

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board  
City Hall ( Park Tour )  
June 28, 2018  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Board Members: George Sushinsky, Tom Lynch, Rob Harriman, Xiao-Feng Xie, Kent Wong, Dirk Whatley II, Chip Boylan, Bob Taylor  
Staff: Tim Chesnutt, Jason Bible  
Citizens: None

**Meeting commencement: 7:02 pm**

**Re: Approval of May Minutes**

George and Tom pointed out two corrections that needed to be made. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Re: Citizens Forum**

No citizens in attendance

**Re: Staff Reports**

- **Suds & Soles 5K Run**  
Took place June 23 and the rain held out for the event. A little less than 800 participants showed up and approximately 1000 registered for the event, likely due to the rain in the forecast.
- **Deer Culling**  
This topic was discussed during the June 18 with Mayor and Council meeting. This topic is being put on hold while Mayor and Council bring in in the Humane Society and scientists from the University of Maryland for further information.
- **New department heads**  
**Chief of Police** – Victor Brito joined The City on June 18 and comes from Hagerstown, MD and retired from Washington, DC. Victor has more than 27 years in law enforcement.  
**Director of the City Community Planning and Development Services** – Ricky Baker. Ricky most recently served as the Director of Planning and Zoning for Loudoun County, Virginia, and held planning position in: Cary, North Carolina, where he served for 20 years;.
- **Zoning Ordinances to be changed by Mayor and Council**
  - 1) Project up on Shady Grove (approx. 30 acres) will be a combination of residences and retail and parkland – the current zoning ordinance requires them to have 15% of the property covered by trees upon completion of development. Mayor and Council want it to be 10%. One of our Foresters suggested that in order to have this project contain only 10% covered by trees, she is proposing that 5% be dedicated to the City as parkland.

- 2) The Champion Project by BF Saul, located in the southernmost part of Rockville Pike is required to have 10% trees and Mayor and Council want 5% trees instead. With this zoning proposal, our City Manager is to determine if this option follows the same parkland requirement for the 5%.

### **Re: Subcommittee Reports**

a) **Youth Standing Committee Report** – None

b) **Community Centers and Parks** - None

c) **Glenview Mansion** - None

d) **Recreation and Parks Foundation** – (Chip)

Chip wanted to thank those who volunteered at the beverage booth at Hometown Holidays with The Foundation. The weather did not cooperate, but the support was much appreciated.

The Foundation also manned one of the water stations at the Suds and Soles 5K Run

The Community Services Awards took place at the last Mayor and Council meeting.

The Foundation also paid for most of the 2018 summer camp shirts

e) **RedGate** – (None)

f) **Swim & Fitness Center** – (Bob)

Swim Center committee met and has a staff appreciation coming up. Bob will be out town, so Chip has offered to assist in his absence. Date TBD. Karla will follow up with Chip.

g) **Sports and Fitness** – (None)

### **Re: Old Business/New Business**

### **Re: Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm in order for the Park Tour to begin (King Farm Dairy Barns, Woottons Mill Park, 175 Watts Branch, Horizon Hill Park)

The next meeting: Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Thomas Farm Community Center