

RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Reminder
Wednesday, January 3, 2018; Fretterd Community Center, ROOM 104
MEETING SUMMARY

I. Board President Welcome (Samantha Parker)

S. Parker acknowledged the conversation activity with the County Commissioners and their key staff, Sara Visintainer and Ken Decker.

She further called for a moment of silence in honor of Bud Lewis, Board member who died on December 27, 2017.

She welcomed new Board members: Ross Harper and Jason Wielgosz and prompted introductions.

II. NEW BUSINESS <Action Items>

a. **Board Organizational Action:** Nomination of 2018 Board Leadership

Ms. Parker opened the floor for nominations. Nomination for Kevin Rechiert as Board Chair by H. Speir, 2nd by C. Broadwater; Chip Broadwater nomination for Vice-Chair by Ross Harper, 2nd by H. Speir. Unanimous.

S. Simmons confirmed that Kevin's Board leadership would begin following this meeting.

b. **FY 2019 Budget Plan Forecast**

- **Capital Budget Plan Program draft presented** by S. Simmons included a written summary of the program objectives, a review of FY18 capital appropriations and project accomplishments, and a proposed list of projects and preliminary cost projections provided. General description of the objectives of the capital program scope and comparison to the appropriation in FY2018. She further noted that the totals associated with these projects will likely be adjusted as staff continues to refine projections with more accurate costs and establish priorities.
- S. Visintainer responded to the inquiry re: the **operating budget forecast**. She confirmed that internal Departments will be instructed to submit a flat budget with any increases accounted for separately and justified. The Commissioners are considering COLA and merit increases for County Employees and this would not be included in the flat budget submission constraint.
- S. Parker called the Board's attention to the **Public Budget Hearing dates** noted on page two of the staff report. S. Visintainer further confirmed the value of Board representation at each of these Hearings—the first to reinforce the budget plan request for public recreation for FY19 (March 13, Preston Fire Hall), the second to respond to the Commissioners recommended budget which may or may not agree with the Department request (May 8, Greensboro VFH)

III. OLD BUSINESS

8:00-8:15

a. Workplan for North County Regional Park – Postponed

S. Simmons reported that the workplan report per the schedule adopted at the September 6, 2017 meeting was not completed and will be submitted at the March 2018.

She provided the follow verbal update: Department has acted to increase the grassy buffers around the ag ditches to reduce the erosive conditions. This required a reduction in the crop production acreage (-7 ac.). Staff has initiated contact with Caroline County Resource Planner, Leslie Groves and Eric Buehl, Watershed Restoration Specialist through University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program, to renew efforts to secure state grant funds (outside of Program Open Space Funding) to assist with environmental resource protection and to stop the erosion conditions. We are also looking at a timeline to complete a BioBlitz at the site - a detailed inventory of plant and animal species - which will add to the map data necessary for a comprehensive Master Planning process.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to accept the consent agenda items into the record by D. Mann, 2nd by D. Simmons.
Review/Approval of Meeting Summary from November 1 meeting (Amended to reflect Nicole Fisher's attendance)

V. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS/UPDATES

Maryland Recreation & Parks Conference, April 10-12, Ocean City MD—Department covers registration cost for Board members who wish to attend. Kat Stork and Derek Simmons presenting a session School Community Partnerships.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNS

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

***NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: March 7, May 2,
JULY date TBA, September 5, and November 7, 2018***