

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Larry Curry, Vice Chair
Anne Gordon, Member
Sally Williams, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Samantha Bosserman, Chair

ABSENT: Ernie Landes, Member
Kirk Barley, Member

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Bosserman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No comments by the public.

Introductions were made for our new Commission member, Anne Gordon, representing the Middle River District.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 April 2023 minutes for approval

No changes made to minutes.

[draft.April 2023 minutes.pdf](#)

Sally Williams moved to approve April 2023 minutes.

Larry Curry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Treasurer's report

No questions or comments to reported minutes.

[2023 MAY Treasurers report.pdf](#)

5. Director's Report

5.1 May Director's report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Director's report.

Mrs. Gordon asked if the radio advertisement for Draft Days was donated or whether it was purchased. Mr. Wells informed her it was paid for out of Parks and Recreation Event fees. Mrs. Bosserman inquired if more volunteers are needed for the event.

Mr. Wells stated he would check with the Event Coordinator, Charley Schillinger, to

see if we needed additional volunteers.

Mr. Gordon asked if Parks and Recreation has a Facebook or Instagram page. Mr. Wells stated Parks and Recreation has 3 Facebook pages and one Instagram page. The 3 Facebook pages are for general Parks and Recreation, Natural Chimneys, and Stuarts Draft Park. He stated the County also has a YouTube channel.

Mrs. Gordon asked what Parks and Recreation's role is for the Red Wing Roots Festival. Mr. Wells informed her Parks and Recreation provides the venue and the event is hosted by Black Bear Productions. Black Bear Productions rents the space from the County and works closely with all emergency services throughout the planning and actual event. Mrs. Williams told the Commission The Wilson Springs Hotel will be performing twice on the Friday of the event.

Mrs. Gordon asked if there was any update on pickleball courts. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that getting quotes for changes to Beverly Manor tennis courts to allow for pickleball has been difficult as all contractors contacted are booked for the coming months. He is still looking at all options. Mrs. Gordon asked about the use of the Weyers Cave Community Center. Mr. Wells informed her when Parks and Recreation reached out to them the rent on the facility would cause a significant increase in cost to the participants that want to play pickleball. Mrs. Gordon stated she felt participants would be ok with paying a higher cost to have a facility to play in. Mr. Wells stated he would look into the use of the facility again to see if it is something we can offer.

[May 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 No

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8. Old Business

Mrs. Bosserman informed the Commission that the By-Laws have not gone before the Board of Supervisors yet. She stated if there are any changes that the Commission wishes to make then the changes would need to happen soon. She stated one discussion the Commission has had in the past was the language concerning the monthly meetings. The way the By-Laws state now requires the Commission to have a meeting monthly. She informed the Commission that if they choose not to have a meeting in November or December because the meeting falls near a holiday; they are out of compliance with the By-Laws. She suggested the language be made more flexible to allow for those instances. She asked if the Commission would want to look again at the frequency of meetings as well as any other possible changes. After a light discussion no motion was made to add an agenda item to next month's meeting to revisit the By-Laws.

With no motion being made the By-Laws remain with the Board of Supervisors until they can be reviewed.

9. New Business

No New Business to discuss.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mrs. Bosserman announced the next meeting will take place on June 21 at 7pm at the Government Center. The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Larry Curry moved to adjourn .

Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.