

Mathews County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Agenda
Thursday, August 3, 2023

Call to Order

Roll Call

Welcome to Guests

Approval of July Minutes

Discussion of Proposed Park Ordinance

Sub-Committee Reports

a. Multi-Use Trails

Old Business

a. Parks Discussion

1. Billups Creek Property

2. South Bay Haven Drive Property

b. Port Fun Playground

c. Hallieford Beach

d. Signage Update

e. Tennis Courts

New Business

a. East River Boatyard

b. Put-in Creek Kayak Launch and Pavilion

Other ideas, thoughts, suggestions

Next meeting reminder

Adjournment

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting minutes - Thursday August 3, 2023
Chesapeake Community Room at Chesapeake Bank

The meeting was called to order at 2:02PM. Tom Robinson, Sharon Frye, Christine Johnson, Dan Reno, Nick Koch, Jan Towne, and Terry Dixon were present.

Jan Towne made a motion to accept minutes from July meeting with a second by Nick Koch.

Discussion of Park Ordinance - Tom stated that it was approved by the Sheriff except 3-15. This will be sent to County Attorney. At the July meeting Jan Towne stated that she wanted to look at Gloucester's Park Ordinance. Tom shared a copy at the August meeting. It was decided that everyone on the commission would look at it and revise. Revisions would be discussed at the September meeting. Jan Towne pointed out some potential holes in the one approved by the sheriff. Park Ordinance was put on hold.

Sub-committee Report - Christine states that she would like multi-purpose trails under power lines. Kirk Smith of Middle Peninsula Authority would have to give his input on public access. Christina also stated that she would prefer asphalt for surfacing of these trails.

Old Business -

A. 1. Billups Creek- Tom read the 2012 legal advice document from MPPAA about legal right of way concerning this property. Nick asked for a copy of this document and a copy sent to the BOS. Tom recommended that the BOS accept the property with only water access until the right of way issue is resolved.

2. South Bay Haven Drive Property - Tom stated that the Kiwanis Club would be willing to maintain this future park.

B. Port Fun - Jan Towne reported that Tim Tillage has the handicapped swing and is still waiting for Bliss to deliver the swing structure. Estimate is 6 weeks.

C. Hallieford Beach - Tim Tillage still trying to get picnic tables for area. VDOT is checking into problem of severe runoff causing erosion.

D. Signage Update - Tim is still working on this for all beaches.

E. Tennis Courts/-Resurfacing- Tim Tillage is still working on this project to make pickle ball courts and reduce tennis courts to 3.

New Business -

- A. East River Boatyard - County owns this property and is in need of directional signage. Need to check for recreational use.
- B. Put in Creek - Concern about kayak launch is located in an area too shallow during low tide, recommend signage indicating this - may be a safety issue.

Other ideas, thoughts and suggestions:

A. Nick Koch made a motion to look at 4 parcels that total 62.6 acres owned by the County (21-A-39B, 26A2-A-16, 21-A-16, 20-A-107) as a future park, seconded by Dan, approved by Committee.

B. Lengthy discussion about BOS last meeting and comments about this Committee and the GJ article culminating in the resignation of Committee members Christine Johnson and Jan Towne.

Next meeting: Motion made by Dan Reno and Second by Nick Koch to have next meeting September 14, 2023 at 2pm Chesapeake Bank meeting room.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Frye

Modified by Nick Koch - Revision as of 9/4/2023 (to include comments from Jan Towne)