



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
April 20, 2023**

**Courthouse Community Center
29 Stafford Avenue**

Refreshments (Room C) 6:30 pm

Red Fines Sportsmanship Award Presentations (Gym) 7:00 pm

COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order (Room B) 7:30 pm

Silent Roll Call 7:30 pm

Approval of Minutes 7:31 pm

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Public Comments (3 minutes each) 7:35 pm

New Business 7:45 pm

- Park Trails from Belmont to Canon Ridge (Joe Brito)

Unfinished Business 8:05 pm

Liaison Reports 8:05 pm

- Planning Commission Liaison
- School Board Liaison

Commission Member Comments 8:10 pm

Director's Report 8:20 pm

Adjournment 8:30 pm

RED FINES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The Red Fines Award is given in honor of Mr. Red Fines, a long-time resident of Stafford County and supporter of youth sport programs. Mr. Fines was one of the outstanding individuals who helped establish sports for the youth in Stafford prior to an organized Parks and Recreation Department. His time and energy helped to provide activities for youth in several different sports.

This award is given to youth sport teams that exemplify the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play. The winners are chosen by their fellow coaches and players of the league in which they play.

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 16, 2023

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023, at The George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Michael Parkyn.

SILENT ROLL CALL

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent Reported</u>	<u>Absent Not Reported</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Vincent Applewhite	P			Brion Southall	Mark Ellis
David Carpenter		A		Judy Sokolowski	
Eric Futrell	P				
Michael Parkyn	P				
Christopher (CW) Reed	P				
Jay Rucker		A			
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>	<i>P</i>				
<i>Susan Randall, SB</i>	<i>P</i>				

Voting members in bold

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the February 16, 2023, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mark Ellis spoke on behalf of the Stafford/Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania Pickleball Club (Club) about the shortage of pickleball courts in Stafford. He referred to the recent article in The Free Lance-Star and thanked Brion Southall for summarizing the Club's support for additional pickleball courts. He stated pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US; 10% of the population is playing. Stafford County painted lines on unusable outdoor courts, and indoor courts are only available during the day. Since additional courts are needed now, Mr. Ellis asked for pickleball courts be made part of the FY2024 budget process by contacting Board members to request they move up the Pratt Park court resurfacing to FY24. He also requested 6-12 lighted courts be built at Musselman Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez)
 - Planning Commission met on 3/8/23 and reviewed the Comprehensive Plan for Stafford County Public Schools
 - A joint Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting to discuss data centers will be held at Courthouse Community Center on 3/29/23 at 6pm
- School Board Liaison (Susan Randall)
 - Meeting on 3/21/23 at 5:15pm at the Government Center with the BOS to discuss the FY2024 budget; trying to ensure raises are adequate for school staff
 - Plans for new schools moving forward
 - Trailers will be used until schools are built

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- C.W. Reed
 - Parks and recreation staff are doing a great job and keeping up with things
 - Even with Dominion Energy doing work near the Gymnastics Center, staff is keeping kids safe and people are enjoying the gym
 - Spent time at Lake Mooney recently and really enjoyed it

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)

- Daytime vehicle break-ins at parks and recreation sites have increased, with a break-in last week at the Gymnastics Center; criminals are very illusive; caught on camera: car was on the parking lot with no license on the front of the car, plastic bag covered rear plate; people in the car wore masks and watched people go into the gym; once patrons entered the gym, the car pulled up next to the patron's car, broke a window, robbed the car, and left
- Flag Football has 735 registrants
- Job Fair to be held 3/18/23; we are behind in hiring for summer pool operations and camps
- Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be held at Courthouse Community Center for the Commission to present the Red Fines Sportsmanship Awards

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

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**March 2023 Staff Report
for April 20, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Community Recreation, 55+ Active Adults, & Aquatics

- Showed Top Gun: Maverick for 55+ Tuesday Movie
- Administered Lifeguard Certification Pretest
- Hosted Spring Rainbow Egg Wreath Making class for 55+ adults
- Offered 10 dance classes for youth and 9 exercise classes for adults

Upcoming

- 55+ Tuesday Movie: Jurassic World
- Adult/Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED
- Kayaking Adventures will be @ Abel Lake and Lake Mooney
- 18+ Polymer Clay: Mosaic Tile Covered Book
- Stargazing - 4/21/2023

Gymnastics

- Held 12 Tot Open Gyms; 423 participants
- Offered 3 special school age open gyms for St. Patty's Day and Spring Break
- Girls Team competed in Savannah, GA; Frederick, MD; and Hampton, VA
- Boys Team competed in Lynchburg, VA

Upcoming

- 8 birthday parties are scheduled
- Girls Team will compete in Virginia Beach, Richmond, and Christiansburg, VA
- Boys Team will compete in Aston, PA, and Arlington, VA

Parks

- Brooks Park District
 - Set up for Fools Fest event @ Pratt Park
 - Renovated softball field @ Drew Middle School
 - Installed new automatic AEDs @ Pratt and Brooks Parks
 - Repaired back door and handrail @ Shelton's Cottage
 - Removed weeds and mulched around Shelton's Cottage
 - Lined soccer and rugby fields
 - Groomed diamond fields
 - Lined parking lot @ Pratt Park
 - Worked on SOP for HPOF and Rts 1 & 17 parking
- Chichester Park District
 - Replaced trashcans @ Musselman Park
 - Groomed and lined Stafford Middle School's softball field, Rowser field and all Chichester fields
 - Mowed and lined CCC soccer fields
 - Hosted SBL's St. Patty's Day tournament @ Chichester Park
 - Assisted with job fair @ Rowser
 - Improved line of sight to directional signs along Rt. 1 north of Enon Rd
- Curtis Park District
 - Completed trail markers on all the trails
 - Repaired tile in pool
 - Contractor acid-cleaned pool
 - Started Eastern Bluebird monitoring

- Repaired water main break
 - Added mulch to trees and removed tree branches from playground @ Curtis Park
 - Added “No Parking” signs @ Lake Mooney
- Duff Park District
 - Lined Soccer fields and added mulch to playground @ Duff Park
 - Added jump boxes and sprint track to exercise trail @ Duff Park
 - Repaired field and roadway lights @ Duff Park
 - Repaired grinder pump @ Aquia Landing
 - Graded Little Falls boat ramp and Rabbit Road
- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Groomed ballfield @ Rodney Thompson Middle School’s Hope Field and Autumn Ridge Park
 - Made irrigation repairs
 - Acid-washed Woodlands Pool
 - Fixed broken water line at Woodlands Pool and made drywall repairs
 - Lined fields and set goals @ Rodney Thompson and HH Poole Middle Schools; and fields 5,6,9 @ Embrey Mill Park
- Smith Lake Park District
 - Assisted with the job fair
 - Staff and jail crew replaced the fence around pond @ Patawomeck Park
 - Replaced lights and light ballasts
 - Tree Times removed dead willow trees
 - Prepped for St. Patrick’s Day soccer tournament
- Willowmere Park District
 - Added mulch to parking lot run-off pond
 - Relined all soccer fields
 - Removed turf blankets
 - Added dirt & leveled baseball field 3
 - Replaced pitching rubber on field 1

Sports and Facilities

- NFL Flag practices began 3/20 with 79 teams; 769 total players
- Formed Youth Volleyball program: 32 teams; 301 players
- Held 3 instructional Pickleball classes; 29 participants