

APPROVED 9/7/22
Minutes
Poolesville Parks Board
July 6, 2022, 19721 Beall Street
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

7:00 PM – Jeff Eck, Pat Trainor, Tim Pike, Jeff McIntyre, Terry Pierce, Preston King, and John Strong

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting is scheduled for August 3rd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 6 and May 4 – Motion by Tim Pike, second by Jeff McIntyre, motion passed 4-0-1

OLD BUSINESS:

Rubber Mulch

Hannah Donart of 26900 Big Woods Road, Dickerson, MD presented facts about the potential hazards of using recycled tire/rubber mulch in the tot lot areas of Town parks. After discussion, the Parks Board decided to wait until the EPA published the report on its ongoing study on the safety of recycled tires/rubber mulch.

Placement of Bike Racks

5 racks already installed – 2 in Behrend, 1 in Brooks, 1 in Lori Gore, and 1 in the Wootton Ave tot lot

Preston King recommended the 5 left in stock be installed – 2 in Whalen Commons, 1 at Town Hall, 1 in Bodmer tot lot, and 1 in Elgin Park.

Discussion about adding plain green arches next to the arch with the Town logo to enlarge the racks.

Pat Trainor made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners to install the bike racks as Preston King recommended. Jeff McIntyre seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0

Crosswalks

- **Spates Hill At Fisher Avenue** will not meet the warrants required for a crosswalk as there is not enough pedestrian traffic. Also, the crosswalk would be located on a road not owned by the Town.
- **Spurrier Avenue at West Willard Road** was tabled until the High School construction is finished.

- **Wootton Avenue at Fisher Avenue** was a recommended site for a flashing crosswalk sign. The signs will eventually be moved once the planned traffic circle at that location is installed.
- **Fisher Avenue at the Old Bank (Locals entrance)** is not a viable location for a crosswalk.

Jeff Eck motioned that the Board recommend to the Commissioners that a flashing crosswalk sign be installed on Wootton Avenue and Fisher Avenue. Jeff McIntyre seconded; motion passed 5-0-0

Expanding Natural Areas of Parks and Town Mowing Areas

The board discussed areas that the Town could gradually allow to grow back into a natural state vs the currently mowed grass area. In so doing the Town could potentially reduce its carbon footprint and save on time and labor spent mowing.

Patrick Trainor motioned to recommend to the Commissioners to allow for the reintroduction of native plants to the greenspace on Brightwell Crossing Lane (pending resident notification), the Chestnut Orchard at Elgin Park and the installation of a pollinator patch at Collier Circle pond. Terry Pierce seconded; motion passed 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Field Rental Refunds

Board discussed the idea of ending the field rental fee refunds to ease the administrative burden on Town Staff. Discussion was tabled and Jeff McIntyre was going to discuss the current process with Wade Yost.

Street Names for Fishpool Development

Tabled until August meeting when the Board has the list of available names for Town streets and parks.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND STREETS REPORT:

- Summer maintenance in full swing
- Pond stocking continues – 270+ fish added to ponds
- 15th and 29th of July will be the last of the Town's summer program on the Commons – reintroduction of programs has been successful.
- Difficult finding summer help

TOWN COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORT:

No report

Motion to adjourn was entered by Terry Pierce and seconded by Jeff McIntyre. Motion passed 5-0-0