Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present: Sally Williams, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon
Absent: Larry Curry, Samantha Bosserman, Ernie Landes
Mrs Williams welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Gordon, that the Board Approve August 2024 minutes as written

Vote was as follows:	Yeas:	Sally Williams, Leon Bartley , Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon
	Nays:	None

Motion Passed.

No amendments or questions regarding the August minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report

No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Director's report. Mrs. Williams asked if there is a make-up date for movie night if we have bad weather. Mr. Wells said he will ask our event coordinator, Charley Schillinger, and will pass the information on to the Commission.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Mr. Bridge informed the Commission of a meeting held recently to discuss recreation development of the south end parking lot at the Government Center. The meeting consisted of County staff and several citizens who serve on multiple County Boards and Commissions.. The general agreement of amenities at the end of the meeting was to prioritize a Rec Center, small playground, and shelter of some kind. Mr. Wells stated the next step is to have Balzer and Associates develop plans for how all the agreed upon items will fit in the space allotted. There was some discussion on why the ballfields would not fit in this space as well as potential sites for that type of complex in the future. Mr. Wells informed the Commission he recently researched how many ballfields are in Augusta County that are publicly accessible. He stated he found 52 ballfileds. Mrs. Gordon asked how many the County maintains. Mr. Wells replied the County is solely responsible to maintain two of those ballfields. Mrs. Gordon asked how this potential rec center would compare to the one being built in Rockingham County. Mr. Wells stated it would be very similar. Mrs. Gordon asked what the cost would be for Balzer and Associates to create the plan. Mr. Wells stated he thinks between $25,000 to $30,000. He stated this was the starting point. Mrs. Gordon asked if the 2003 comprehensive plan ever got this far with developing the south end parking lot. Mr. Wells said it did not. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that any development may be done in phases.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

    1. Update on status of previously recommended Recreation Matching Grant Applications

Mr. Wells provided the Commission with updates on two of the Matching Grants that were recently brought before the Commission. The Mount Sidney Ruritan Charities Matching Grant had stalled as there were some issues with the application regarding funding. A solution has been worked out, so that grant is one step closer to being approved.
The Weyers Cave pickleball Matching Grant has also been delayed slightly as the revised site plan needs to be submitted to and approved by Community Development. After the approval, the Matching Grant will then move on to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Wells suggested the Commission members meet with their district Board of Supervisor members to express their thoughts on the Matching Grant program. This will give the Board of Supervisors input as to whether this program is still needed or if awarded amounts need to change.

8. Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

9. New Business

No New Business to discuss.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley , that the Board Adjourn

Vote was as follows:	Yeas:	Sally Williams, Leon Bartley , Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon
	Nays:	None

Motion Passed.

Mrs. Williams announced our next meeting will take place in the Board Room at the Government Center on October 16 at 7pm.
The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.