

Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present: Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon

Absent: Larry Curry, Samantha Bosserman

Mrs Williams welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

No amendments or comments regarding the October minutes.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, to Approve October minutes as written

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, 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

Mr. Wells presented the Director's report as written. Mrs. Williams asked if the two individuals that were interviewed for the bus driving position were for all the trips. Mr. Wells stated not for charter bus trips, but for our minibus trips. We have some bus drivers, but most of them have other commitments, including other jobs or family obligations, that sometimes make it difficult to fill the driving for all the trips. If these individuals are offered the positions and accept, it will help to alleviate that strain.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

There are no Matters to be Presented by the Commission.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells informed the Commission he plans to forward an email to them that he received from the County Administration which shows the progress of the Courthouse construction. He stated the pictures included show the progress being made on what

will be the basement of the building. Mrs. Williams asked if the basement would be a full basement. Mr. Wells stated it would not. It will have holding cells and underground secure parking.

Mr. Wells stated the Board of Supervisors had tabled a discussion at the most recent hearing regarding funding to pursue a \$12,000 conceptual plan to develop the south end of the Government Center parking lot. It was tabled as the Board of Supervisors wanted to see if there was already a plan from initial conversations in the early 2000s that would still be viable to use and for staff to have time to research those possible plans. Mr. Wells shared that after researching, no plans were found, only some pictures that had been collected showing other centers' concepts. He expects the Board of Supervisors to have the topic on the agenda in the coming weeks.

Mr. Wells brought to the attention of the Commission that the community group that runs the Little League at the Fishersville ballfields is looking to make some improvements. Those improvements include a pavilion batting cage as well as concrete floor dugouts and replacement swings. That group has already raised close to \$40,000 to help with those improvements. The Friends of the Library is also in the process of working on getting a larger playground, so maybe the groups can work together on that.

Parks and Recreation staff had a meeting with Community Development members, a Board of Supervisors member, and members of the Stuarts Draft Ruritan Club about possible pickleball courts at Stuarts Draft Park. The Ruritans had planned to install the courts at Schneider Park, but that plan is struggling due to limited space at that park. County staff are getting additional quotes as the first quote was higher than the County anticipated.

8. Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

9. New Business

No New Business to discuss.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Mrs. Williams announced the next meeting will be held on December 18 at 7pm at the Government Center.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, to Adjourn

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

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

