

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Larry Curry, Vice Chair
Sally Williams, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Ernie Landes, Member

ABSENT: Samantha Bosserman, Chair
Kirk Barley, Member

1. Call to Order

Mr. Curry called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Comments by the

Public No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 March minutes for approval

No questions or amendments to the March 2023 minutes. [draft. March 2023 minutes.pdf](#)

Sally Williams moved to approve .

Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 April Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report presented as written. No questions or comments on the Treasurer's report.

[2023 MARCH Treasurers report.pdf](#)

5. Director's Report

5.1 April Directors report

Director's report presented as written. No questions or comments on the Directors report.

[March 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 that construction has begun for Parks and

Recreation's new office and activity space. The timeline has been moved up for staff to possibly move into the space during the last half of October.

Mr. Wells met with a group interested in pursuing more pickleball courts in the area. They inquired about converting the tennis courts at Beverly Manor Middle School. Mr. Wells stated the courts would need to be refinished and possibly add more parking, but he plans to look into it. He encouraged the group to talk with Board of Supervisor members, Parks and Recreation Commission members, and the members of the Augusta County School Board since it is technically school property. Mr. Curry asked if the courts are now owned by Grace Christian Schools. Mr. Wells stated no, the former Beverly Manor Elementary School and the tennis courts are separated by trees. The courts are away from the school and closer to the Beverly Manor Middle School track. Mr. Wells stated he had been out to the Crimora ballfields recently to learn more about their ballfield lights. Those fields have an older lighting system which requires fixtures that are no longer manufactured. They have 15 remaining fixtures in storage that were given to them by Grottoes Little League when Grottoes upgraded to LED lights. Parks and Recreation was also approached by the Friends of the Library about upgrading the playground behind the Fishersville library. The playground is near 2 ballfields maintained by the Fishersville Little League.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission the Stuarts Draft Ruritans would like to put in pickleball courts at Schneider Park. He expects them to pursue a Matching Grant to help with the cost of the courts.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission he will complete a master spreadsheet of all of the possible projects based on inquires and conversations so the Commission members can see the projects in a timeline. There will be some difficult decisions with a lot of items coming up at once.

8. Old Business

Mr. Wells informed the Commission the By-Laws are expected to go before the Board of Supervisors on April 26 at their next meeting.

9. New Business

No new business to report.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mr. Curry announced the next meeting for May 17 at 7pm at the Augusta County Government Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Ernie Landes moved to adjourn .

Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary