

Recreation and Parks Committee
February 23, 2010

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Jim Hall, Dennis Dare, John Sullivan, Susan Petito, Tom Shuster and Lisa Mitchell. Christine Allen of Ocean City Today was also present.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.
3. Wine at Festivals: John Sullivan gave an update on how the pilot project to serve wine at Festivals will be implemented. Sully reported that the pilot project will begin for Sunfest 2010.
4. Winterfest Rates: John Sullivan provided additional information about Winterfest rates for the future. Sully recommended that the rate for Winterfest for 2010 be increased to \$5.00 for all riders 12 years of age and older. The Committee questioned some of the costs related to the set up and operation of Winterfest.

The Committee referred the recommendation to the full Council for consideration.
5. Private Event Permit Request: John Sullivan presented recommended changes to the Special Event Permit Request Procedure that would allow a private event Sponsor to request a multi year permit. The Committee accepted the recommendation and asked that the procedure changes be referred to Guy Ayres for review prior to submission to the Council for action.
6. Youth Crabbing Program: Kate Gaddis reported on the status of the research involved developing a youth crabbing program. Kate Gaddis reported that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Maryland Department of Environment will likely not issue a permit to allow a controlled, strocked crabbing program. Jim Hall indicated he would pass this information along to Joe Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

