

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Gordon welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

No public present.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Curry, to approve the February minutes as written.

Motion Passed.

Commission member Bridge asked if there is a process in place to ask if the camper or someone in their party is handicapped to identify the need before the camper arrives. Mr. Wells said there is a place for reservation comments where the camper can add

details. He is unaware if a question has been added for easier identification. He will check with staff and inform the Commission.

5. Director's Report

1. March Director's Report

Commission Chair Gordon asked for a projected pickle ball court completion date. Mr. Wells said the contract states it will be done by July 1.

Mr. Wells shared that Scott Farris, our Park Service Manager, and Commission member Bridge have been in talks with a group that would like to host a Farmer's Market on Thursday evenings from May through September. All details have not been worked out, but if we cannot begin this year, we hope to have it next year. This will not be a Parks and Recreation event.

Commission member Williams asked what the hours would be for the pool attendant position. Mr. Wells stated the pool is open 12–6, so most likely 11:30 to 6:30 possibly 7 on Friday and Saturday, if the pool hours are extended. Staff hope to hire at least three attendants to give flexibility in their schedules.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Commission Chair Gordon stated the courthouse looks great, especially since they have placed the lettering on the front. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that railroad enhancements will begin on the morning of April 10th at 8:30am. This project will be completed on the evening of April 12th. Citizens wanting to do business and staff will need to use Technology Drive or Greer Road, by the Sheriff's office during this time frame. Once complete, Dick Huff lane will have a divider between incoming and outgoing traffic. A new sign will be placed in the median to reflect the complex of the Government Center and the Judicial building.

Commission Chair Gordon stated a friend of hers highly recommends Parks and Recreation trips. Her friend had great things to say about both the trips and the drivers. She did ask about our policy on departures for trips, specifically how long we wait for individuals to show up before the bus leaves. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that the driver will begin making phone calls as the departure time nears. If no one is reached, the driver can wait up to 5 minutes past departure time. If a participant is reached and in route, the driver will wait for the participant, within reason. Some trips have strict schedules and flexibility is limited, others have a little more leeway.

Commission Chair Gordon told the Commission a local Weyers Cave church recently held a pickle ball open house. This event gave people the opportunity to learn more about the sport. She stated 34 people attended. She inquired if Parks and Recreation would hold something similar at the new courts once they open to introduce more people to the sport. Mr. Wells said our Recreation Manager, Joyce Johnson, has been in contact with a gentleman that would like to teach a class in the future.

Commission member Bridge inquired if Natural Chimneys is a state park. Mr. Wells stated it is not. Commission member Bridge stated he recently heard there is or will be a park coming to the Lyndhurst area. Mr. Wells informed him there are 2 nature preserves

in that area. There was some discussion about the location of the nature reserves and the alleged park Commission member Bridge had heard about. Mr. Wells will look into it further, possibly reaching out to the Director of Waynesboro Parks and Recreation, Dwayne Jones, to see if he has any knowledge of the subject.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

No Matters to be Presented by Staff.

8. Old Business

Commission member Williams thanked Mr. Wells and County staff for being conscientious with County funds.

1. Review of Department Budget Requests for Revised FY26 and New FY27

Commission Chair Gordon asked for questions or comments on the budget requests. There being none, she asked if there was a motion to endorse the budget requests. Parks and Recreation Commission member Curry moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge, to endorse the Parks and Recreation budget requests.

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

Motion Passed.

9. New Business

No New Business to discuss.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Mr. Wells informed the Commission of a newly developed conflict regarding next month's meeting room. The Board of Supervisors has called a special public hearing to discuss the budget. He stated that because of this hearing we would either need to move the meeting date or time. He also asked if the Commission would want to have the meeting in Activity Room 1 at Parks and Recreation. He stated if members of the Commission were interested in attending the budget public hearing, the meeting could be moved to 5:30 to allow for their attendance.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge, to move the April Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to the Parks and Recreation Activity room and move the meeting

up to 5:30pm.

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

Motion Passed.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, that the Board 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 7:59pm.