

MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission of the Augusta County Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Larry Curry, Vice Chair
Sally Williams, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Ernie Landes, Member
Kirk Barley, Member
Anne Gordan, Member

ABSENT: Samantha Bosserman, Chair

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Curry called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. **Comments by the**

Public No public present.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 May 2023 minutes for approval

No corrections or amendments to the
minutes. [draft. May minutes.pdf](#)

Ernie Landes moved to approve .

Sally Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

4.1 June 2023 Treasurer's report

No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.
[2023 JUNE Treasurers report.pdf](#)

5. **Director's Report**

5.1 June 2023 Director's report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Director's report.

Mrs. Gordan asked how citizens get the activity guide. Mr. Wells stated every household in Augusta County should be receiving the guide. Also, if you live outside of the county and sign up to be added to our Star mailing list you will receive a guide. He stated the bulk of the 38,000 activity guides are sent through bulk mailing to county residents.

[June 2023 DIR's report.pdf](#)

6. **Matters to be presented by the Commission**

No Matters to be presented by the Commission.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells informed the Commission he participated in a meeting for Blue Ridge Rising. This is an initiative of Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and is looking for ways to improve relations with gateway communities and help them realize benefits of the Blue Ridge Parkway. This initiative also looks at ways to improve transportation, community connectivity, and housing for those communities along the Parkway. They also want to get information to users of the parkway about bike and hiking trails as well as where to stay in the area.

Mrs. Gordan asked if Mr. Wells was referring to the area of the parkway where the old hotel stands. He stated they are looking at the entire length the Parkway, but the County is making progress on studying possibilities for that said property.

Mr. Wells also shared that the County is required to revise it's comprehensive plan soon. He stated he was part of an interview team to meet with firms who are being considered for this. He stated recreation will be a big part of the new plan. The chosen firm will then go before the Board of Supervisors to be awarded the contract for services. Commission members will be a formal part of input for this planning process.

He informed the Commission it is his understanding that the review of Commission By-Laws are on the agenda for a July Board of Supervisor meeting.

8. Old Business

Mrs. Gordan inquired how Augusta County is connected to the Weyers Cave Community Center. Mr. Wells stated there is no formal or legal connection. She asked if she could get the contact information for the Ruritan Club in Stuarts Draft to discuss the progress or interest with that group about pickleball courts. She stated she feels pickleball is an intergenerational game exploding in popularity that builds community. Mr. Wells stated Commission members should get with their direct Board of Supervisor member if they have ideas for improvements in the County. There was some discussion about converting the tennis courts at Beverly Manor Middle School to pickleball courts for County residents.

9. New Business

No new business to discuss.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mr. Curry announced our next meeting will take place at the Government Center on July 19th at 7pm.

Kirk Barley moved to adjourn .

Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimousl