

Augusta County Government Center

Activity Room 1 — Parks and Recreation, Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

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

Absent: Ernie Landes

Chairperson Gordon welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

1. March minutes for approval

No amendments or questions regarding the March minutes.

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

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Samantha Bosserman, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon
Nays:	None

Motion Passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. April Treasurer's report

No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.

5. Director's Report

1. April Director's report

Commission member Bosserman asked if the Farmers Market to be held at Stuarts Draft Park would be run by a nonprofit. Mr. Wells stated he would follow up with her regarding that. He knows they are a business in the Stuarts Draft area.

Commission member Bosserman asked if the Park to Park half-marathon starts in Stuarts Draft and ends in Waynesboro. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that it will begin in Stuarts Draft Park. The half-marathon used to end in Stuarts Draft Park, but Waynesboro decided years ago to change the direction, so the race ends in their park since they are the organizers of the event. Commission member Williams said her daughter is running the half-marathon and wondered if they have rescue vehicles along the route. Mr. Wells stated they would have aid and hydration stations throughout the

race, with more concentrated in the second half of the race.

Mr. Wells highlighted the pickleball court renovations and subsequent availability of the courts for use. Commission Chair Gordon asked how reservations of the courts would be conveyed to citizens, should Parks and Recreation decide to make one or two available for rent. He said there would be a sign or information board to explain how to reserve and rules for exclusive use like lessons and tournaments, but a firm decision has not been made at this point.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Commission member Bosserman informed the Commission of a social media post where members of the community were discussing why Augusta County doesn't have a Recreation Center while many of the surrounding areas have one. She stated the comments were overwhelmingly supportive of the County having one. She asked if there was an update on development of the south end of campus for recreation purposes. Mr. Wells informed her there is an upcoming meeting involving County staff, Commission members, citizens, and Westwood Professional Services, formerly named Balzer and Associates, to discuss cost estimates and items brought up in not only the comprehensive plan from 2025 but also the old master plan from 2006. Commission member Bosserman asked if the meeting would be advertised to the public. Mr. Wells stated this one wouldn't be, but in the future the public's input will be sought out. Mr. Wells stated that in the future, if members are approached or see public comments such as the one Mrs. Bosserman saw, they should encourage the citizens to speak to their Board of Supervisor member. Public support will be an important piece of making any recreation development in Verona a reality.

Commission member Bosserman invited the Commission members to the opening of the new ADA-accessible Nature Playground at Loth Springs in Wayneboro. The grand opening is April 29th.

Commission member Bosserman asked Mr. Wells if Economic Development is a part of the Augusta County Farm Explorer program. She picked up the booklet for the program at the Valley Pike Market. The goal is to get stamps from local farms to win a prize once all the stamps are collected. Mr. Wells said he believes the Greater Augusta Regional Tourism works with that program.

Commission Chair Gordon asked if anyone knew anything about the new Community Center groundbreaking in Mt. Sidney. Commission member Curry said he attended the groundbreaking on April 11. He said there was a number of people there to celebrate. Commission Chair Gordon asked where the new Community Center would be located. Commission member Curry said it will be next to the park pavilion on Buttermilk Road.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells followed up with Commission members on questions from the March meeting. Commission member Bridge had inquired if there was any truth to a rumor that a new park was going to be started in the Lyndhurst area. Mr. Wells spoke to multiple County staff, who were not aware of anything. Those staff then reached out to the forestry

service and found out that some fire roads had been serviced, and some gates had been changed and repaired.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission in regard to the question of whether a citizen could request a handicapped picnic table at the time of site reservation. They can, but only over the phone or in person at this time.

1. Summary Report of Recreation Infrastructure and Matching Grant funding for 2025

Commission member Bridge asked for clarification on if the \$500,000 for each district on the recreation infrastructure sheet was just for recreation and if the figures went back to 1997. Mr. Wells stated the figures show the accounts from 1997 to present. He further stated the funds are used for recreation improvements and matching grants. In recent years, on average, each account receives \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually.

Commission member Bridge asked if the money could be used at a school for a playground. Mr. Wells replied with a majority of 4 votes from the Board of Supervisors, it can. There was a short discussion on school funding. Commission member Bridge asked if any money for the pickleball court construction at Stuarts Draft Park came from these funds. Mr. Wells said he believed it had, but would confirm and communicate that to the entire Commission. Commission member Williams asked if these accounts were shared with Fire and Rescue, for example. Mr. Wells said they are not.

Commission member Bosserman left the meeting due to another commitment.

8. Old Business

The Commission Chair reminded members to discuss with their Board of Supervisor representative about the Share the Air campaign. Mr. Wells stated a discussion is on one of the upcoming month's agenda for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

9. New Business

1. Recreation Matching Grant, submitted by Barren Ridge-Annex Community Center, Inc (BRACC Inc)

There was a discussion on a Matching Grant proposal from the Barren Ridge-Annex Community Center, Inc.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Curry moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge, to recommend the Barren Ridge-Annex Community Center, Inc seek assistance in submission of a new Matching Grant from the Parks and Recreation Director to narrow down the projects and resubmit as the previously submitted grant cannot be recommended as submitted.

Vote was as follows:

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

Motion Passed.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.