

Meeting minutes

Poolesville Parks & Roads Board

February 5th, 2020 7:35 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

Roll Call:

- Present: Doug McKenney, Patrick Trainor, Morgan Kessler, Jeff McIntyre, Terry Pierce, Kerri Cook (Commissioner Liaison), Preston King (Town Staff)
- Absent: Tim Pike

Next meeting set for March 4th, 2020

Approval of minutes (two dates: December 4th, 2019 and January 8th, 2020):

December 4th:

- Motion to approve made by Pierce
- Kessler seconded the motion
- All voted in favor, no oppositions or abstentions

January 8th:

- Motion to approve made by Trainor
- Pierce seconded the motion
- It was determined that there was no quorum for this vote, based on absences from January

Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items

- Paul Loftes of 1962 Selby Avenue delivered a presentation on his idea for a public-private project to develop the NW corner of Wootton and Fisher Avenue as a public skating rink and restaurant. The existing example he referred to for this project is in Bridgewater, VA. The design would have an ice rink with a roof, but open sides, and the site would also have a leasable restaurant space. The rink could operate with ice in as high a temperature as 63 degrees, and could be rented out for events, etc. Mr. Loftes' research from the Bridgewater example indicates many similarities to Poolesville's situation, and he believes that Poolesville has the opportunity to have a profitable community recreation asset that would fill the current void for places for young people to meet and socialize, and provide a visually appealing project that is appropriate for a gateway to the Town. Mr. Loftes indicated that he would make his slides for the presentation available to the Board. He also said that he would have an offline conversation with the present property owner to see if he was interested in developing the rink on his own. The Board agreed to place this item on the agenda for future discussion.

New Business

Request to use Whalen Commons by PHS Combating Childhood Cancer Club:

- PHS students gave a presentation about their club and efforts to raise money, including the upcoming Spring Fair;

- Their Spring Fair is scheduled for April 18th 11:00-6:00;
- The fair would be in collaboration with other schools, and would have food vendors and various events such as an art contest and toy drive;
- The club would like to use Whalen Commons for their event, and asked the Parks Board for input;
- The Board advised the club that they would need to work with Town Hall for the permit and logistics.

Old Business

Relay Speakers for Whalen Commons

- This topic was discussed by the Board, and it was the consensus opinion that no further action is needed at this time.

Lining Fields

- Superintendent King indicated that the PAA group had not coordinated with him yet about this topic. The Board asked Commissioner Cook to remind the PAA representative that they will need to coordinate with King, and to appear at the March meeting.

Bike Rack Implementation Plan

- Superintendent King provided Morningstar Welding the desired bike rack design, but could not meet with Pat Morningstar in person because of an illness. King, Kessler, and McKenney will meet with Pat Morningstar during the next month and report out at the March meeting.

Superintendent Report:

- Town staff is moving ahead with addressing drainage issues at baseball field, including redoing pitchers' mound
- King is working with an Eagle Scout to address water issues at Collier Circle pond. The intention is to develop a plan to plant the pond with wetland plant species to naturally clean the pond water and eliminate the algae blooms.
- The red covered bridge at Elgin Park needs major work, and King indicated this work will commence in a week or so;
- Tama 2 trail needs drainage work;
- The weir at the middle school pond has been repaired;
- The county is conducting a speed/traffic survey in town

Committee Report (made by Commissioner Kerri Cook):

- Historic Medley District is considering renaming a park/street after individual(s) at the Sugarland site. This will be put on the agenda of a future meeting.
- Two upcoming map amendments: zone amendment for no 24-hour businesses
- Agenda item considering solar farms in the Ag Reserve
- Motion to limit staff officials' presence to two (2) hours at Town Hall

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Trainor

Seconded: McKenney

All in favor to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM