

MATHEWS COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
July 6, 2023

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Welcome to guests
4. Approval of May minutes
5. Nomination and election of Secretary
6. Nomination and election of Vice Chair
7. Citizen Input
8. Discussion of Proposed Park Ordinance
9. Discussion of short and long term goals and prioritizing of those goals
10. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of parks
 1. Schedule tours
 2. Transfer of ownership--contingent upon water access only?
 - b. Port Fun improvements
 - c. Hallieford Beach maintenance/improvements
11. New Business
 - a. Multi-purpose trails
 - b. Discussion of county-owned properties (East River Boatyard and others)
12. Adjournment and next meeting reminder, August ~~14th~~, 2:00PM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes—Thursday, July 6, 2023
Chesapeake Community Room at Chesapeake Bank

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Tom Robinson conducted the roll call. Those in attendance were Sharon Frye, Christine Johnson, Nick Koch, Buzz Lambert, Dan Reno, and Tom Robinson. Jan Towne attended by mobile phone. Tim Tillage, Mathews County Facilities Manager, was welcomed as a guest.

Dan Reno made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the May meeting. Nick Koch seconded, and all approved.

Nick Koch made a motion to nominate and elect Sharon Frye as Secretary. Dan Reno seconded, and all approved.

Christine Johnson made a motion to nominate and elect Jan Towne as Vice-Chair. Sharon Frye seconded, and all approved.

Discussion of Proposed Parks Ordinance—Tom presented an ordinance based on Middlesex County's ordinance. After some discussion, it was suggested we look at the Gloucester County ordinance and glean from it. Tom will get a copy of Gloucester's ordinance, and this topic will be discussed at the August meeting.

Discussion of Short and Long Term Committee Goals—All agreed to work on goals outlined in today's agenda. Tom mentioned a goal of creating a walkway on the bridge over Garden Creek on Bethel Beach Road, but it was pointed out that is VDOT property and not Mathews County property. White's Creek Landing was discussed. Local property owners would like signage/ordinance to discourage loitering and destruction of property.

Old Business

1. Discussion of Parks—Tom offered to give committee members tours of the proposed park sites. Mike Walls took a tour of the proposed Mathews Heritage Park site. At this time, transfer of ownership of that site from the Middle Peninsula Public Access Authority to the county is contingent on it being water access only.
2. Port Fun Playground Improvements—Tim Tillage ordered and received an accessible ramp and swing. The additional swing framing has been purchased from Bliss, Inc. He is waiting on Bliss to fulfill order so it can be installed.
3. Hallieford Beach—Tim Tillage will check on dead tree removal at edge of parking lot. No easy fix for erosion created by parking lot runoff (lot is VDOT property). Tim stated he could have a picnic table placed there, per citizens' requests.

New Business

1. Multi-Purpose Trails—Christine Johnson is creating a subcommittee to explore options. Members will include Christine, Nick Koch, Betty Dillehay, and Linda Smith Greve.
2. Discussion of County-Owned Tennis Courts—Nick suggested converting one of the courts to a pickleball court when the courts are resurfaced. This would leave three tennis courts available

for practice and tournaments. A discussion ensued. Nick motioned to make this suggestion to the appropriate authority. Sharon Frye seconded, and all approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the same location.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Frye, Secretary