

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

October 22, 2025

Carroll County Office Building

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Austin Johnstone, David Ferguson, Lynn Karr-Kratz, Mark Schmidt, Michael Duffy, Gary Davis, Kristin Darby, Nadine Rosendale, Anita Taylor

Members Excused: John Woodley, Donald Gerkin

Ex-Officio Member Present: Bob Hicks, Director

Staff Present: Ashleigh Smith, William Brozy, Dylan Collins, Candy Sample, Steve Aberts

Esteemed Guests: Commissioner Kiler, Commissioner Krebs

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on October 22, 2025, at Piney Run Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Mr. Johnstone.

Welcome and Introductions:

Welcome and introductions were exchanged around the room.

Approval of Minutes:

The motion to approve September 24, 2025 minutes was made by Mr. Johnstone, it was seconded by Ms. Darby, the vote was unanimous.

Director's Report- Director Hicks

Staffing Updates:

Candy Sample – Charles Carroll Community Center Coordinator

Programs and Upcoming Events – Lisa Carroll:

Ales and Tails – Friday, October 17 at South Carroll Dog Park

150 dogs, over 300 attended

Club Vibe (Adaptive Recreation) – Saturday, October 18 at Charles Carroll Community Center

153 attended

Fall Festival – about 800 attended

Volunteer of the Year and Hall of Fame at Charles Carroll Community – Thursday, November 7th

Santa Wagon Rides at Piney Run Park – Saturday & Sunday, December 6th and 7th

Jingles and Jammies at Charles Carroll Community Center – Friday, December 5th

December Bus Trips – NYC, A Longwood Christmas Trip, Christmas Show Van Trip

Santa Calling – Wednesday, December 7th

New Year Hike – first one is at Piney Park

Capital Improvements:

Replacement playground at Piney Run Park
Sports Complex Improvements – working with purchasing to get bid outs for design and engineer.

Replacement Pavilion at Freedom – design started

Turf Fields – working with Building Construction to begin design for the fields

Self Help Projects – 13 fall projects

75% County Funded/25% Rec Council Funded

Projects can be on school sites and town parks

Project must be sponsored by a Rec Council

Marketing Update: document handed out to members.

Review Potential Updates to Recreation and Parks Code of Ordinances:

Document handed out to members with revisions and additions to the department ordinances (list below).

Codes that will be updated:

1. 94.060
2. 94.071
3. 94.073

New Ordinances:

1. Paragliders, ultralight aircraft, hang-gliders, helium/hot-air ballons
2. Operate/conduct or Solicit for a Private Business, trade or occupation

Mr. Davis – how do you enforce the aircraft policy? Can they be shared with the Sheriff's office?
Director Hicks – yes, they will be shared with the Sheriff's department.

The motion to approve the ordinance updated and corrections below by Mr. Davis, it was seconded by Mr. Johnstone, the vote was unanimous.

New Ordinance - Operate/Conduct or Solicit for a Private Business, Trade or Occupation:

Take out the word tape in the last ordinance

94.071:

Change Marijuana to Cannabis

91.073:

Domestic Animals – change to leaches to leashes

Commissioner Corner:

Commissioner Krebs –

- Concerns about sharing Krimgold Park. Understand there is not enough space, but the Freedom agreement states it should be a shared space. Look at the registrants and how many citizens are being used.
- Self-Help – include more information regarding these projects for the next round.
- Currently revamping our website:
 - Use Carroll Connect for Rec and Parks Events or Programs and find out information about county events.
- Commissioners@carrollcountymd.gov – use this email to reach the commissioners
- Review website that relates to your Advisory Board information.

Mr. Davis – hand a brochure to the new homeowners in the county to know what Carroll County Recreation and Parks.

Commissioner Kiler –

- Brochures are a great idea. Talked about welcome to Carroll package. Libraries are a great place as well.
- CCPS and CCRP worked together when Westminster and Liberty lost their lights. County works very well together.
- Turf Fields – great to see two more turf fields in the County. Hoping the turf field is used by the public more than the grass fields. Involved the local rec councils during the process. The striping is permanent on those fields so make sure you are thinking about it.
- Piney Run Park – was supposed to be a water source. Now it is a recreational facility. It needs maintenance.
- How many members? 11 members meet 7 times per year; two meetings are during the day. Capital conversations are during the evening events. Try to make it to an evening meeting.

Other Business:

n/a

Public Comments:

n/a

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held February 25, 2026, at 7:00PM, at Carroll County Office Building, Room 003.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Darby, it was seconded by Mr. Duffy, the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned, 1:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hicks

Bob Hicks, Director

Ashleigh Smith

Ashleigh Smith, Secretary