

## Mathews County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

### Agenda

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Call to Order, Roll Call

Welcome to Guests

Approval of December Minutes, Approval of Agenda

YMCA 2024 programming -Buzz

Interim chair Comments

- 4 members resigned last year.
- Accomplishments: Handicap swing, Hallieford Beach, County Ordinance, South Bay Haven

Sub-Committee Reports

- Multi-use Trails: Statewide Trails Eastern District Advocacy Group for Mathews
- Multi-use Park: Identified 4 county owned parcels (64 acres near Sheriff's office. Voted to recommend BOS approve as future park site.)
- Pickleball- Recommended adding pickleball courts to Port Fun

New Business (Action items)

- What do we want to do?
- Purpose (in By-Laws): The Mathews County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission hereinafter referred to as the Commission, shall advise the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors on development, funding, programming, land acquisition, and maintenance related to Parks and Recreation activities and facilities.
- Tour existing county sites – Earl
- Potential site

Existing parks and facilities

- Parks Discussion
- Ordinance

Other Business

Next meeting: February 1, 2024

## Mathews County Parks & Rec Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 4:30pm

Chesapeake Community Room, Chesapeake Bank Mathews County

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Nick Koch, 4:30pm

In attendance: Amber Moore, Earl Byrum, Dan Reno, Terry Dixon, Sharon Frye, Buzz-YMCA, Jean Howard

Guests: Eileen Koch

BOS: Mike Walls and Tom Bowen

Call to Order, roll call, Welcome, approval of Dec. minutes, Citizen Comments

- Buzz presented a report for the YMCA Recreational Goals for 2023, wanting to build on this for 2024. Asking for ideas and thoughts. His detailed report is attached. He reports that their goal is to improve the quality of life in Mathews County. Currently there are 525 Families involved in the programs, 976 actual Members. Membership prices vary on how many are joining...ranging from Family \$75, to Adult \$51, to Kids \$32, and there is a Senior rate of \$49. Special rates for School Employees.
- Nick Koch will remain Interim Chair. He welcomed the new Committee Members and discussed what was accomplished last year.
- We discussed the Multi-use Trials in Va, Christine Johnson is overseeing this- Statewide Trails Eastern District Advocacy Group for Mathews, while Nick is overseeing the Multi-use Parks. 64 acres near the Sheriff's office, has been submitted to the BOS to decide.
- Recommended by Mike Walls that Christine Johnson should be approved by the BOS to work on this, so to avoid conflicts or waste of time.
- Tom Bowen said our bylaws allow us assigning someone to a sub-committee for our main Committee. We should not worry about Christine contributing.
- Mike reported that Tom will be the new BOS Rep to our Committee. Mike then reported that Tim Tillage had priced building the 4 pickle ball courts at the MHS basketball court at \$66,300.00. There is already \$66,000.00 allotted. Did not see the fence costs included. We discussed the smaller Basketball courts behind THMS again...still might be an option. Some monies have been budgeted to fix the practice board also. The Teachers & Coaches definitely don't want to lose the tennis courts.
- Pickle Ball will be appreciated at the Schools eventually...it will be a School Sport soon.
- Discussion about Citizens Comment time at our meetings, put forward by Mr. Paul Hudgins last year. We have our meetings open to the County to attend.
- Earl Byrum suggested we all tour the sites, going together will be tough, he proposes to email us all some sites to visit on our own before the next meeting so we can discuss them.
- Talked about a potential site: 25 acres donated to Friends of Dragon Run over near Misty Cove. The Broderson's don't want it, it is wetlands with a lot of waterfront on the Piankatank River. We examined a map of the area that Nick furnished. Mike Walls

warned us about pressing forward in that area, stating that it had been attempted before with a lot of public objection.

- East River Boatyard discussion – just 1 acre, parking for about 6 boats & trailers. Mike Walls suggested Tim Tillage needs to attend our meetings and could fill us in on these ideas.

We adjourned at 5:30, next meeting is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30pm.