

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Steve Morelli, Member
Sally Williams, Member
Ernie Landes, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Ronnie Ritchie, Member
Samantha Bosserman, Member
Larry Curry, Chair

ABSENT: Kirk Barley, Vice Chair

1. Call to Order

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

2. Comments by the Public

Mr. Randall Lambert and Mrs. Louesa Lambert were in attendance. Mr. Lambert stated he would like to see the campground opened to full capacity beginning Memorial Day and beyond. Due to his family's work situation he and his wife were unable to make reservations for Memorial Day weekend. He stated with restrictions being lifted and the campers and staff continuing to be cautious, all of the sites should now be available. He stated he felt opening to full capacity would also be good for the County in that it would create revenue. He further added he would like to see more activities for kids at the campground. Mr. Lambert was complimentary of the job staff are doing with limited resources but did want to take the opportunity to provide feedback in a formal setting.

3. Adoption of Minutes

No amendments or changes were recommended to the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes.

Ronnie Ritchie moved to approve .

Ernie Landes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3.1 April 2021 minutes

[April 2021 minutes.pdf](#)

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Treasurer's Report as written. No questions or comments were discussed.

Leon Bartley moved to approve .

Samantha Bosserman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4.1 May Treasurer's Report

[2021 MAY Treasurers report.pdf](#)

5. **Director's Report**

Mr. Wells highlighted the following information from the Director's Report.

Our intern, Adam Basham, started work on May 17th. He will be in attendance at one of the next 2 meetings.

The Department's frozen position has been approved for hiring or filling with the start of the new budget year. This will now be a Park Services Manager position. Parks and Recreation hopes to have it filled by June 16th or in the following weeks.

Renovations to the Stuarts Draft pool are now complete. Mr. Wells shared before and after pictures of the pool.

A new summer program, Rollin' RecMobile, will travel to a different park in the county a few times a week, weather permitting. Pre registration is not required. We will post a schedule on our website and through our Gov Delivery system.

Our pools' summer schedule has been posted and will begin next week. Parks and Recreation will be closely monitoring the first few weeks to determine if adjustments need to be made.

Parks and Recreation does plan to produce a Fall Activity Guide. It will be a much smaller version and will be done in partnership with the library. We hope to have that distributed near Labor Day.

Mr. Ritchie asked if our pool operations will change due to the loosening in restrictions. Mr. Wells stated we will be monitoring that to see if there is a demand in pool use before we expand. There are no regulations for pools in the new executive order that will be in place beginning May 28.

Mr. Landes asked about the restroom cleaning going forward. Mr. Wells stated there will be no stringent regulations for cleaning as there had been come May 28. There will be recommendations but not requirements. He stated Parks and Recreation plan to take a methodical approach to full openings in case restrictions are put in place again.

5.1 May 2021 Directors Report

[May 2021 dir's report.pdf](#)

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

There were no matters to be presented by the Commission.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

There were no matters to be presented by staff.

8. Old Business

No old business was reported at this time.

9. New Business

Mr. Morelli gave a report on his stay at Natural Chimneys campground. He stated he got to the campground after dark and Bobby Johnson, one of the camp hosts, took him back to his site and helped park and hook up his camper. He stated Mr. Johnson was very knowledgeable and showed him tricks and tips for his RV placement and sewer hook up. He stated he felt very at home during his stay at the campground.

Mr. Wells reminded the Commission that an agenda item has been postponed until Mr. K Barley can be in attendance. Mr. Wells will send out information on a possible meeting at Stuarts Draft Park for next month's meeting. This meeting will give the Commission a chance to view Stuarts Draft Park, as well as the Diamondback Club and Schneider Park.

Mrs. Bosserman asked if the Board of Supervisors had set up a meeting or training on the Parliamentary Procedures for meetings. Mr. Morelli stated there has been no further action. Mr. Wells stated he will inquire.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mr. Curry announced the next meeting set for June 16. The Director is making arrangements for the Commission to visit Stuarts Draft Park, Diamondback Club, and Schneider Park. Time to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Ernie Landes moved to adjourn .

Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.