

**CATONSVILLE RECREATION & PARKS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES Date: March 27, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Natalie Powell, Kelly Benefiel, Joe Koehler, Katie Harris, Meaggan Aiosa, Michelle Washington, Dawn Jacobs, Tom Rainier, Donald Gorsuch, Kara Burman, Steve McCleary, Kelly Libertini, Bruce Simperts, William Fitzgerald, Keith Arnold, Peggy Lea Gosnell, Rick Wiker

Next meeting will be April 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HB522- Youth Sports Program Bill for Concussion Risk Management Training:
Still in amendment phase, no changes

HB1210 - Education Public School and Youth Sports Program Bill:
Died in house

Discussion on GroupNet:

Not renewing contract in June. The cost would be \$16,000 plus each program is charged \$2.10 per registrant. GroupNet said they would waive the \$16,000 if soccer program continued, but soccer is not continuing because GroupNet could not handle the registration this year.

Another option is TeamSnap which soccer using. Natalie will discuss it with council members and then bring a proposal to programs. Team Snap is \$249 per year with unlimited registration with an additional 2.99% plus \$0.99 per registrant. There are some concerns regarding who has registration to that registration platform. Registrations would be open to different each program using the platform (meaning if soccer and Frisbee are both using one account, both boards would have access to each other's registration). Natalie was thinking about the possibility of creating another position on the board or committee that would act like a registrar to manage registrations. It takes about an hour to set up registration and Natalie said it would take about 4 clicks to renew the registration next year.

Q: So the Pilates program that has about six sessions a year, would that be apart of the \$249?

A: Natalie would like it to be. The \$249 could be split amongst the programs using the platform. There are per registrant fees could be built into your program fee or be handed off to your registrant.

Q: Do they have Tech Support?

A: Yes and they are phenomenal. There are instant chats and emails.

Q: Is each team charged?

A: It depends what you purchase. Soccer purchased last year for 30 travel teams and it cost about \$1300 which was very well received. It ended up being about \$3.00 a month, but you could cover that cost with registration. You do not have to purchase teams.

Q: When does GroupNet expire?

A: June. Natalie is going to talk to GroupNet to see how information can be exported out to another site where we can access. There are other things we can look into because Natalie does not know the communication capabilities for TeamSnap, regarding sending out email blasts or if it is going to have to be broken down per program.

Q: What about Sports Engine?

A: The cost per registration is 3% plus \$0.99 per registrant, but the ease of setting up registration wasn't there compared to TeamSnap, which also allows invoicing and setting up rosters.

Q: Is there a way for individual programs to have a website through the Rec Council because Sports Engine has that option?

A: We probably could and we can look into it. I don't know if TeamSnap has websites. Katie said she could add a page to the website, but if it needs updates.

Q: What about Blue Star?

A: Soccer is not using the platform, which according to Craig would provide discounts for other programs if soccer would continue, so please check with Craig to see how that could impact your pricing.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

WEBSITE

If you have not reached out to Katie, please check your links. There is still missing information. If you have not emailed her, then your team page is currently the template for Catonsville baseball.

The background check is on the website.

Katie can add pictures as well, please email her pictures.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

January/February leadership fees were just received so those will be booked in March.

Assessments are starting

SECRETARY REPORT

N/A

COMMITTEE REPORT

Prom Committee:

Dawn Jacobs (PTA President) from Western School of Technology and Environmental Science – the event is March 26 12:00 am-3:00 am. CRPC has supported the last three years so she is here asking for support. The event is for seniors at a bowling alley and provides a drug-free, alcohol-free, chaperoned event. The Freshman-Junior parents are asked to help support the event. To help fund the event, they have asked for support from the Orioles and Ravens and applied for grants in Baltimore County. Since it is not a community school because it is a magnet school, they have also reached out to community businesses in Catonsville, Pikesville, Randallstown, Reisterstown, and other areas.

The PTA has also worked in conjunction with Western Tech administration to provide information to students regarding drug and alcohol abuse and texting while driving amongst teens. One initiative in April is Shock Trauma coming to school to speak to Seniors and Juniors.

Approximate cost is \$8850. Students will get prizes and incentives to stay the entire time. If they do not stay, their parents are called.

Rick Wiker: As a follow up, Badminton, Youth Baseball, Field Hockey, Weaving, Karate, Girls Rec Softball, Girls Softball, Track, Pilates, and Boys Basketball have contributed for a combined \$1350.

Dawn Jacobs thanks everyone for their support. Any overages goes to PTSA scholarships.

Q: What is your fundraising goal?

A: \$6,000

Scholarship Committee

Keith Arnold shared information was sent to Mount De Sales Academy, Western Tech, Catonsville High School, and Mount St Joseph and confirmation was received that the information was received. The deadline is sometime next month.

COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

All work orders that softball have requested have been submitted, may not have been done. Home plate was picked up on Monday and will be installed.

Baseball home plates – the middle field has been installed, but Tom will make a list of any additional needs and submit that to Michelle.

Catonsville High School Tennis courts will be closed starting May 26 for two weeks for repairs. It should not impact programs.

Old Catonsville Elementary School, a pickle ball court will be installed. It is a tennis court, but is smaller and has more lines. It is popular with seniors. It is a racket sport with a lower net. You can fit two pickle ball courts on one tennis court.

Boys Varsity Soccer coach emailed Michelle to see if he could use Spring Grove for a camp July 23-27 and July 30-August 3 from 8:00-10:00 am because the Catonsville High School track is being renovated. Natalie will look at the dates of other camps and see if the field is available.

Michelle will be out of town March 28-April 9. Angel will be in the office and Kenny, Herb, and Bonita will be available. Michelle will be checking in

Kara Burman, Regional Coordinator, Department of Recreation and Parks shared the following:

De-winterization Schedule: Starting most Catonsville sites on Tuesday, April 3.

Spot-a-pots: in between county vendors for spot-a-pots. Should be in place by April 7. Let Michelle or Kara know if you have any particular issues.

Q: What is the likelihood for the County approving and funding getting those spot-a-pots on a stable platform and fencing barriers so they do not get tipped over?

A: No funds to create platforms at this time, but Kara and Michelle can take a look. The sites where there are issues, they look for an alternate location where they can be chained to an existing fence or tree.

Q: What if the Council funded?

A: There is a process for that, which is considered a Citizen generated project. Michelle has the paperwork. Information regarding what it is, who would do the work, where the installation would be, is needed. All the work would need to be done by a county approved vendor. The proposal would be received and then submitted to the County who will find a vendor, which may not be the same estimate.

Q: Do you have a vendor list?

A: No, but if you submit the specifications to Michelle, then Kara can work with property management to get a price.

Q: Could "Catonsville" be painted on the shed at Catonsville Middle School?

A: Kara thinks it would be the same process, but may not because it is not a professional service, but fill out the form and submit with a graphic.

Q: Where are we with bleachers?

A: The work orders were submitted. Kara will follow up. Tom Rainier shared that there are disassembled bleachers located next to the baseball

container at Catonsville Elementary. Natalie will follow-up with Barry Lloyd.

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Badminton fundraiser at the Loch Raven Badminton. They hope to raise \$6000 after expenses to benefit the American Red Cross. Natalie asked Rick to send her the information and she will blast that out to the entire registration platform and shared that she would do that for any program that has an event.

Also, a reminder of Thunder/Lightening Rules. Everyone needs to go inside if there is thunder or lightening.

Please pick up your trash before leaving your fields. You can let Michelle know if your site needs more trash.

There is a Baseball Bingo Fundraiser at the lodge on April 20.

Request motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaggan Aiosa