

Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board (MCPRB)
Meeting Minutes: 1/15/2020

Appointed Members: (Term Expiration) P - Present / A - Absent

***Director: Dawn Beal P**

County Commission:

Joel Tuttle (annual) P
John Rowland (6/30/21) P
Jason Didawick (1/1/21) A

Board of Education:

Aaron Close (annual) P
Bryan Heironimus (6/30/20) P
Ryan Fincham (11/30/19) P

Town of Bath:

Gordon MacLeod (6/30/20) A
Joe Anderton (6/30/21) P
Melissa Bartley (6/30/2022) P

***Note: The December 18, 2020 was cancelled.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tuttle at 7:05pm.

The November 20, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved (Moved-Close, Seconded Rowland).

Current financial reports were presented and approved unanimously (Moved-Fincham, Second-Anderton).

Public Comment:

Keith McClintock and Cory Bartley, Morgan County Little League, addressed the Board. They explained the drainage repairs needed. They obtained a quote from Pentoney Brothers Excavating for \$11,600 to fix 65% of the issues. Note: The MCPR Board previously budgeted \$11,500 for these repairs.

Little League Fields:

A motion was unanimously approved to increase the funding to \$11,600 for the repairs as presented by Little League representatives. (Moved-Bartley, Second-Rowland)

Ansul System-Little League Concession:

Director Beal explained that the Health Department and the Fire Marshall have not shut down the stand and does not plan on doing so, as long as we are working on it. The Fire Marshall is waiting on our proposal to fix the issues. A Fire X representative has indicated that the hood is okay but the ventilation system needs to be improved. Fire X stated that the Ansul fire protection system would cost \$2,000, but it cannot be installed until the ventilation system is corrected. Director Beal said that the concession stand may open this year since we are working on the issues, but they must be mindful of the upstairs use above the cooking area.

Little League Electric:

The electric service to the little league complex is shut down in the off-season. On a motion by Mr. Rowland, and seconded by Mr. Anderton, the electric was approved to be reinstated for the season on February 1, 2020 for the Blue Building and on March 1, 2020 for the field lights.

Soccer Field:

The Board discussed being mindful of the timing of the needed work in terms of weather conditions and soccer seasons. Mr. Fincham read an email from Green Horizons Turf Farms regarding the U-11 field and also shared a quote from Lyle C Tabbs & Sons, Inc. for topsoil and/or compost. Randy Beal, Morgan County Youth Soccer League (MCYSL), addressed the Board. He said that he recommends not using local soil due to the rock content. He also said that MCYSL should be able to contribute in addition to the approved \$11,000 by the Board. The Board has solicited quotes from local contractors. Mr. Close presented a proposal from Pentoney Brothers Excavating to bring in 16 loads of topsoil and provide two days of dozer work and one day of skid steer work to grade and spread the soil for a total of \$9,300.00. He said that we can also still research compost, tilling, seeding, and fertilizing. There was Board discussion. Mr. Close moved to accept the proposal as presented, Mrs. Bartley seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Biddy Buddy Basketball:

Director Beal informed the Board of issues regarding gym use and times. The Board discussed. No action.

Cacapon Dog Park:

Chairman Tuttle told the Board that Cacapon State Park Superintendent Scott Fortney spoke to the State about a dog park and he and they are in favor. Cacapon staff observe many dogs on the park premises normally but they must be on a leash. There are grants available, he said, maybe the LWCF grant. There is a spot behind the beach area that may be suitable. Dog parks are typically a couple acres in size. The Cacapon State Park Foundation also likes the idea and citizens have voiced a need.

State LWCF Grant – 16 wooded acres:

Chairman Tuttle explained that the Land and Water Conservation Fund is a 50/50 match grant with 2 to 3 million dollars of funds. It is a grant that the County has utilized before. He said that the application deadline is May 1st, and if not this year, by next year, we should apply for funding of a project on the 16 acres. He requested that Director Beal start drafting a survey for the community as to how to utilize the 16 acres.

Other Items:

None

Director's Update:

Director Beal reported that a \$2,000 grant was obtained from CNB Bank. She reported that WSIS staff had requested that only one basketball coach go in through the front doors and everyone else should enter through the playground door for MC After 3 and practice etc, and it is working well. She said that there is always help needed with Bidy Buddy games etc. She informed the Board that the Glow Party will be February 29th and the season will end by March 15th, and maybe by March 8th. She reminded the Board that the Harlem Wizards will be here March 17th.

John Rowland moved for adjournment, Joe Anderton Seconded, adjourned unanimously at 8:30pm.

Joel Tuttle, President

Ryan Fincham, Vice President/Secretary