

Mathews County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Agenda Thursday, March 7, 2024

Historic Courthouse, Mathews, VA.

Call to Order, Roll Call for quorum

Approval of February Minutes, Approval of Agenda

Welcome Guests

Public comment period

Sub-Committee Reports

- Multi-use Trails: Statewide Trails Eastern District Advocacy Group for Mathews
- Future Multi-use Parks:
 - 64 Acres near Sheriff's office
 - 897 South Bay Haven
 - East River boat ramp.
- Pickleball- Status

Old Business

- Tour existing county water access sites – Earl
- Parks Discussion

New Business

- Activities discussion

Second Public comment period

Action Items

Next meeting: April 4, 2024

Undated 1 March.

Mathews County Parks & Rec Advisory Committee

March 7th, 2024 Minutes

Historic Courthouse, 4:30pm

Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome, Approval of Feb. Minutes, Citizen Comments

In attendance: Nick Koch-Interim Chair, Dan Reno, Terry Dixon, Amber Moore, Earl Byrum, Buzz Lambert-YMCA Liaison, Tom Bowen-BOS Liaison, Jean Howard-Secretary

Absent: Sharon Frye

Sub Committees: Future Multi-use Parks- Jan Towne & Eileen Koch; Pickleball- Nick Koch

Citizen Comments: Jan Towne-Master Naturalist, John Bonner, Craig DeRemer, Robb Riddle

- Jan Towne wants to help with developing South Bay Haven, Sensory Trails, Jean Howard offered to help with this project. Nature Walks for Mental Health. Introduce: Paddle with a Purpose, Sunday, May 26th, 2024 info at www.readriseandshine.org
- Funding for National Fitness Program available
- Discussed 897 South Bay Haven. Motion by Earl, seconded by Dan, and passed 6-0 to recommend to the BOS that this parcel be designated as a low impact community park with kayak access and pier. Septic to be investigated, replacement of pier and South Bay Haven, need a low impact plan
- Discussed 64 acres near Sherriff's office, wetlands to be addressed-.
- Tom Bowen will check with County regarding a Parks & Rec Facebook page.
- Tim Tillage to check on status on Hole in the Wall pier, advising VDOT might be able to help with sand runoff.
- Earl requested everyone visit sites on the Chesapeake Bay side.
- Pickleball- improvements should be completed by May, 2024, discussed possible Grand Opening at Port Fun Park in May or early June. Not May Faire weekend.
- Mathews Outdoor Club 2024 Event Schedule distributed.
- Activities Discussion

Next meeting: April 4th, 2024 4:30 Historic Courthouse