

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
September 19, 2012

**Members present:** Betty Sonnevelt, Kelly Ivy, Jay Shay, Paula Clinedinst, Marc Siegel, Alice Murphy, Lester Whitmer, Ken Blue, Chris Husker  
**Staff Liaison:** Julie McHale  
**Members Excused:** Lola Skolnik  
**Members Unexcused:** Michael Lee  
**Council Rep:** Mrs. Leta Mach

1. 7:32 Called to order
2. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes; seconded; the minutes were approved
3. Councilwoman Mach updates
4. Director Report:
  - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities continue
    - (Gala, talk by James Roosevelt, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greenbelt Museum)
  - Tennis Courts/Lights
    - Selling coins, \$2.00 per/hour, made \$250 over the weekend
  - Computer lab and other programs at SHLRC
    - So far successful. May be getting an additional 2 lap tops.
  - Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>
  - \$10 University of Maryland shuttle passes to residents (good for a year)
  - Active Aging Week (9/23-9/29, 2012)
5. Advisory board dinner Oct 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 – 8pm, Community Center
6. Discussion of Buddy Attick Park renovations:
  - **Concerns:**
    - i. Losing open space in park. There are two areas under discussion. Lesley Riddle, Assistant Director of Public Works, replied that trees can be transplanted, now is the time to do it. However, there have been some concerns expressed by residents over misuse of the land (loud noise). Board would like to see these police reports. *Leslie has offered to walk through these areas with interested board members and to find a location to move trees to.*
    - ii. Riddle brought up the issue of erosion in these areas. Report (“Buddy Attick Park: Master Plan”) needs to take maintenance issue into consideration. The park is becoming more crowded and additional steps do need to be taken to mitigate erosion and wearing down of the park (some of the natural systems are failing). Over 200 trees lost in the last 5 years. *Leslie will write up a report. Will provide a schematic of areas that will need to be fenced off.*
    - iii. Need to more clearly mark the fences used to mark of renovated/recouping areas.
    - iv. Need to revisit fee policies for Schrom Hills. Start charging a security deposit? Pavilions and new structures will be built. There will also be a restoration there as well.

- v. Green Hills restoration project – almost complete. CPO to mitigate storm drainage and control mosquito issue.

7. Old Business – N/A

8. New Business

- GAFC Pool Entry – minimum age to enter without an adult
  - i. **More information needed.** How many children would this policy effect? What is the number of 7 to 11 year olds are there at the pool every day? How many are left unmonitored? How many have disciplinary actions against them? Is there a legal opinion, are we in violation of state law saying your child needs to be 12+ to be left alone? **Need more data.**  
**Concern:** What’s the alternative for these children? Will this hurt the “good” kids more than help the problem?  
**Possible solutions:**
    1. Have parents sign kids in and out and leave a phone number.
    2. Have parents sign a waiver, acknowledging they are leaving their child unsupervised at the pool.
    3. Gather volunteer pool monitors or a summer position. Tack on a fee to unsupervised underage swimmers and/or fee for disciplinary call.
    4. Raise the age (see Director’s Proposal)
    5. Asked for legal opinion – what are the legal implications

*Ruling postponed until more information is made available.*

*Respectfully submitted by Alice Murphy*

Amendments made to the document by Julie McHale and submitted on

11/30/2012