

Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Ernie Landes, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon, Andy Wells - Director, Pam Mowery - Administrative Secretary

Absent: Samantha Bosserman

Chairperson Gordon 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

1. October Parks and Recreation minutes for approval

No amendments or comments regarding the October 2025 minutes.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Landes moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams, to approve October 2025 minutes as written.

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

1. Treasurer's report

No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.

5. Director's Report

1. November Director's report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Director's report. He informed the Commission that on November 18th he spoke at the final meeting of the Community Academy. He said the initiative was very enlightening. It was a great opportunity to inform citizens our departments work, such as what goes into our trips and programs and how they are funded. Chairperson Gordon stated she attended and was impressed with everyone that works for the county and learned a lot. She was able to meet so many people from the county, as well. Commission member Bridge asked how often the Community Academy met. Chairperson Gordon said the meetings were generally from 6-9:00 or 9:30pm and they met a total of 6 times. Those meetings took place about every other week for the last 6 weeks. The group also took some field trips to places that include the new animal shelter, new ECC center, and the Fire Training Center including the "Burn

Building".

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Chairperson Gordon updated the Commission on the status of the pickleball courts in Stuarts Draft Park. The Board of Supervisors approved the funds to build the courts at their last meeting. Mr. Wells said Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, and Garrette Shultz, County Engineer, were instrumental in this project. G & H Contracting out of Salem, Va won the bid for the project. The Stuarts Draft Ruritans are providing around \$40,000 to help fund this project.

Chairperson Gordon informed the Commission that the parking area at the ballfield at New Hope Community Center has been resurfaced/paved thanks to a private donor. She told the Commission members it looks wonderful.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells presented the 2025 Aquatics Report informing the Commission of two main takeaways. The first being that more pool passes were sold this year as compared to last year with an increase of 4.8%.

The second noticeable difference is the intermediate swim lessons are not in as much demand as the introductory/beginner level. He stated municipal-operated pools always operate at a deficit of about 30-50%. Factors include the maintenance, mostly chemicals, and staff required are the main reasons for that. He said splash pads do not require as many chemicals and do not require staff to be present, so they are often more cost-effective. Chairperson Gordon asked if there are any splash pads in the county. Mr. Wells said there are not currently. He would like to have one at some point in the future, but finding a proper location that has the space and the available parking needed has proven difficult.

Mr. Wells also presented the FY25 Annual Report as it was ready ahead of schedule. He asked the Commission members to look it over and let him know if they think any information should be added or taken out of future reports.

1. Report on 2025 Aquatics Program (Stuarts Draft Park and Natural Chimneys Park)

8. Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

9. New Business

No New Business to discuss.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Chairperson Gordon announced the next meeting will take place on December 17 at 7pm in the main boardroom at the Government Center.

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

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

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.