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April 25, 2024

**Sharp Road Park Public Meeting**

*At 6:00 PM Mr. Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the Public Meeting being hosted by the Denton Town Council and the Caroline County Commissioners to provide an update on the plans for the development of Sharp Road Park. The meeting was held at the Wharves of the Choptank Visitor and Heritage Center located at 3 Crouse Park Lane, Denton, Maryland.*

**In attendance:**

*Caroline County Commissioners – President Travis Breeding and Vice President Larry Porter. Staff Caroline County Director of Recreation and Parks, Jamie Beechey.*

*Town Council - Mayor McNinch, Councilmembers Lister, Branson & Taylor.*

*Town Staff – Mr. Scott Getchell, Donna Todd, Chief George Bacorn, and Mark Chandler. Representatives from area Athletic Groups were present including:*

*The Denton Little League, Caroline County Youth Soccer Association and Caroline Lacrosse Assoc.*

**Discussion on Sharp Road Park Planning**

*Mr. Getchell shared that the Town has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Caroline County to transfer ownership of a piece of the park land to the County to be developed. The plan is to start with baseball fields as both parties move toward creating a multiuse park.*

*Commission President Breeding provided the history leading up to the MOU and information on the plans to building a nice new baseball facility to replace the outdated Lockerman Ball Field.*

*Councilman Lister added that the Town has been working on the park for 10 years and has received multiple grants to get the improvements completed that are there today. In partnering the County, the County has more grant sources available, which will be beneficial in moving forward with future improvements to get the park completed.*

*Representatives from the Denton Little League, Caroline Youth Soccer Association and the Caroline Lacrosse asked questions about the plans and shared concerns on how the changes will affect each organization's use of the fields.*

*Commission President Breeding and Ms. Beechey also provided information on the County expansion plans for the Seippes Field Park and the North County Park in Greensboro.*

*With no further discussion, Mr. Getchell adjourned the meeting at 6:401 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith,  
Clerk-Treasurer*