



TOWN OF EASTON

P.O. Box 520
Easton, Maryland 21601

Park Board minutes

3/22/2010 Time: 12:00 pm

Attendees:

Park Board members:

Jeff Parks

Ed Pinder

Ken McFadden

Otis Sampson

Others:

Lorraine Gould - Director of Parks and Recreation, Town of Easton

Ryan Showalter – representing Lakeland Community

Regular Town of Easton Park Board meeting brought to order by Director of Parks and Recreation. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Ryan Showalter briefed the Park Board on plans to add two tot lots (play areas) in the Lakeland Community. His reason for the visit today is not for the Park Board's approval, not for the Town of Easton to take over and maintain or for the Town of Easton to add to the budget or responsibility. The visit is just to see if the Park Board has any feedback or concerns. The play area will be maintained by the Homeowners Association. Mr. Showalter suggested he would draft a simple letter noting the Town of Easton Park Board members are comfortable with the tot lot going in the Lakeland's community.

Memorial bricks are still on sale.

North Easton Sports Complex: There are too many keys out. It is becoming a safety concern and we will now look into re-keying. Suggestion was made to get with Key One to see what can be done and not use residential locks, use something that is sturdy and get good locks. Field Use permits have been coming in and scheduling is going fine. Irrigation will be turned on April 15th. Easton Little League has a field maintenance volunteer that will be helping to maintain the baseball fields this season. Discussion of artificial turf fields and the thought was we probably would not see a profit right away, but we should still look into getting more information.

Idlewild Park: There is a concern of the small mounds near the children's garden. The Park Board members voted not to put "No bike" signs near the mounds. We could not

say if the wear is from a lot of foot traffic, although bikes are possibly ridden in the area also. The mounds are just too attractive and kids are going to play on them.

Skate Park: The hours presently are 3:00 – 7:00 on Thursday and Friday and 1:00 – 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The hours are still posted on the shed. Public works will schedule a time to do some maintenance work inside the skate park when it is closed and there is no rain.

The restrooms in **Moton** and **Idlewild Parks** will be open and the water turned on March 26th if the weather permits. Dean's Janitorial Services will be cleaning the restrooms in the parks and sports complex.

Thompson Park – The irrigation will be turned on April 15th. Lorraine is still looking for a way to possibly put a little light in the park at night.

RTC property - The Park Board is invited to attend the "Plan Your Park" on April 17th at Easton High School. Members did not commit but, they look forward to suggestions and recommendations.

The Park Board members were given a copy of directions to all of the parks and they will go over them for comments at a future meeting. This information will be put on the Town's web site

Blue lights on the **Rails to Trails** was discussed for safety. We will gather more information and discuss at a future meeting. The park board members thought this is something we may need to pursue

Lorraine reminded the Park Board members to advise her of anything they see that may need to be addressed or concerns they have. The Park Board will need to be ready by the first meeting in November with a list of recommendations if any that will need to go to the Mayor and Council.

The next regular meeting will be April 26, 2010 at noon.

No further business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould
Director of Parks and Recreation
Town of Easton