



AGENDA

Sports Advisory Committee
Silver Spring Recreation & Aquatic Center, Activity Room 2
1319 Apple Ave, Silver Spring
Thursday, September 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: David Schardt, Doug Remer, Tom Cove, Tina Won Sherman, Trish Heffelfinger, Christopher Wajda, Amy Lopez, Ben Corb, Princess Clemente, Mary Kate Crawford

Absent Board Members: Tony Korson, Joe Hooks, Rick James, Samantha Griffin, Doug Schuessler

Ex-Officio: Steve Solomon, Yuling Mei, Bryan Walker, Darren Flusche
Staff: Jason Fasteau

Guests:

Montgomery County Parks:

Carl Weber

Montgomery County Recreation

Shawna Facht

Office of Legislative Oversight

Kristen Latham and Kaitlyn Simmons

6:00 p.m. Welcome and General Announcements - Tom Cove

6:05 p.m. Review and Approve Agenda - Amy motioned to approve, unanimous approval

6:08 p.m. Review and Approve July Minutes , Ben motioned to approve - unanimous approval

6:10 p.m. Report on Synthetic Turf vs. Natural Grass – Kristen Latham and Kaitlyn Simmons,
Office of Legislative Oversight

- No update on a future council worksession
- Q&A regarding maintenance cost, health concerns, evolving infill standards
- Request to send summary document

6:30 p.m. **Update on Draft Annual Report** – Tina Won Sherman

Committee discussion on content. All comments can be shared with Tina as soon as possible. We hope to finalize the Annual Report in the next few weeks.

7:05 p.m. **Annual Report Outreach Planning** – Tom Cove

Proposal for next meeting: a community outreach strategy

County Council, County Executive

Stakeholders

DHHS

Collaboration Council

State of Maryland

Our legislators

Sports providers

Various community organizations

MCPS Athletics and Athletic Directors

School Booster Clubs

Steve Solomon and Doug Remer will work to get an email list together of local organizations (Jason will help)

Outreach group will meet before next meeting

7:20 p.m. **Historical Use Study Update** – Montgomery Parks

Update on timeline of study process

- Reminder of goals for the policy review - maximize use while balancing field safety and playability
- Invitation for committee to be part of the process of reviewing the initial findings and recommendations
- Ben will get a group together to discuss the potential pilot program proposed by Darren

7:58 p.m. **Administrative Items**

- Board Member Selection Process – Application deadline is Friday, September 20 •
- Update from BCC
- 17 total members
 - 2 vacancies with 4 up for reappointment (potentially 6 total)
 - Jason will reach out the nominating committee next week

7:55 p.m. **Action Items**

- Next Meeting: October 17, location TBD

Closing announcements

Pickleball - MCPS - 1st county in the country to have a varsity sport

Tom will be “local hero” on Congressman Jamie Raskin’s X account tomorrow morning

8:00 p.m. Ben motion to adjourn, unanimous approval

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