



Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2024

In attendance:

Doug Menapace, Keith Martin, Max Moog, Brian Caldwell, Tom Spray-Fry, Kevyn Allgeier, Eleanor Huber, Scott Jenkins, JoAnn Talbot, Linda Frederick, Karin Weber, Mike Hielke, Stephanie Wilson, Adriane Burke, Nate Horst, Kelly Beninghove, Whitney Leber, Jennie Springer, Karla Lee, Travis Pendergast, Nick Stathopoulos

Call to Order

Vice President called the meeting to order at 8:17 PM. (Mr. Picone was not in attendance.)

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Caldwell seconded Mr. Spray-Fry's motion to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Gayleard was not present for the meeting. Via email, she indicated to the council that she will present both March and April reports at the next meeting.

Council Report

Kevyn Allgeier

1. Spring & Fields

The last chalk and paint order was delivered; fields are getting ready for spring.

2. CivicRec Update

The "summer window" for permitting (mid-June through July) is open and the new system is up and running. Please continue to use the same permit form, email permits@carrollmanor.org, but also copy the county office. CMRC has until March 15 to get their requests in; then CMRC travel / club / adult by April 1; BCPS by April 15; public by May 1. The fall window (August 1 – mid-November) opens May 1. More details to come.

Under the new format, CMRC will decide who gets fields if there is a conflict with outside requestors.

Mr. Allgeier noted that through "Reimagining Recreation," Baltimore County Rec & Parks (BCR&P) is getting away from seasons for the permitting windows. Mr. Caldwell recommended CMRC follow its seasons format in the bylaws for now until further guidance from the county warrants a new policy.

Mr. Menapace noted that there would be an update on "Reimagining Recreation" at the next meeting on April 11 as Mr. Picone is attending a county meeting on the matter on April 4.

Mr. Spray-Fry inquired about the fee structure for field use. Mr. Allgeier noted discussions are continuing on that issue and we will learn soon what the recommended fees would be for permitting field space.

President's Report

(Mr. Menapace reporting for Mr. Picone.)

1. Region 2 President's Meeting

The planned Region 2 meeting was cancelled; new date TBD.

2. CMRC Bylaws

BCR&P approved the CMRC bylaws at their meeting on March 14. Mr. Picone signed them the following day and they are posted to the CMRC website and effective immediately. Mr. Menapace noted that checkbooks for programs that have them will be turned in at the end of the current program session. New online forms for reimbursement will be introduced at the April meeting.

3. Budget Review Calendar

In the past, CMRC has reviewed budgets during the months of April, May, and June. The executive board is reviewing that schedule as it may make sense to wait and approve fall / winter sports budgets closer to seasons starting for more accuracy. More to come. Mr. Allgeier recommended following the new permitting season blocks via CivicRec.

4. Direct Deposit for Instructors

Still exploring options. Mr. Picone met with PNC bank recently.

5. Travel Baseball Meeting

The executive board met with CMRC Travel Baseball recently to get them set up as an independent program outside of in-house baseball. Budget presentation to come later in meeting.

6. AED Maintenance

CMRC requested AED devices for all outdoor facilities used by the council. On Feb. 6, the council received an email that AEDs are coming, but there needs to be clarity from the county over who is responsible for maintenance.

7. CMRC Travel Baseball Meeting

The executive board met with the CMRC travel baseball program to discuss new requirements that they present budgets separately from the in-house program for more transparency. A meeting is to be scheduled with travel lacrosse for the same discussion.

8. CMRC Lacrosse Meeting

In a similar manner, Mr. Picone met with the lacrosse program directors on March 15; Mr. Moog will meet with the group on March 26 to discuss budgeting formats and questions.

9. CMRC Tax Return

CMRC's tax return has been completed, signed, and submitted.

10. Participant Registration / Background Checks

Mr. Menapace reminded programs that all participants need to be registered and that all volunteers must complete a background check via Baltimore County. More information [on the website](#).

Budget Presentations

1. Camp Gymtastic

Ms. Springer presented the Camp Gymtastic summer program, running the weeks of July 22 and 29.

The budget includes a proposal to raise registration fee to \$160 to account for fringe in payroll / taxes. Mr. Moog seconded a motion by Mr. Caldwell to accept the budget as presented. No objections from council members.

Ms. Lee asked if the program is covered by CMRC insurance. Mr. Moog said an update is coming and Mr. Caldwell suggested looking up independent coverage for the program as well.

2. Men's Basketball

Mr. Horst noted that the 2024 program closely mirrored last year's program, so the budgets are similar. Mr. Allgeier pointed out that leadership, provided by the county, might go away under pending changes; Mr. Horst can omit that line item if this occurs. Mr. Spray-Fry seconded a motion by Mr. Caldwell to accept the budget as presented. No objections from council members.

3. Travel Baseball

Mr. Pendergast presented the program's first budget as a separate entity, including breakdowns for the five teams that comprise the travel program. Mrs. Beninghove seconded a motion by Mr. Stathopoulos to accept the budget as presented. No objections from council members.

4. SEEDS Nature Camp

Ms. Leber presented the budget for the camp, operating three sessions this summer (June 24-28; July 8-12; August 5-9). Ms. Leber also inquired about insurance; Mr. Allgeier said if the camp's operators were county employees, they should be covered. Mr. Martin seconded a motion by Mr. Stathopoulos to accept the budget as presented. No objections from council members.

New Business:

1. JES Parent's Night Out Donation

The Jacksonville Elementary School (JES) Parent Teacher Association reached out to CMRC to inquire about a donation of one program registration for their annual fundraiser; this would exclude travel program fees. Mrs. Huber and Mrs. Talbot offered to also donate one fitness class session (\$60 value) to the event as well. Mr. Stathopoulos seconded a motion by Mr. Caldwell to approve both donations to the fundraiser. Mr. Martin will issue certificates for the donations to the PTA / follow-up with winners to process their registration(s).

2. Jacksonville Optimists 4th of July Celebration

Mr. Jenkins noted that the Optimists' request to utilize JES for the event is "pending," and that the school system indicated a willingness to work together to hold the annual event. More details to come.

3. Program Updates

Field Hockey

Mr. Jenkins inquired about storage for three goals. Mr. Menapace said he would investigate room at the JES shed.

Adjournment:

Mr. Moog seconded Mr. Stathopoulos' motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Menapace adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM.

The next meeting will be held on April 11, at 8:15 PM at Sweet Air Park.

