

AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2023, |11:00 a.m.
Maryland Division of Labor and Industry
10946 Golden West Drive
Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031
(In-person and virtual meeting)

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Glenn Fishack, Chair
Roy Shaw
Karen Nicklas
Gordon Trimper
Steven Pastusak
Samantha La Mell
Steven Rothenberg

DLI Staff Present:

Commissioner Devki Virk
Mischelle Vanreusel, Deputy Commissioner
Sarah Harlan, Asst. Attorney General
David Dearborn, Program Manager
Robbie Finecey, Acting Chief Amusement Ride Inspector
Chad George, Amusement Ride Inspector
Pamela Torres, Administrative Officer
Andrew Friel, Legislative Coordinator
Tiffany R. Jones, Board Coordinator

Board Member Absent

Timothy S. Borden

Member of the Public

Kaung Shien, ZavaZone
Joe Henry, ZavaZone
Josh Obler, ZavaZone

Kathleen Rebecca Faisca, Urban Air
Troy Tracy, SkyZone Hagerstown

Call to Order:

Board Chair Glenn Fishack called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Stephen Pastusak made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Gordon Trimper. The meeting minutes were approved with changes.

Program Update:

Robbie Finecey provided the program update. The Amusement Ride Safety Inspection unit had a very successful season. Starting in November 2023, ziplines, challenge courses, laser tag and escape room have been inspected as they fall under the definition of an amusement ride.

Inspection Report

Accident	Assist	Complaint	Incident	Inspection	Other	Preliminary	Reinspection	Strip Down	Total
1	53		5	327		50	2	13	451
1	40	1		447	1	146	15	15	666
				5					5
	44			663		131	1	19	858
	48			769	2	52		6	877
				6					6
	18	1		522	8	186	3	6	744
				45					45
				69					69
				7					7
	57			588	5	195	4	11	860
			4	17					21
				32					32
	36			424	6	106	7	17	596
2	296	2	9	3921	22	866	32	87	5237

Trampoline Park Inspection

Mr. Finecey made the case for the adoption of ASTM F2970-22 to address the inspection of trampoline parks. He noted that the code does not currently allow for inspection of trampolines but trampolines are by definition an amusement ride.

Board members and industry representatives discussed the need to better define two aspects of ASTM F2970-22:

1. Clearly define "define major modification better than what is written in ASTM F2970-22" "8.1 Major Modification- As specified in Terminology F747.
2. Request that pre-existing trampoline parks be "grandfathered" in that aren't built completely to ASTM F2970-22 based on year built.

Roy Shaw made a motion to allow the Division of Labor and Industry and the Commissioner to establish a workgroup to study the definition of major modification to a trampoline amusement attraction. The motion was seconded by Karen Nicklas. The workgroup will address the two aspects noted above.

Other Business:

The Board decided on the following meeting dates for 2024. The summer meeting will be in Ocean City on June 20, 2024, and includes a tour of Jolly Rogers. The fall meeting will take place in the Hagerstown/Frederick area on December 12, 2024.

Commissioner Virk thanked all the board members for their diligent efforts toward amusement ride safety.

Dave Dearborn informed the board that a public inquiry was submitted for Dining in the Sky. There will be further investigation.

Adjournment:

Karen Nicklas made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Roy Shaw. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.