

CATONSVILLE RECREATION & PARKS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES Date: January 28, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Kelly Benefiel, Natalie Powell, Joe Koehler, Jaren Maybin, Mason Klumpus, Sir Bryant Randall, Esperenza Ballenilla, Keith Arnold, Bruce Simperts, Donald Gorsuch, Sanjay Arora, Jeniffer Katona, Phillip Okuzu, Cynthia Wilber, Kelly Libertini, John Jackson, Colin Fagan, Bernie Randall Cooper, William Fitzgerald, John Birrane, Michael Lang, Steve Meyer, Brandon Hull, Jamie Taylor, Michael Bowers, Jen Menkhaus, Michelle White, Jeff Pumphrey, Lee Ann Collins.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Next meeting will be February 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm
*The following meeting on **March 24, 2020** will be at **8:00 pm***

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

October minutes have not been published. November minutes were published. Motion to Approve. Seconded. Approved.

Checks – if you as a program have submitted a check request, you are the one responsible for communicating with the vendor. Please inform your vendors that if there are issues with checks, they should be contacting you, not the board.

TeamSnap – programs that are using TeamSnap for registration, specifically for programs that have recurring payments (like travel programs), do not turn on the auto-deduction feature. A program turned that on and three \$400 payments were pulled from

people's bank accounts 3 days before Christmas. Invoice them, if they are not paying, consider removal from team or penalty, but do not auto-deduct.

Lurman was awarded a \$7,500 grant. Congratulations!

Football – there are many football people present at the meeting. We can not vote on the program until the budget is submitted and we can review it.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are focusing on programs who are in the red (have deficits or no money in their accounts) and we will be taking action so check your email and make sure people are paying you. Natalie stated that one potential action may be shutting down a program. Program chairs – please follow up that the people participating are registered and have paid. Participates who are not registered are not insured.

Some program submitted a budget without a FUA. The FUA needs to be submitted. If Kelly receives a FUA, she will forward it, but it is always safer to submit to the county directly. Natalie reiterated that the FUA should be submitted as soon as possible so schedules can be made early. Kelly reminded programs that it is not first come, first serve basis for scheduling.

Please use the correct email for budget requests, check requests, and FUAs.

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SECRETARY REPORT

N/A

TREASURER'S REPORT

All caught up with reports. Joe try to get the January report once the month is over. Joe will send an email with a review changes from past years. One of the biggest changes was the process for expense reporting vs submitting a check request with the word document. Over time, we tweaked the process, Joe is open to suggestions regarding the process.

Please send registration detail in an excel file to Joe with each participant with the dollar amount. This is important because you are only paying assessments per participants. Joe will remove duplicate registrants to make sure you are being accurately assessed.

Programs that are in the “red” will be highlighted in red in the treasurer's report.

WEBSITE

N/A

COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

On March 24, there will be a town hall budget meeting from 6-8 at CCBC Arts & Theater Building with Johnny O. It is the same night as our board meeting, but it is important to attend to make sure recreation has a voice in the budget process. This past year, \$35,000 was lost in our budget this past year. Now that Catonsville is designated as an Arts District, there may be voices regarding Arts, but Recreation need a voice. It does not need to be the chairperson, it can be a parent, participant, or coach, but coordinated voices are essential.

Q: Should we move our meeting time to 8:00 that night in March so people can attend?

A: Motion, seconded and approved to move meeting to 8:00 on March 24, 2020.

There is a Property Management meeting that has been rescheduled. If anyone has specific maintenance or facility issues, contact Natalie prior to meeting.

Westchester gym was painted so it was not open to programs for the last several days. It should be available tomorrow.

Spring Grove lights are not working. There is a request in to correct the issue. Once lights are functioning.

Western is having an air conditioning project this summer so it will not be available all summer. It will impact our summer schedule for programs and we will look into alternatives.

Hillcrest baseball diamonds are being renovated. Those will be redone and will be out of play for this upcoming season. However, there are fields at the admin building and Catonsville Elementary fields will be available so they will actually gain fields this year. Depending on the construction, the fields

Special election for Elijah Cummings' seat on February 4th. Almost all schools and Banneker are polling sites so they will not be available February 3rd and February 4th. Check the blackout list to confirm.

Inclement weather – please check email if inclement weather is possible. If schools are closed, programs are canceled. There is a gray area for programs renting space like Goals, however, if the county cancels program you should cancel even if your space is open. If your program does not have its own insurance, you should cancel and try to reschedule to avoid the charge.

As of now the background check procedure has not changed. Continue to go online for background checks. It is the program's responsibility to make sure all volunteers in any capacity have completed the background check. Fingerprinting is coming, but unsure of timeline.

Q: If lights are out at Spring Grove, who should be contacted?

A: Contact the county and maintenance will take care of it.

Q: What about parking lots & courts?

A: If it is lightbulbs, they will only be replaced if 17% of lights are not. Any concerns about repairs, maintenance, and vandalism, please report so it can be taken care of. Pictures of the issue would be appreciated as well.

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Catonsville Senior Center is now opening to seniors on Saturdays.

Q: How to we submit the budget for program to be reviewed?

A: Please submit to cvillebudgets@gmail.com

John Birrane - Senior Men's Basketball has been pushed back from 8:00 because of youth programming. Their time is now 9:00-10:30 pm at Catonsville Middle. They have to leave by 10:30 so the gym can be cleaned. Currently, 1/2 of roster cannot attend because of later time frame. Is there any communication that can occur to help move the time moved back to 8:00? Natalie offered to share his email with the youth programs so the schedule could be shared. Also, trash is being left in gym after the middle school games. Natalie will contact Josh and Kenny to share concerns about trash.

Q: How do we settle if we are in the red?

A: Talk to Joe Koehler.

Sir Bryant Randall (longtime community member – attended Westowne Elementary, Catonsville Middle, Mt. St. Joseph, and had scholarship to play football in North Carolina) would like to propose a new football program in Catonsville to give youth in the community to excel in sports and in school. Sports can be a stepping stone to get other places in life and as a way to get opportunities for higher education. He shared uniform design and budget.

A budget will need to be formally submitted, reviewed and before a vote can occur.

Jaren Maybin, Special Education teacher and football coach at Catonsville High School, introduced himself. He grew up in this community, played at Catonsville High School, earned a scholarship for college, and then has coached at 4 different colleges/universities. Football in this community can help young children to find the right path. If we do get approved, we would like to give children those same environments.

Mason Klumpus, JV Football Coach - Not having a program does hurt Catonsville High School football. The program has taken a nose dive when football program closed. Went from making playoffs to 1-9 season. Had straight playoff seasons before program closed. Without a local program, kids have to go to Arbutus or Columbia which can be difficult to get to practices and games.

Jaren Maybin added three Catonsville High School Seniors attended the meeting tonight to see how things work in the community. They are hoping to play football in college and wish they had more opportunities to play football as children. There are many children who are on the borderline about playing football, they see the Ravens,

etc. and they would benefit from opportunities to play, learn the game, and grow as individuals and that would positively impact the community.

Joe Koehler added that 2 years ago there was an article in the Catonsville that featured Rich Hambor, the previous coach, and discussed the decline of popularity of football. The article also discussed how Centennial High School didn't form a team that year. We tried to to form a team after the last program closed and we didn't get significant interest. How many people do you think would actually be interested in playing and how do you think you can get that number up? Do you think there is a lack of interest?

Jaren Maybin replied in 2018, we had about 60 tryouts for the team. This year we had about 80. Kids are coming to the weight room to workout. You have to take in consideration Jordan McNair's tragic death at Maryland. The climate in football in general shifts. With the success of the Ravens, there is an increase in popularity.

Joe asked about parent interest and Coach Maybin shared that players need permission slips to work out in the weight room and parents are allowing. There has been an increase from 2018 to this year. He has also heard from young children in the community who would like a program. It is hard for kids to compete at a higher level without a youth program.

Natalie asked the estimated quantity of registrations is about 120. Roughly 5 teams? Concussions are a big deal. US Soccer has tried to prevent concussions by instituting a no heading rule for certain ages. Are you planning on full contact with pads all the ages? Or would you start with flag? What is your plan?

A: Generally, throughout the country, children at the younger ages do start with pads but focus on controlling their bodies and gradually work up towards tackle football. If you look at football in the past 10-20 years, football has completely changed. You don't see the same big hits. At the high school level, we teach tackling differently. We do "seahawk" tackling that completely takes the head out of the tackle. He thinks about 99% of youth and high school programs go away from tackling with head. There is also added technology with helmets and pads. The helmets on the budget are the most important item.

Q: Previously, not practicing with full pads at practice anymore.

A: We rarely do that. We teach form tackling and angles but we rarely wear full pads. Most of practices are not full contact. Maybe once or twice a week there may be a full practice. WBAL visited program last fall to highlight how CHS is keeping players safe.

Q: Is this intramural or travel?

A: We would be playing in Mid Maryland Football Association so they would be travel.

Q: When we had the football program 2-3 years ago, we only had 12-13 kids show up. You have an anticipated registration of 120 at \$250 a participant. Do you have 120 families that would be willing to leave their program or join Catonsville? Also 20% of the budget is fundraising. Have you looked into fundraising? Have you successfully fundraised that amount before?

A: I have. We do know many people in the community. They feel confident that they can fundraise the money they will need to meet their goals.

Q: Would you be willing to start with just a flag football team to jumpstart the program and then see where it goes? It would cost significantly less. Maybe a spring or summer season if the county can find a field. This may provide excitement and anticipation for the program as well as a monetary base.

A: Absolutely consider a spring or summer season.

Natalie shared that there were only about 20 kids at \$120 each and only 40% paid. There is some hesitation among veterans of programs because of the negative balances from previous football program.

Natalie also shared the voting rules for the next meeting. In order to vote, you have to attend 3 out of the previous 6 meetings so many of your support in attendance tonight would not be eligible to vote. You will need to let the veteran programs know that you can meet and accomplish your goals to meet the \$41,000 budget.

Kelly asked the floor if anyone had questions about the proposed spring/summer flag football program?

Q: Are there other nearby flag football teams to play or would it be intramural?

A: There are some 7 v 7 teams that compete throughout the county.

Q: Do you know when that starts?

A: April/May/June and goes into summer. There is also a summer league at Goals.

Kelly will scan the budget and if anyone wants to review before the vote, they can email cvillebudgets@gmail.com and request a copy.

Jen Menkhaus mentioned mentorship. She volunteered to help the program if they had questions about the process.

Jeff also shared that the outfield fence will not be up by the spring so diamond 2 will be available, but the higher field is not being refurbished yet.

Motion to adjourn.

The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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