

Mathews County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Agenda Thursday, 5:00 PM November 7, 2024

Historic Courthouse, Mathews, VA.

Call to Order, Roll Call for quorum

Approval of September Minutes, Approval of Agenda

Welcome Guests

Public comment period

Port Fun Maintenance and Upgrades

- **Tennis Courts**
- **Restrooms**
- **Basketball fence (ditch)**
- **Playground**
- **Pickleball Courts**

YMCA Update

Water Access Sites

- **Pier new and rebuilt**
- **Eligibility for grants**
- **Litter Picker stations**
- **Hole In The Wall dredging status**
- **Review/comparison with Comprehensive Plan**

Community Communications

Second Comment Period

Action Items

Next meeting TBD

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- **Absent: Sharon Fry, Buzz Lambert, Tim Tillage**
- **Shelby Ray represented Mathews County Schools**

Approval of September Minutes, Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve minutes- Jan Towne, Second-Terry Dixon. Approved unanimous**
- **Motion to approve agenda- Earl Byrum, Second Terry Dixon. Approved unanimous**

Welcome Guests

Public comment period

- **Steve Farmer thanked us for helping the County**

Port Fun Maintenance and Upgrades

- **Tennis Courts- discussion. BOS is aware of the need to upgrade as soon as possible**
- **Restrooms- discussion. Plans in place, but waiting on input from Hampton Roads Sanitation District.**
- **Basketball fence (ditch)- discussion- need to determine exactly what can be done**
- **Playground- discussion- mulch has compacted under swings, slides, and spinner. Needs to fixed ASAP to avoid a safety issue. Jan has researched mats for these areas and walkways. Cost estimate is \$5000. Discussion of drafting a letter to service groups for donations to cover this cost**
- **Pickleball Courts-Discussion- leaves and acorns make play difficult. Players have been bringing their own blowers to help with this problem.**

YMCA Update

Buzz Lambert's notes are attached.

Water Access Sites

- **Pier new and rebuilt-discussion.**
 - **Roane Pt. has new pier. Rose Creek and Old Mill Landing work has been completed. Gazette Journal will be contacted for pictures/article.**
- **Eligibility for grants-discussion-**
 - **Middle Peninsula Planning to discuss Winter Harbor Haven, Davis Creek and East River Boatyard.**
 - **Discussion of Rays Grant to give commercial watermen access to unload their "catch."**
 - **Discussion of parking for Edwards Landing.**
 - **Discussion of plans for South Bay Haven including a "work day" to clean up the area.**
- **Litter Picker stations-discussion**
 - **Commission will try to build two stations. Haven Beach, and Port Fun. Bethel Beach to be determined later.**
 - **Discussions of buckets. Commission will contact Rachel Morris, Art teacher, for suggestions of logo, etc.**

- Commission members will build the stations.
- No funds needed from BOS
- Hole In The Wall dredging status-discussion
 - Working on Breakwaters at Haven Beach.
 - Dredging to resume when crew returns from the gulf.
 - Discussion of improving/expanding parking area at Haven Beach
- Review/comparison with Comprehensive Plan-discussion
 - Members asked to review sites. County comprehensive plan review is due in 2025

Community Communications-discussion-Facebook page incomplete

Second Comment Period

Action Items-Nick will contact Sherry Hamilton about rebuilt docks

Next meeting – Motion – Jan-next meeting will be Jan 9 at 5pm. Second- Dan. Unanimous approval.

A few updates to share briefly:

- **LiveSTRONG is currently running at the Y. This free, 12-week is offered to members of the Mathews community who are going through cancer treatments or have recently completed their regimens. The program focuses on wellness and stress-reduction techniques by:**
 - **Building muscle mass and strength**
 - **Increasing flexibility and endurance**
 - **Improving confidence and self-esteem**
- **Youth Outdoor Soccer recently concluded in October with 47 children from 3-12 participating. Indoor sports (volleyball and indoor soccer) began this week.**
- **The Y hosted the Mathews Outdoor Club's Mathews Marathon packet pickup and Carb-loading dinner on October 18th. Race participants from near and far enjoyed Mathews hospitality and a perfect weekend to explore the county.**

I also wanted to share this free community program:

"Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia"

Middlesex Family YMCA, 11487 General Puller Hwy, Hartfield, VA

Thursday, November 14

11:30am-12:30pm

Registration required

Topics covered during the 1-hour session:

- **The impact of Alzheimer's**
- **The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia**
- **Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors**
- **Current research and treatments available to address some symptoms**
- **Alzheimer's Association resources available**

Anyone interested can call the Y at 804.725.1488 to register. Questions can be sent to blambert@ymcavp.org.