

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2013

Members Present: Kelly Ivy, Paula Clinedinst, Lester Whitmer, Ken Blue, Betty Sonneveldt, Marc Siegel, Chris Husker
Chair: Lola Skolnik
Staff Liaison: Julie McHale
Staff Presenter: Leslie Riddle
City Council Liaison: Leta Mach
Members Excused: Jay Shay, Alice Murphy
Members Unexcused: Michael Lee
Visitors: Bill Orleans

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. The November 28, 2012 minutes were approved.

Councilwoman Mach spoke about the City's budget, the Geocache Trail Launch, and the status of the FBI building relocation to Prince George's County. Ms. Mach also reported on the repurposing of Greenbelt Middle School.

Recreation Director McHale asked us to update the PRAB roster for the upcoming year. We discussed changes to the rules/regulations on use of Buddy Attick Park. Registration for camps will begin in early February. Ten applications were submitted for the Reorganization Study.

Julie reminded the members that applications for Recognition/Contribution Groups are due February 22nd. PRAB will review them in March 20; a second meeting on March 27 was set if needed for applications. Julie will reserve the room and will also get the completed applications to the Board as soon as they are available.

Assistant Director of Public Works, Leslie Riddle, updated us on the Buddy Attick Park restorations. We discussed dredging/draining the lake and the breach in the dam. A pavilion for the group picnic area was suggested -- Julie and Leslie will look into it. Julie was asked to get the Buddy Attick Park Revenues for the last three fiscal years to bring the next meeting.

Beaver management at the Lake was discussed, particularly as it relates to the beaver pair that has lived at the Lake for the past four years. Leslie hopes to trap, spay/neuter, and release them back to the Lake in the near future, as they are indicators of a healthy ecosystem.

Ms Riddle also informed the Board that; the combined playground project at Laurel Hill and Hillside was approved; and that Greenbelt was awarded a \$23,000 Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant, which will be used for evaluation and to help create a master plan for our trees, specifically for Buddy Attick Park, Schrom Hills Park, and the North Tract.

There was no new business.

The next meeting is February 20th at 7:30. Julie will invite Celia Craze to the meeting. Lola will ask Celia Craze to attend to speak about dredging the Lake (and a partial drain-down) and dam restoration. Leslie will attend also to report on purchasing a Pavilion for the Lake Park's group picnic area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted, Paula Clinedinst, January 22, 2013