

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Steve Morelli, Member
Ernie Landes, Member

1. Call to Order

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

2. Comments by the Public

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

3. Adoption of Minutes

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

Ronnie Ritchie moved to approve February 17, 2021 meeting minutes.

Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

a February 2021 meeting minutes

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4. Treasurer's Report

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

Kirk Barley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Sally Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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5. Director's Report

Mr. Wells highlighted various sections of the Director's Report.

Mrs. Bosserman asked if there had been a story written about Valley Vo-tech helping with the reconstruction of the dugouts at Diamondback field in Stuarts Draft. Mr. Wells stated

he is not aware of anything but he can mention it to our communication manager, Mia Kivlighan. A short discussion followed regarding the previous state of the field and dugouts.

Mr. Wells added information about an item not on the Director's Report. He stated he had a meeting with staff regarding an Easter themed activity to take place on Saturday, April 3. He informed the Commission that Parks and Recreation had been approached by the Verona Community Center about collaborating in this project. The Verona Community Center has a back drop and an Easter bunny volunteer to contribute. The flow will be to drive up, take your own picture with the Easter bunny, exit the Government Center veranda and continue to the next activity. The next activity will be finding a certain number of Easter eggs in the Gochenour house lawn. After the children find their correct number of eggs they will be directed back to their cars. We will have staff and volunteers to help control traffic and to ensure everything runs smoothly with little to no contact. We will have more detail to come.

Mr. Ritchie asked how we will get the word out given the event is just over 2 weeks away. Mr. Wells stated we will update our social media pages, websites, and we will send it out in our monthly RecReport. Word of mouth will also help to spread the word. It is possible the press will pick it up as well.

a Director's Report March 2021
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6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Mr. K Barley stated he had three items to mention for consideration. The first item being, residents in the Stuarts Draft area are very interested in events happening at the Stuarts Draft Park. He expressed hope that Mr. Wells will speak to Mr. Morelli about possible events to have at that location.

The second item, Mr. Barley has friends and family that are unable to book travel into 2022 due to the high demand on travel agencies as people try to plan ahead for vacations in that time frame. He understands the reason why Parks and Recreation has not begun planning trips at this time; however, he wanted to know if we have plans to do things for this coming Fall season. He stated he just wanted to put the thought out there about moving forward with trip planning. Mr. Wells stated he doesn't feel we will have a problem when we decide to plan long term trips as we use different agencies that book group travel. Those companies utilize local bus companies to transport our customers to their destination.

The last item for consideration has to do with our school partnership. He would like to have time added to next month's agenda for the Commission to discuss whether we should continue to partner with the school system on child related activities. He feels we may need to petition to the Board of Supervisor for more money in the budget for our own facilities or for rent for the use of other's facilities should we decide to end the partnership

with the schools.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

a Report on Recreation Matching Grant program

Mr. Wells explained the Augusta County- Recreation Grants and Subsidies spreadsheet. He explained to the Commission how much money was awarded to each of the four project that took place in the 2019-2020 timeframe. He explained why some districts, though not directly involved with the improvement area would want to allocate their resources for that particular project. He further stated funds for each project require a majority vote by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ritchie asked if the totals for each district roll over year to year. Mr. Wells stated they do except for what has already been allocated to a project. Mr. Ritchie stated he would like to see the figures for each district. Mr. Wells read them off to the Commission and stated he would have a copy at the next meeting.

[2021 Report to the Commission on Rec Grants & Subsidies.pdf](#)

8. Old Business

No old business was reported at this time.

9. New Business

No new business was reported at this time.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mr. Curry stated the next meeting will occur on April 21, 2021 at 7pm.

Kirk Barley moved to adjourn .

Samantha Bosserman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.


Administrative Secretary

James L. Brown