



## **TOWN OF EASTON**

P.O. Box 520  
Easton, Maryland 21601

### **Park Board minutes**

**11/26/07**

#### **Attendees:**

#### **Board members:**

Mike Weise

Jeff Parks

Edward Pinder

Ken McFadden

#### **Others:**

Robert Karge, Town Manager

Lorraine Gould, Director of Parks and Recreation

Regular meeting called to order by Park Board chairperson Mike Weise with four members of Park Board, Town Manager and Director of Parks and Recreation present. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

#### **Items from Director and Parks and Recreation:**

Contract has been signed and returned to Bridges Land Management for the work that is to be done on the baseball fields at North Easton Sports Complex. The total proposal amount was \$12,250. Friends of North Easton Sports Complex requested to take care of \$7,800 which will cover regarding and cutting sod on the four infields. The Town of Easton will pay the balance. Park staff will make sure the marked areas where the irrigation is, is still visible. We are now waiting to hear from Eric on a firm date as to when they will get started. Phil Russell and Bob Rauch are stepping back from Friends of North Easton Sports Complex. Richie Wheatley and Barry Griffin are stepping up as chairpersons. They will be contact persons. Director of Parks and Recreation will keep the Park Board informed of meetings with the Friends also. North Easton Sports Complex and Thompson Park has been winterized. Irrigation has been turned off and the lines have been blown out. All goals have been moved from the sports complex and put into storage for the winter. Thinking about putting goals in other parks. Lorraine is to work on updating the Field Use Request/Agreement form. Memorial wall is part of the Park and Recreation. Skate park hours will be 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturdays only if the weather is permitting. Bathrooms at Moton and Idlewild Parks have been cleaned and locked for the winter. We have a member from the Friends of Idlewild Park (Mrs. Victoria Milhollan) that would like to put a Wall of thanks near the play area for those that worked on the project. Gate at the sports complex entrance will be locked weekends during the winter and the police department will be notified. Easton Church of God has requested using the sports complex for an Easter Extravaganza in March. The large

problem is there is irrigation on all of the fields and they need to put up tents. Also we have a request from Talbot Lacrosse Association to use the fields also.

**Items from the board members:**

Members strongly suggest closing the sports complex from no later than Thanksgiving until spring of the following year. This would allow for winterizing and giving the fields time to heal until spring sports kick up. We need to better manage the assets that we have. Should we charge a fee for usage? We really need to think seriously about putting goals in other parks for the opportunity to play for all. All paperwork along with insurance forms should be submitted for usage of North Easton Sports Complex and it is to be enforced. Make sure permits are given out for use. A waiver is not to be accepted for insurance. The sports complex is the only place with restrictions. If it becomes a problem that the bathrooms are closed during the winter months think about putting portable toilets there. Members agreed to have Mrs. Victoria Milhollan come to one of our future meetings and bring a concept of her design. Lorraine will contact her to come to our February meeting at noon.

**Items from the Town Manager:**

Robert Karge introduced Lorraine Gould as the new Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Easton. He suggested trying if possible to grant reasonable requests for usage of the sports complex. There is property adjacent to the Rails to Trails that maybe suitable for pickup games. He also agreed that maybe we should put goals in a few of the other parks. Robert will draft a memo for the appropriate use of advising in the parks and will have to the board members for next year. Public Works is responsible for all of the maintenance at all of the parks.

There will be no meeting in December. **Next meeting: January 28, 2008 12:00 noon at Town Hall.**

No more business brought before this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Gould  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
Town of Easton