

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Steve Morelli, Member

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Bosserman called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Comments by the

Public No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

No questions or comments regarding the January 2023 meeting minutes.

Kirk Barley moved to approve January 2023 minutes.

Ernie Landes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3.1 January 2023 minutes for approval

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Treasurer's report as written. No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.

4.1 February Treasurer's Report

[2023 FEBRUARY Treasurers report.pdf](#)

5. Director's Report

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Mr. K Barley asked which department coordinated the clean up effort for the South River and Dooks Crossing access site with Riverfest. Did Maintenance or Parks and Recreation approach Riverfest with the idea? Mr. Wells stated both Maintenance and Parks and Recreation have a relationship with Riverfest so the idea of working with them was a joint effort by all parties. The County's hope is for the effort to expand to the Crimora Park access point once that is established.

Mrs. Bosserman asked when the Crimora Park boat launch project is expected to begin. Mr. Wells stated there has been a delay, but the project is out to bid currently.

The estimated timeframe for construction to begin is late Spring to Summer. [February 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 highlighted the revised budget for FY22-23 and the proposed budget for FY23-24.

Mr. K Barley asked if the Natural Chimneys camp store is on a revolving budget. Mr. Wells stated it is not currently, but Parks and Recreation plans to pursue that concept in future budget cycles. Finance Department is supportive of the idea.

Mr. K Barley asked if Parks and Recreation was not having an after school program in the new fiscal year. Mr. Wells stated we will not be having an after school program as we do not currently have adequate staff to facilitate a program of that nature. Mr. Barley asked if a group, such as the Ruritans, came to Parks and Recreation with the resources Parks and Recreation lacks, such as space and staff, would Parks and Recreation entertain working with them. Mr. Wells stated if parks and Recreation was approached; he would entertain the idea. Mr. Wells informed the Commission a lot goes in to offering a program like child care. He stated a lot of schools are beginning to offer those types of programs as a way to further enrich the students both academically and athletically.

Mr. Wells stated Parks and Recreation plans to ask for another full time Program Coordinator as a way to begin offering a Summer Camp in our new facilities in the next few years. Mr. K Barley asked if the space would offer an adequate number of participants for the County. Mr. Wells said he feels it would. Mrs. Williams asked if any further consideration had been given to using a space such as Expo. Mr. Wells stated Parks and Recreation had looked it into Expo during the COVID pandemic because the County had additional Federal funding to help with the rental cost of the building. That Federal funding is no longer available and the cost of renting Expo would be too great to make it an affordable option for County residents.

Kirk Barley moved to endorse the budget draft of revisions for FY23 and requests for FY24 as presented..

Ernie Landes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7.1 FY 23 Budget Revisions

[Directors narrative on FY23Revisions and FY24Requests. for Commission.pdf](#)

7.2 New FY24 Requested Budget

[for P&R Commission. 071010. FY23 Revs and FY24 New Request.pdf](#)
[Revenue Spreadsheet. FY24New and FY23Revsd. for Commission.pdf](#)

8. Old Business

Mr. K Barley asked if the Commissions By-Laws had moved forward from the County

Attorney's office. Mr. Wells stated he inquired a few weeks ago and was told they were still pending review. Mr. Wells will circle back with the County Attorney in 2-3 weeks.

9. New Business

Mrs. Bosserman inquired if the vacant Commission seat once held by Mr. Ritchie would be filled soon. Mr. Wells informed the Commission he spoke to Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, about the vacant seat recently and she plans to look into it. Mrs. Williams informed the Commission Jacob Ritter, a former student at Riverheads High School, is performing this year at the Red Wing Roots Music Festival at Natural Chimneys. He is the lead vocalist for The Wilson Springs Hotel.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission Mr. Bartley has been instrumental in helping with the Deerfield Community Center when it is rented. He stated a vaccine clinic was held at the Deerfield Community Center recently and Mr. Bartley helped with opening and closing the Center for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Bartley also helps at Deerfield Park when needed. Parks and Recreation is very grateful for all of his help. Mr. Bartley stated the next vaccine clinic will be held on February 28 at the Deerfield Community Center.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mrs. Bosserman announced the next meeting will take place at the Augusta County Government Center on March 15, 2023 at 7pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Larry Curry moved to adjourn .

Kirk Barley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.