analysis company) is showing commercial and industrial vacancies are down to 4% in the county.

### **County Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Barber reported that two organizations received county wide grants for recreation totally over \$50,000. The Commissioners are working on how to get kids back in school and getting teachers vaccinated. The county budget is being worked on.

Commissioner Albrecht commented that he sees recreation playing a big part in getting back to normal. Also, he would like to have a county park system.

### **Recreation Commissioners Comments**

Mr. Timberman said it was a good meeting with great ideas.

Mr. Pisarski said about 25% of the county has received the COVID vaccination. The census bus is being rewrapped to take to county events. Mr. Pisarski will give everyone Mr. Botticello's contact information to speak to him directly about grant opportunities.

Commissioner Barber asked for an updated member list to be sent out. Commissioner Barber asked if Ms. Gauntt and Mr. Pisarski could give a report to the Commissioners stating the recreation commission would like to have a county park system and a recreation center.

Mr. Fuqua said the Phillies RBI Baseball will be sponsoring 80% of Bridgeton Little Leagues baseball program. Spring basketball has also started. Mr. Fuqua stated private donors have also stepped up.

Mr. Burks said Positive Vibes kicked off their travel basketball league.

Mr. Wilson is waiting to get approval from the City of Vineland to start their basketball program. Mr. Wilson commented he would also like to see a county park system.

The recreation logo will be given out to members if anyone would like t-shirts made. It was stated if anyone has any ideas on updating the logo please let Ms. Gauntt know.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Barber. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burks and passed unanimously.