

Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

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

Absent: Samantha Bosserman

Chairperson Gordon welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

No amendments or comments regarding May minutes.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Landes, to Approve May 2025 minutes

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

Motion Passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Treasurer's report as written. Commission member Bridge inquired what percent of the County budget goes to Parks and Recreation. He stated he saw a news report recently that covered Charlottesville's current allocation to their parks and recreation department as 2% which will likely increase to 3-4%. Mr. Wells stated he is unsure of the exact amount, but he will email Commission members with the website page that shows the County breakdown in budget.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Director's report. Chairperson Gordon asked if the numbers for the Red Wing Roots Music Festival have increased over the years. Mr. Wells stated the number of attendees has remained the same due to safety constraints and to allow for an enjoyable experience for attendees.

Commission member Bridge asked if the jousting events were held during the COVID pandemic. Mr. Wells stated they were not held in the first year of COVID, 2020. He stated that during the following 2 years the events were held, but with limited capacity. Chairperson Gordon asked for an update on pickleball at Stuarts Draft Park. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that the corporate sponsor he and Mrs. Bragg met with reached out to let him know the company was unable to sponsor the courts at this time. The corporation is interested in potentially developing a park in the Stuarts Draft area in

the future when funding is available. Mr. Wells stated he is now talking with County administration about funding for the pickleball project at Stuarts Draft Park.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Chairperson Gordon gave an update on the New Hope Community Center project. She informed the Commission that the framing for the concession stand is complete. She said the roof will be gray, and the sides will be blue, to coordinate with Fort Defiance school colors. She stated the blue siding is taking a little longer to come in, which is slowing progress.

Mr. Curry informed the Commission of the Mt. Sidney Ruritan dedication for the new playground. Chairperson Gordon was in attendance for the dedication, as well.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

1. Proposal - Budget Performance

Mr. Wells presented figures of past revenue percentages for Parks and Recreation at the request of the Commission. He explained where the money has historically been allocated at the end of a fiscal year. The Commission discussed what their thoughts were on ways those funds could benefit the community for recreation purposes.

Commission member Bridge asked if there was an expectation for any money remaining from Parks and Recreation's budget. Mr. Wells stated the expectation is based off of the budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Chairperson Gordon asked if it was possible to get figures for the last 10 years, to include the pre-pandemic years. Mr. Wells stated he is able to get those figures together for the Commission members. Commission member Landes asked if the remaining funds have ever been used for maintenance or Parks and Recreation needs in the past. Mr. Wells stated the previous Director of Parks and Recreation, Ron Sites, would sometimes ask for needs at the end of a fiscal year if there were remaining funds. At times, they were accommodated and other times they were not. Commission member Bridge asked if the new spreadsheet reflecting pre-pandemic years could include a maintenance category. Mr. Wells stated he would reach out to the maintenance director, Rusty Sprouse. Mr. Wells informed the Commission he would gather examples of a few items - one-time capital costs and ongoing, reoccurring maintenance costs-that any remaining funds could be used for.

8. Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

9. New Business

1. Review and discussion - previously presented "South End" concepts

The Commission members discussed the concept plans. They asked questions about certain aspects of the plans. Mr. Wells informed them that any of the concepts could be altered to fit various parts of any other plan. Some concepts have aspects shown simply

10. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

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

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.