

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Kirk Barley, Vice Chair
Sally Williams, Member
Ernie Landes, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Ronnie Ritchie, Member
Samantha Bosserman, Member

ABSENT: Steve Morelli, Member
Larry Curry, Chair

1. Call to Order

Mr. Barley called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No public was present. Therefore, no comments were made.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 March meeting minutes

No amendments or changes were recommended to the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes.

[March minutes.pdf](#)

Samantha Bosserman moved to approve March 17, 2021 minutes.

Sally Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 April Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Treasurer's Report as written. No questions or comments were discussed. Board accepted the Treasurer's report per the standing Robert's Rules.

[2021 APRIL Treasurers report.pdf](#)

5. Director's Report

5.1 April Director's Report

Mr. Wells read the Director's report as written adding a few items discussed below.

There are a number of summer seasonal positions available on the County website. Most of the jobs are for maintenance positions. Mr. Ritchie asked what the payrate for the jobs is. Mr. Wells stated he is not positive but thinks they fall in the \$10-\$10.50 range.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission staff are working on a mobile program for the summer. The camp will serve mostly elementary students but will be intergenerational. This means staff will be there to facilitate, but kids will be doing the activities with their caregivers and siblings. There will be an agenda and the activities will rotate to all the parks in a hope to get more people to all of the parks. Each event will be a few hours in length and will take place in the afternoon and evening timeframe.

Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Augusta County Library to bring some additional programming to Stuarts Draft Park. The Library will be using the stage, shelter, and the story walk in their programming.

Another staff member is putting together a Silly Walk that will rotate through our parks. She is in the process of gathering up department heads and recognizable members of the community to promote this program. A Silly Walk is where you walk from one sign to the next through the park performing different walking styles, i.e. penguin, robot, or T-Rex.

Mr. Wells elaborated on the pool openings and highlighted changes being made this year such as pre-registration for open swim and how swim lessons and pool rentals will be handled. Mr. Wells stated swim times will run in time blocks and reservations can be made up to 5 days in advance. Mr. Ritchie asked if there will be a refund if the weather prohibits swimming on a day someone has signed up to swim. Mr. Wells stated there will not be a refund given unless the pool is closed by Parks and Recreation. There will be clear communication as to when citizens can begin signing up for time blocks. This is another reason we will only be excepting reservations 5 days in advance.

Mrs. Bosserman stated she saw a news article on the dugout project in the newspaper and was very happy to see a story had been run. She also stated she noticed on Red Wing Roots website that the festival was planning to go forward. Mr. Wells stated permits and back end planning is taking place in the event restrictions are lifted. The event is still in a hold status at this time.

Mr. Barley asked how participants will find out about our programs happening at Stuarts Draft Park this summer. Mr. Wells stated we plan to use our social media

sites, websites, Rec Report, the county website will push out notifications and word of mouth.

[April 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. Barley asked the Commission if they would be interested in meeting at a park for the May meeting. After some discussion it was decided we will meet at Stuarts Draft Park pavilion.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next month's meeting will take place at Stuarts Draft Park pavilion. The Commission will be visiting the park, Diamondback ballfield, and the Schneider Park property on May 19. The time is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Chairman

Secretary