Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present: Sally Williams, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon, Andy Wells - Director, Pam Mowery - Administrative Secretary
Absent: Larry Curry, Samantha Bosserman, Ernie Landes
Chairperson Gordon welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

    1. April Minutes for approval

No questions or amendments to the April minutes.
Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams, to approve the April minutes as written.

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

Motion Passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

    1. May Treasurer's report

No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.

5. Director's Report

    1. May Director's report

Chairperson Gordon asked if this was the first time we have worked with Global Athletics. Mr. Wells replied, yes. He stated the company has had success elsewhere in the state. The organization has high minimum numbers for the program to go on as scheduled. Our recreation manager, Joyce Johnson, was able to get the organization to lower the number, but the minimum is still too high, which is why most of the programs through this organization have not been successful for our liking. Chairperson Gordon asked if the instructors were local to this area. Mr. Wells answered that most are local and some are attending colleges nearby. Global Athletes thought that with the number of close colleges, finding instructors would not be a challenge, but it has been an issue

with certain classes.
Commission member Bridge informed the Commission that Board of Supervisor member, Carolyn Bragg, is working to get a new stage and new restrooms at Stuarts Draft Park. Mr. Wells stated there is a good chance the stage will be in place by spring or summer of 2027. The hope is that new bathrooms could be added on to the pool house where there is water access. These restrooms could be used by park patrons other than swimmers. These new bathrooms would be available for public use seasonally, just like the restrooms at our other parks.
Commission member Bridge asked if the current surface on the pickle ball courts at Stuarts Draft would be the permanent surface. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that the asphalt needs to cure for 21 days, at which point it will be coated. The courts would not be ready for use until after this point. He further stated the fencing for the courts should be in place in the next few weeks. The ribbon cutting will be held after the new coating is ready, likely in the latter half of June.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Chairperson Gordon asked Mr. Wells to inform the Commission of Grant application status for Mt. Sidney Ruritan Charities. Mr. Wells informed the Commission he had met with members of the group to simplify the application to reflect exactly what they were requesting money for. He expects the grant request to come before the Commission in the next several months.
Chairperson Gordon asked if having the grants submitted twice a year would go into effect at that point. Mr. Wells stated the Commission would need to make that recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and have it passed before those deadlines are put in place. He will put the discussion for recommendation on a summer agenda in the hope that it could go before the Board of Supervisors this fall for a vote.
Chairperson Gordon asked how the public would be notified if the deadlines are put in place for the Matching Grant requests. Mr. Wells stated he would communicate the information to the groups that have used the grant in the last few years, and it would be posted on the website. Commission member Bridge asked if the Matching Grant application was available on the website. Mr. Wells stated it is, and any new guidelines could be updated.
Commission member Bridge inquired about a name for the possible recreational development of the south end of the parking lot. He feels everyone should be using the same terminology when discussing the project with each other and members of the community. Mr. Wells agreed, stating he has been referring to the project as South End Recreation Development (SERD). Mr Wells informed the Commission that the group is sending the concept to the Commission for their review. He plans to have that on a meeting agenda this summer.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells informed the Commission of a meeting he recently attended, the SAW Youth Commission. Members from the Staunton and Waynesboro Parks and Recreation Departments were also in attendance. The meeting was held to explore ideas to build up and serve the youth in our communities. The group was looking at ways to provide programming for young people at middle school to high school age levels. He hopes to coordinate with Staunton and Waynesboro Parks and Recreations in the near future to look at programs everyone's offering that target that age group.

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 Parks and Recreation meeting will take place on June 17th in the main boardroom of the Government Center at 7pm.
Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, to adjourn.

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

Motion Passed.
The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.