

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Larry Curry, Vice Chair
Steve Bridge, Member
Samantha Bosserman, Member
Leon Bartley, Member
Anne Gordon, Member
Sally Williams, Chair

ABSENT: Ernie Landes, Member

1. Call to Order

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

2. Comments by the Public

Kerry and Linda Krause of Staunton, Virginia were present for the meeting.

Linda spoke on behalf of the Mt Sidney Ruritan Charities. The Ruritans have applied for a Recreation Matching Grant to purchase new playground equipment and mulch for their Mt. Sidney park. She stated the Ruritans conducted a great deal of research for the new playground. She highlighted information the group learned along the way. Mrs. Gordon stated she has seen teens and young adults playing basketball at that park and feels the group did a great job with their research. Mrs. Williams stated she felt a lot of questions were answered within the applicant's submitted packet. Mrs. Gordon asked what kind of mulch would be used at the playground once it was installed. Mrs. Krause informed her they have decided to go with rubber mulch. Mrs. Gordon asked if they still use wooden mulch. Mr. Wells stated our County parks do, but we have a maintenance staff that takes care of the routine maintenance required with wooden mulch. He further stated rubber lasts longer and requires less maintenance since the Ruritans have no paid labor this option makes the most sense.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Steve Bridge moved to approve June 2024 minutes.

Larry Curry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3.1 June 2024 minutes for approval

[draft.June 2024 minutes.pdf](#)

**4. Presentation by Mt. Sidney Ruritan Charities, re: submitted Recreation
Matching Grant application**

5. Treasurer's Report

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

5.1 July Treasurer's Report

[2024 JULY Treasurers report.pdf](#)

6. Director's Report

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

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

7. Matters to be presented by the Commission

No Matters to be Presented by the Commission.

8. Matters to be presented by Staff No

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9. Old Business

No Old Business to report.

10. New Business

10.1 Recreation Matching Grant application by Mt. Sidney Ruritan Charities

Mr. Curry stated the presentation was well done.

Mrs. Gordon inquired what happens when a group is approved but needs money before they receive it. Mr. Wells stated all awarded projects have to be completed and fully paid for prior to the awarded grant being paid out. The grant funds are on reimbursement basis only and that is clarified with each applicant prior to submission. This also insures that the awarded grant stays proportionate to applicant's share of the final cost.

Larry Curry moved to recommend the Board of Supervisors award the Mt Sidney Ruritan Charities the full amount, \$36,464, requested in their submitted Recreation Matching Grant application.

Steve Bridge seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Mrs. Williams stated the next meeting will take place in the Board room of the Government Center at 7pm on August 21. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Larry Curry moved to adjourn .

Anne Gordon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

