

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Larry Curry, Vice Chair
Steve Bridge, Member
Ernie Landes, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Sally Williams, Chair

ABSENT: Samantha Bosserman, Member
Anne Gordon, Member

1. **Call to Order**

Mrs. Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. **Comments by the**

Public No public present.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 May 2024 minutes for approval

No amendments or comments regarding the minutes. [draft. May 2024 minutes.pdf](#)

Steve Bridge moved to approve May 2024 minutes.

Larry Curry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

4.1 Treasurer's report

Mr. Bridge asked for clarification regarding the figures on the Treasurer's report. He asked where the difference between the expenses and the revenue comes from throughout the fiscal year. Mr. Wells stated that the entire budget of allocated funds is from tax dollars. Mr. Wells stated at the end of the fiscal year Parks and Recreation does not get to keep the revenue generated. Mr. Bridge inquired about the maintenance costs. Mr Wells informed him those costs are under a different budget which is managed by Rusty Sprouse, Director of Maintenance. Mr Bridge asked if Parks and Recreation is getting enough money in the budget since the majority of its expenses are recovered. Mr. Wells informed him Parks and Recreation's goal is to provide quality programs and activities for the community at reasonable prices in a hope to add even more programs and activities in the future without being a burden on the taxpayer.

[2024 JUNE Treasurers report.pdf](#)

5. **Director's Report**

5.1 Director's report

Mr. Wells presented the Director's report as written. Mr. Bridge asked how much planning goes into the Red Wing Roots Festival. Mr. Wells stated most of the planning is done by Blackbear Productions, which is the group that runs the festival. He stated Parks and Recreation and the County have guidelines that the promoters must follow. Patrick Lam, Emergency Management Coordinator for the County, along with the Sheriff's office, Fire and rescue, and emergency personnel for the County put together an emergency action plan with Parks and Recreation and Blackbear Productions to fine tune the emergency action plan before the event.

Mr. Bartley inquired about how the money made by the County for the Red Wing Roots Festival factors into our budget. Mr. Wells stated that revenue covers the cost of hosting and some of that money helps to offset the cost of other special events Parks and Recreation holds. Mr. Wells explained that Blackbear Productions rents the campground for the event. The amount they pay is evaluated yearly just like all fees to ensure adequate compensation to the County.

Mr. Bridge asked why the funding for the netting at Stuarts Draft Park ballfield was not being pursued through the County. Mr. Wells stated that was a typo and apologized. It is being pursued. The cost is around \$15,000. He will resubmit the Director's report with that change.

[June 2024 DIR's report. corrected.pdf](#)

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

No Matters to be Presented by the Commission.

7. **Matters to be presented by Staff** No

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8. **Old Business**

No Old Business to discuss.

9. **New Business**

Mr. Curry began a discussion on possibilities for the Afton Mountain property the County recently acquired grant money to conduct surveys and studies on. There was some discussion on possible ideas for the property as well as some thoughts on collaborations with neighboring counties. Mr. Landes asked if there was a timeline for this project. Mr. Wells stated he is not aware of a timeline, but would inquire and pass on what he learned.

There was a discussion on pickleball courts being pursued in Schneider Park by the Ruritan Club. Mr. Wells stated he has not heard anything formally yet from the property

owners but is aware of potential conflicts with baseball and softball groups.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mrs. Williams stated the next meeting will take place on July 17 at 7pm in the main board room of the Government Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Larry Curry moved to adjourn .

Leon Bartley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.