

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Steve Morelli, Member
Sally Williams, Member
Ernie Landes, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Ronnie Ritchie, Member
Samantha Bosserman, Member
Larry Curry, Chair

ABSENT: Kirk Barley, Vice Chair

Mrs. Williams arrived late to the meeting. She did not vote on sections 3 and 4.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Curry called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

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 January 20, 2021 meeting minutes.

Ronnie Ritchie moved to approve January 20, 2021 minutes.

Ernie Landes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- a January 20, 2021 Meeting minutes
[January minutes unsigned.pdf](#)

3. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Treasurer's Report as written.

- a Treasurer's Report
[2021 FEBRUARY Treasurers report.pdf](#)

Leon Bartley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Samantha Bosserman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Director's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Director's Report as written. Mrs. Williams arrived during the reading of the report. Mr. Wells added to the report the new guidelines discussed by the Governor at his latest news conference earlier in the day. Mr. Ritchie asked if the 250 spectators was for outdoor events only. Mr. Wells stated he was unsure, but assumed it

was.

Mr. Morelli asked which company would be providing the signage for the trails at Natural Chimneys Park. Mr. Wells stated we are currently getting quotes. The sign shop at the Government Center could provide the signs, but Parks and Recreation would like to have signs that blend with the environment at the park. If the cost is too great the sign shop will make them instead. Mr. Morelli stated he could talk with Dominion Power to see if they could help with digging the holes for the signs. Mr. Wells stated the trails are narrow and are not easily accessible by truck. He will speak to the maintenance department about their desire to have it machine drilled. Signage will not be installed until the spring thaw.

Mrs. Bosserman asked if Parks and Recreation had ever considered placing a Love Works sign at any of our parks. Mr. Wells stated we have had a Love Works sign at the Chimneys temporarily during the Red Wing Roots Festival, but there has never been a permanent sign placed. Mr. Wells will discuss with Nick Grow, Economic Development Project Manager, about the possibility of adding a sign to the Natural Chimneys Park and Campground through the County's tourism program and initiatives.

Mr. Ritchie asked if the Red Wing Roots Festival will take place this year. Mr. Wells stated at this time, hopefully yes. It will all depend on guidelines and cost analysis for Black Bear Productions. If the limits are too great it will not be cost effective for them to have the event.

- a Director's Report
[February 2021 Dir's report.pdf](#)

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Mr. Morelli informed the Commission the dugouts at the Diamondback Club ballfields were being replaced. He would like to publicly thank those that made that happen. He asked Mr. Wells if there is a way citizens with no social media can get information about Parks and Recreation news. Mr. Wells stated we generally send out the Rec Report once a month through email. The report has not been going out monthly since the start of the pandemic because there has been nothing new to report. We hope to get that back on a monthly rotation after the pandemic. Parks and Recreation does use our social media pages to drive citizens to our Rec Report.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

- a Presentation of P&R Department's FY22 Budget request
Mr. Wells presented the budget reports to the Commission members as written. Mr. Wells highlighted the fact that the new FY22 budget could be revised should things begin to pick up again since revenue and expenses go hand in hand in Parks and Recreation's budget. Mr. Wells also highlighted our two main capital requests as the

\$20,000 for the master plan of Natural Chimneys Park and the \$11,250 for development of the retail store also at Natural Chimneys Park and Campground.

[Directors narrative on FY21Revisions and FY22Requests. for Commission.pdf Parks&Rec 071010. FY21Revs and FY22Req. for Commission.pdf Revenue Spreadsheet. FY22 with FY21 Revisions.pdf](#)

b Report on Recreation Matching Grant program

Mr. Wells informed the Commission he will report on the Matching Grant program at next month's meeting because he had not been able to receive reports from the Finance Department in enough time to prepare.

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 announced the next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2021 at 7pm at the Government Center.

Sally Williams moved to adjourn .

Samantha Bosserman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.