

MATHEWS COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
October 5, 2023

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Welcome to new board members
4. Approval of September minutes
5. Nomination and election of Secretary
6. Nomination and election of Vice Chair
7. Citizen Input
8. Sub Committees
 - a. Multi Trails
 - b. Multi Use parks
 - c. Pickle Ball courts.
9. 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
10. New Business
 - a. Multi-purpose trails
 - b. Discussion of county-owned properties (East River Boatyard and others)
11. Adjournment and next meeting reminder, November 2nd, 2:00PM

Mathews County Parks & Rec Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes, Oct. 5th, 2023
Chesapeake Community Room, Chesapeake Bank

Meeting was called to order 2pm by Nick Koch, Committee Members in attendance: Pat Daniels (YMCA), Earl Byrum, Sharon Frye, Amber Moore, Dan Reno, Jean Howard and Neena Putt- a concerned Citizen. Tom Robinson was out of town but called in. Everyone introduced themselves, Neena Putt said she was pleased to see the announcement about the meetings in the GJ.

- **still noted-** we have April & August Minutes, no quorum was reached in June. We need to obtain the minutes for May & July.
- Sept minutes approved / Nick Koch elected Vice Chair / Jean Howard elected Secretary

Sub Committees-

- Multi Trails- Cristine Johnson is leading this committee with Nick Koch as liaison to the Multi-trails committee, it is recommended that we have paved trails.
- Jan Towne and Christine Johnson want to focus on the trails.
- Christine Johnson will be coordinating with the State Trails Office of Public Outreach & engagement. They are conducting a survey and looking for trail related Advocacy.
- Nick spoke to Billy Cook & Mike Wall about the Multi-use park on the wetlands.
- update Port Fun pickle ball courts- converting basketball courts to 3 p.b. courts not really acceptable- better to use as tennis courts.
- Pickle ball courts- Motion made, seconded and passes to create a committee to investigate possible locations for pickleball courts. Nick Koch will be the Chair.

Old Business-

- Schedule a tour of the properties
- Invite Planning Committee to Parks & Rec Meetings
- Transfer of ownership of Heritage Park was not discussed as it was removed from the Agenda.

New Business-

- East River Boat Yard not discussed.
- Ramona Wilson letter received, saying that a tour of the park locations would be allowed.
- Auburn Landing discussed. It is no longer listed on the county website. Neena Putt will investigate.
- Earl Byrum was very well prepared to add needed facts & location info with the Public Water Access Guide for Mathews County.
- Neena Putt - very experienced in the County, was on the Board of Supervisors and more, stated that this all needs to be added to the County's Comprehensive Plan because then VDOT will do a lot of the work and pay for it too. When they work on the roads they can add the bike trails, etc.

Adjourned at 3:18pm

next meeting at 2pm, Nov. 2nd, 2023 at the Chesapeake Community Room, Chesapeake Bank
minutes respectfully submitted by Jean Howard