

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021
Virtual Meeting
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 pm, we had some technical issues trying to get our YouTube feed started

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Eck, Gayle Partain, Preston King, Tim Pike, Dough McKenney, Jeff McIntyre, Terry Pierce

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting May 5 2021

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 3, 2021 Minutes were not available at this time

OLD BUSINESS :

1. HUGHES ROAD SPEED HUMPS

- a. Approved and will happen. Preston will check with John Strong to follow up on price. January Notes showed \$3,500 as the cost.

2. TOM FOX AVENUE AND HUGHES ROAD

- a. Also approved to happen

3. BIKE RACKS

- a. Do bike racks fall under CIP?
- b. Will follow up with Pat next meeting, he has been researching the bike racks.

4. SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET

- a. Town all has received a few comments in respect to the farmers market, some good and some bad
 - i. Concern centered around 1. vendors not following county standards for Covid policies. For example: Socially distancing, overcrowding at times seemed to be an issue. And 2. Community members wanting to sell products that were not homemade. For example: Pampered Chef
 - ii. Previously we relied on Montgomery County to regulate event type things.
 - iii. Permit was issued from the town for the farmers market, with some addendums.
 - 1. Addendums from the permit were read
 - 2. Permit says food goods, should it be open to other offerings. Permit says "essential food goods"
 - a. Some of the verbiage may need to be adjusted, recommendations below:
 - i. "farm food goods"
 - ii. add portion to say "no pigs"

- iii. Poolesville recommends anyone considering selling food of any sort, goes thru Montgomery county food handling and sellers guidelines.
- b. Committee needs to revisit our definition of a Farmers Market, which was last discussed in 2019
- 3. Bottom line, what does Montgomery County say is ok, in terms of Covid protocol. Currently Montgomery County has said food goods, not crafts.
- 4. Cathy or someone from town hall will follow up with Cozzi family regarding Covid protocols for vendors.
 - a. Will also ask for a back up contact person, so we have more than one person on file in case we need to have a conversation with them.

Action Item: Gayle will get most recent Rules and Regulations and see if it was approved by commissioners 2019. Will redistribute to team to look over for any adjustments to be discussed at June meeting.

5. STOCKING OF FISH PONDS

- a. Jeff Eck read a letter from the town resident who would like the storm water retention ponds to be stocked. Resident mentioned there being plenty of funds available for such a project.
 - i. Looking for guidance on how to respond.
 - 1. Preston gave an in-depth talk to the Parks Board in February, it is on YouTube for community reference.
 - ii. Preston explained that ponds are meant to be storm water retention ponds, not designed to hold fish. They are designed to capture pollutants. The only time that one pond is stocked is for the fishing tournament.
 - iii. Cost prohibitive to stock the ponds. Not conducive to be a trophy fishing pond system.
 - iv. The money the resident is talking about is not designated for stocking fish, it is earmarked for other projects, and town business, and cannot be spent on fish

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SCOOTER RENTALS

- a. A scooter company sets you up with the entire system, chargers and scooters etc. They are for much larger towns than Poolesville.

2. PARKS AND REOPENING FIELDS

- a. Terry has been fielding complaints from parents about starting in Mid-March. Montgomery county started permitting and opening fields March 15th. Poolesville had some issues with our parks, opening April 1. Parents were told to reach out to the Parks Board and the Commissioners with their concerns. When previous Town Manager was here, the discussion was following the county approach to opening the parks, and then there was a disconnect when that employee left his position, and it turned into the first.
- b. Bottom line it was a strange year, had an ice storm mid March, in a normal year not a problem to open third week of March. The bathrooms still closed due to Covid. Have to be flexible due to our weather. If weather dictates Preston and crew try to get it going sooner. Never had a hard date on opening the fields. Always shot for Mid March,

sometimes earlier, sometimes later. Should set date to March 15th/depending upon weather.

3. SKATE PARK PAINTING

a. At last communication, they were still looking for paint. Haven't had any more contact from the painting residents. Should we reach out to Noah and Cage to see if they are still interested?

4. FY22 BUDGET - Parks Board has approximately \$83,000 of capital expenses that can be used to improve the parks

a. Preston Presented the following ideas:

i. Re-do Dr. Dillingham and Stevens Park Tot Lots, and possibly Bodmer with rubber chips rather than wood fiber chips.

ii. Last Fall the Brooks and Wooten Tot Lots were redone. Replacing wood fibers with rubber shavings.

iii. Rubber shavings, look good, are safer and they last for over 10 years. It is an expensive project.

iv. Wood fiber tot lots break down and rot out every few years, replacing the chips can cost up to \$4,000.

v. \$18,000 - \$19,000 to do each park

1. Perkin, Elgin, Gore, would be priced out for future year projects.

v. Total of about \$60,000 to do Stevens, Bodmer, Dr. Dillingham tot lots.

b. Pollinator Patch in Collier pond, \$3,000

c. Motioned was called to recommend Parks Board Capital Expenses to be allocated toward Dr. Dillingham, Stevens and Bodmer parks with rubber substreet. Seconded by Terry

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS & STREETS REPORT:

5. Cross walk from pool to Stoney Springs- like to get pricing on to maybe split the cost with the county.

6. Bring the cross walk from the new Bodmer development to Hoskinson. - get some figures for that plan. If we have a plan, it is easy to push projects thru for Grants. Planning commission meeting soon. Preston doesn't have any numbers at this time. Estimate \$250,000, which is a ball park. Will talk to John Strong on what he has on that.

7. CIP funds- is that use it or lose it, or does that rollover. It rolls over.

8. We may have a grant to replace the bathrooms at Halmos.

9. Need a meeting for Stevens park structure, updating and making better. Pavilion improvements, power, lighting, water.

10. Tim and Preston discussed 107 and 109 crossing lights at Barbershop and Bassetts

11. Preston will look into wind screen for pickleball court. Jeff will touch base and see about other parks that may have a pickle ball screen.

TOWN COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORT:

12. Approved close out of FY 2020 budget.

13. Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League meeting, approved resolution calling on council to approve the funding of the tax duplication. Poolesville tax payers pay taxes to MoCo, for parks, Poolesville has own parks, so basically we are paying MoCo for parks we don't have. MoCo is supposed to give that money back to Poolesville, and they don't typically do that. The league wrote up a resolution with several opportunities for Moco to increase refunds that Poolesville will get. Will attend MoCo meeting where the document is presented.

14. Commissioners are early in the process of filling Town Manager position. Jeff wrote up the Town Manager job description. Will we hire a head hunter to help find candidates or find them on our own?
15. Approved money for July 4th fireworks. Still unknown if the fireworks will be able to take place. We are getting the permits ,and site inspection ready incase we do. Once we get the permit from State of Maryland,then we apply for Moco permit
16. Request to fund a post prom, \$2,500, was approved. Jim Brown made a FB post, and many individual supporters are contributing to the fund. Will be at Calleva, very socially distanced. Jim Brown doing a great job encouraging people to help this cause.
17. Hydrant flushing happening
18. Inflow and infiltration project
19. Community Center- Jim Brown doing an excellent center for fair access. Wants BOE to also fund, not only a reennovated gym, but to build a new gym. We don't want to be underserved.
20. Update on progress or lack of for reopening Whites Ferry. Might not open again until next year.

Misc:

21. Poolesville Park Usage:
 - a. Do we want to tell people that to use the parks,that they are responsible for following Montgomery County protocols and for providing evidence to town hall regarding what practices they are using.
 - b. Current Montgomery guideline is 50 people for outdoor events.
montgomerycountymd.com the Covid information portal, gives specifics for different scenarios.
 - c. Different requirement for sports events. Montgomery County says, 2 spectators per participating athlete, up to a maximum of 50 spectators.

ADJOURNMENT: Called for adjournment at 9:19 pm