

Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon

Absent: Samantha Bosserman, Ernie Landes

Mrs Williams welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

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 Bartley, to Approve September minutes as written.

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

Motion Passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.

5. Director's Report

Commission member Gordon inquired if there is a limit to the number of runners that can run in the Grindstone races. Mr. Wells stated there is a limit for safety reasons, but he is unsure of the exact number. He stated the organization is very organized and safety oriented.

Commission member Bartley informed the Commission that the Ruritans group in Deerfield reached out to Augusta Health to organize the monthly clinics that will be taking place in the Deerfield Community Center. Commission member Bridge stated he had spoken to Board of Supervisor member, Carolyn Bragg, about trying to provide a clinic of the same type in the Stuarts Draft area. Commission member Bartley said there are currently 17 locations for the clinics in the county.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

No Matters to be presented by the Commission.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

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

Mr. Wells informed the Commission that the Mt Sidney Ruritan Charities Recreation Matching Grant has been approved for the full grant allotment of \$36,464. The Weyers Cave Recreation Association (WCRA) grant is still in the consideration phase by the Board of Supervisors. There are a few things yet to be completed by WCRA.

2. Report on Recreation Matching Grant Program

Mr. Wells informed the Commission he has been asked by County Administration to provide a more in depth overview of the history of the Recreation Matching Grant program. He hopes to have the report ready for the Commission and County Administration in December or January.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission about several funding appropriations that have been approved by the Board of Supervisors recently. The first is the PTO organization for Clymore Elementary. They have been awarded \$50,000 to upgrade the playground at the school. The PTO has raised a great deal of money for the playground as well. The second involves the New Hope Community Center. They have been awarded \$75,000 to build a pavilion and provide a space to run concessions out of. There will also be electricity and plumbing installed for future use such as bathrooms. Finally, the Board approved to have a survey completed at the Fishersville ballfields. This survey will help in planning for renovated dugouts, a new batting cage, and replacing the existing playground with a new, larger one. The Board of Supervisors approved \$8,500 to complete the survey.

Commission member Bridge said he still hopes to have a restroom facility at Stuarts Draft Park that would be open for park patrons when the restrooms at the pool are not open. Mr. Wells stated that is still something Parks and Recreation hopes to pursue in the near future.

8. Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

9. New Business

Commission member Gordon asked Mr. Wells if he would be interested in the names of contractors that WCRA got bids from for the construction of their pickleball courts. He stated Community Development is working on the excavation and construction plans for possible pickleball courts, but he would be happy to pass the information on to them.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Commission Chair Williams stated the next meeting will take place on November 20th in the Main Boardroom of the Government Center at 7pm.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Curry moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Gordon, to Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.