MINUTES

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Samantha Bosserman, Member

1. Call to Order

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

2. Comments by the Public

No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 January 2024 Commission minutes for approval

No questions or amendments to the January minutes. draft.January 2024 minutes.pdf

Ernie Landes moved to approve January 2024 minutes.
Larry Curry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 February 2024 Treasurer's report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Treasurer's report. No questions or comments regarding the report.
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5. Director's Report

5.1 February 2024 Director's report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Director's report. He informed the Commission of the Departments plan to add a trash can to the Dooms Crossing boat launch site. The state's DWR and DCR had recommended that Parks and Recreation not place a trash can at the site as that has sometime encouraged people to bring their home trash to dispose of there. Also, due to the risk of high water it can be an environmental issue. Parks and Recreation has had some issues with trash in that area and along the river. The Riverfest group does clean that area, as well as the river, monthly from April through October and every other month from November until March. Parks and Recreation and Maintenance staff also clean the area regularly. The trash can is meant as a way to help with the amount of trash left at the site.

Edgewood Ballfield at Stuarts Draft Park has had some work done in the off-season to extend the bases for older groups that may want to use that field. Also, a portable pitching mound has been purchased and placed at that field for use by older teams. Mr. Curry asked if there had been any teams asking for safety double bases. Mr Wells stated at this time there has been no requests or discussion from teams inquiring about that use.

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6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Mr. Curry stated he had spoken with Ms. Breeden about some of the changes being made to the New Hope Community Center ballfield area. Mrs. Gordan stated work is currently being done to add the new batting cages. The next step will be the pavilion, but a lot needs to done before that can happen. Mr. Wells stated structural plans will need to be drawn up before that process can begin.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells informed the Commission that the Board of Supervisors approved the soccer goals that the Commission had recommended at their last meeting. The money was split between the Pastures and North River districts as those are the two districts that will benefit most from the soccer club.

7.1 FY24 Budget Revisions

Mr. Wells highlighted the requested revisions to current year FY24's budget. He mentioned that expense increases were directly related to the increased revenue projections. Mrs. Williams asked if the Commission had any thoughts or reservations regarding the proposed revised budget. None were expressed. Mrs. Williams asked the Commission to indicate their support of the requested FY24 budget revisions including revenue projections by saying 'I'. The Commission as a whole indicated their support for what the Director requested.

7.2 New FY25 Requested Budget

Mr. Wells highlighted the requested budget for new year FY25. This included a new full-time position, Program Coordinator, being added to the budget. He also presented the requested capital project/investment for Stuarts Draft Park. Mrs. Williams asked if the Commission had any thoughts or reservations regarding the proposed budget for FY25 from the Director. Mrs. Williams asked the Commission to indicate their support of the budget request along with the new Program Coordinator by saying 'I'. The Commission as a whole indicated their support for the budget and position.

8. Old Business

8.1 Consider June meeting date change due to Holiday conflict

Mrs. Williams asked the Commission if anyone had any suggestions on which date to move the June meeting to. Mrs. Gordon asked if anyone would be in the Board Room the last Wednesday of June. Mr. Wells stated the Board of Supervisors meets that evening, but the Commission has moved to another room when the Board of Supervisors has use of the Board Room. He stated we can move the meeting to our new activity rooms. Mrs. Gordan recommended moving the meeting to June 26th. The Commission voted, all in favor, for making the change. Mr. Wells will send the change out and the appropriate change will be made online.

9. New Business

No New Business to discuss.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mrs. Williams announced the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20 in the Board Room of the Government Center at 7pm.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Larry Curry moved to adjourn .
Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.