

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2026
Carroll County Office Building

Approved Minutes

Members Present: John Woodley, Nadine Rosendale, Austin Johnstone, Donald Gerkin, Lynn Karr-Kratz, Gary Davis, Kristin Darby, Anita Taylor, Mark Schmidt; Michael Duffy

Members Excused: David Ferguson

Ex-Officio Member Present: Bob Hicks, Director

Staff Present: Ashleigh Smith, Will Brozy, Lisa Carroll, Steve Aberts

Esteemed Guests: N/A

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on February 25, 2026, in Room 003 at the Carroll County Office Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Davis.

Welcome and Introductions:

Welcome and introductions were exchanged around the room.

Approval of Minutes:

The motion to approve the October minutes was made by Ms. Darby, it was seconded by Mr. Gerkin, the vote was unanimous.

Self-Help Project Requests: The projects below were presented to the Advisory Board.

	County Funding	Community Funding	Total Project funding
Self-Help Spring 2026			
Central Carroll Recreation Council			
Deer Park – Frank Roelke			
Batting Cage	6,730.09	2,143.36	8,873.45
Sandymount Park – Frank Roelke			
Storage Shed Repairs	14,985.00	4,995.00	19,980.00
Freedom Area Recreation Council			
Freedom Park – Matthew Kowalewski			
Field Improvements	\$18,855.00	\$8,679.00	\$27,534.00
North Carroll Recreation Council			
Christmas Tree Park – Mat Muller			
Ball Dirt	\$3,488.75	\$996.25	\$4,485.00
Fencing	\$18,750.00	\$29,350.00	\$48,100.00
Christmas Tree Park – Jessica Wilking			
PA and Sound System	10,874.81	3,624.94	14,499.75
West Carroll Recreation Council			
Taneytown High School Recreational Park			

- Stephen Turner			
Ball Dirt	\$7,237.28	\$1,245.76	\$8,483.04
Westminster Area Recreation Council			
Avondale Park – George Bower – REMOVE per presenter			
Ball Dirt	\$1,840.00	\$605.00	\$2,445.00
Bennett Cerf Park – George Bowers – REMOVE per presenter			
Ball Dirt	\$1,663.75	\$546.25	\$2,210.00
Jaycee's Park – Tony Frazetti			
Fencing	\$4,541.35	\$1,263.79	\$5,805.14
Landon Burns Park – George Bowers			
Ball Dirt	\$3,462.81	\$1,145.94	\$4,608.75
Kate Wagner Fields			
Ball Dirt – George Bowers	5,483.12	1,819.38	7,302.50
8 Goals – Steve Ginski	14,763.99	4,921.33	19,685.32
Winfield Recreation Council			
Mayeski Park – Jordan Bird			
Well	\$7,357.50	\$2,452.50	\$9,810.00
Winfield Park – Jordan Bird			
Field Improvements	\$1,488.50	\$429.50	\$1,918.00
Woodbine Recreation Council			
Salt Box Park – Shawn Franklin			
Ball Dirt	\$3,917.65	\$772.55	\$4,690.20
Grand Total	\$125,439.60	\$64,990.55	\$190,430.15

Motion made by Mr. Woodley to approve all priority ones or only project submitted by the Rec Council totaling \$55,063.37, excluding the concrete pads for \$18,828 for the Freedom Area Recreation Council, it was seconded by Mr. Johnstone, the vote was 7 to 2 (Gerkin and Darby). Gary Davis abstained from vote due to rec council affiliation.

Motion made by Mr. Johnstone to approve Central Carroll Storage Shed, Westminster Area Kate Wagner Ball Dirt, Westminster Area Landon C. Burns Park Ball Dirt, and Winfield Field Improvements totaling \$25,419.43, it was seconded by Mr. Woodley, the vote was unanimous.

Total funding approved - \$80,482.80

Director's Report- Director Hicks

Staffing Updates:

Division Manager for Parks – Brad Rogers has resigned
Piney Run Park - Seasonal staff are being hired
Recreation - Adaptive Recreation Coordinator, Devon Caples, started a couple of weeks ago

Programs and Upcoming Events:

2nd Club Vibe for Adaptive Recreation was held on 2/21 – 101 participants

Next Club Vibe Event is in May at Charles Carroll Community Center
Car Fest on July 11th at the Farm Museum
Rec and Parks Month in July, Park Pursuit
Summer Guide will be coming out soon
Bus Trip next week for Flower Show in Philly
March 1st, Maple Sugar Festival at Hashawha

Marketing Update: marketing report passed out. Reach out with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Karr-Kratz - review section at the top with follower count.

Additional Topics:

Chapter 96 – Code of Ordinances: Commissioners approved to move to public hearing.
Vandalism issues at Deer Park on the fields during snowstorm. Working with Sheriff to resolve.

Working to get cameras in the parks throughout the parks. Hoping to get funds in the FY27 budget.

Steve and crew out during the winter storms. Appreciate all he has done for our parks.

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair (Election at March Meeting)

Nomination for Chair Mr. Johnstone.

Nomination for Vice Chair Mr. Gerkin.

Other Business:

Mr. Schmidt - Maryland Off Road Enthusiast (MORE) to come and present to the board at the March meeting at Hashawha.

Mr. Davis - Any update on the indoor space?

Ms. Carroll - no movement.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held March 25, 2026, at 12:30PM, at Bear Branch Nature Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Davis, it was seconded by Mr. Gerkin, the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned, 8:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hicks

Bob Hicks, Director

Ashleigh Smith

Ashleigh Smith, Secretary

