

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Steve Morelli, Member

1. Call to Order

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

2. Election of Officers for New Year (2022)

After some discussion, Mrs. Williams nominated Mr. Curry to stay on as Chair. Mr. Ritchie nominated Mrs. Bosserman to serve as Vice Chair.

Sally Williams moved to approve Mr. Curry remaining as Chair for 2022 .
Samantha Bosserman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ronnie Ritchie moved to approve Mrs. Bosserman to serve as Vice Chair for 2022 .
Ernie Landes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Comments by the Public

Elizabeth and Thaddeus Miller were present for the meeting.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 December 2021 minutes for approval

No amendments to the December
minutes. [December 2021 minutes.pdf](#)

Ronnie Ritchie moved to approve December 2021 minutes as written.
Kirk Barley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1 February 2022 Treasurer's Report

No questions or comments on the Treasurer's
report. [2022 FEBRUARY Treasurers report.pdf](#)

6. Director's Report

6.1 February 2022 Director's Report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Director's report.

Mr. Ritchie asked what a "unique user" is. Mr. Wells informed him that is a user that makes reservations at the campground for more than one stay at a time.

Mr. Wells went into further detail about the Red Wing Roots Festival empathizing the event dates have changed.

He informed the Commission of upcoming changes to the Government Center including the move of Parks and Recreation, as well as, storm water and master planning happening in the South parking lot. This is with the intention of adding multipurpose fields and a gym in the future. Mr. Barley asked why the fields would be turf. Mr. Wells clarified it would be artificial turf making our fields the only artificial turf between Roanoke and Winchester. He said the Board of Supervisors have not approve \$20-30,000 for the master planning of the gym and fields at this time. There is a staff briefing this coming Tuesday, February 22, for more discussion on that topic. The hope is for it to be voted on at the next Board of Supervisor meeting the coming Wednesday, February 23. Mr. Barley asked if the thought of community sponsorships has been explored. Mr. Wells stated it has come up, but with the master plan money not yet approved it has been moved to discuss at a later date. The first step is storm water management.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission these improvements are possible because of the American Rescue Plan money. Mrs. Bosserman asked if there is anything the Commission members can do to help with getting these improvements to Parks and Recreation funded. Mr. Wells said if the Commission members would like to reach out to their Board of Supervisor member and let them know they support it that may help.

[February 2022 DIR's report.pdf](#)

7. **Matters to be presented by the Commission**

There were no Matters to be presented by the Commission.

8. **Matters to be presented by Staff**

8.1 Balance Sheets for district's Recreation Infrastructure & Matching Grant Accounts

Mr. Wells presented each member with the balance sheets for their individual districts. Mr. Ritchie asked why there was no allocation for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Mr. Wells stated he would look into it and let them know.

8.2 Update on Dooks Crossing Public Access site development

Mr. Wells presented a Power Point presentation on Dooks Crossing Public Access. He stated we will have a groundbreaking this coming April. He informed the

Commission a kiosk for Dooms Crossing will be made by a local craftsman out of Crimora. The launch in Crimora will have a different entry made of matting and stone. This will be completed at a later date.

[Dooms Boat Launch Presentation.pdf](#)

9. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

10. New Business

Mrs. Bosserman mentioned the Virginia State Park Trail Quest. This is a program where a person earns pins for visiting Virginia state parks. There are 5 pins in all. She thought it might be a fun thing to try with our parks in Augusta County. Mr. Barley stated it might be better if we made it a SAW (Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro) program. Mr. Wells stated Joyce Johnson, our Recreation Manager, had mentioned the same idea after reading about Mrs. Bosserman and her husband earning the master hiker pin.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mr. Curry announced the next meeting as March 16, 2022 at the Government Center at 7pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Ernie Landes moved to adjourn .

Samantha Bosserman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.