

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, May 18, 2023, at The George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Jay Rucker.

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	
David Carpenter		A		Judy Sokolowski	
Eric Futrell	P				
Michael Parkyn		A			
Christopher (CW) Reed	P				
Jay Rucker	P				
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>			<i>A</i>		
<i>Susan Randall, SB</i>		<i>A</i>			
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the April 20, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Musselman Park Master Plan (Brion Southall)
Parks, Recreation, Facilities & Tourism (PRFT) held an online County-wide survey and two public meetings specifically for Musselman Park. The most popular recommendations were incorporated into the Master Plan.

The plan includes 4 sand volleyball courts, 8 pickleball courts, playground, open recreational space, picnic shelters, restrooms, paved biking/walking trails, dog park for small dogs, dog park for large dogs, a maintenance facility, open meadow areas, and multiple parking areas. The Plan adds more trees and green spaces to the property than currently exist.

After reviewing and discussing the plan, Vincent Applewhite motioned, and C. W. Reed seconded, to recommend the Board approve the Musselman Master Plan with the following changes: Consider adding two 3/4 or 2/3-sized basketball courts with 2 hoops each, to the current location of the sand volleyball courts, and move the sand volleyball courts to the other side of the paved trail, which would be the northwest corner of the southwest meadow. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez)-Not present
- School Board Liaison (Susan Randall)-Not present

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- C. W. Reed
 - Commended park staff for the good work they do and for hosting search and rescue training at Pratt Park
 - A lot of trash is left at Celebration Stage at Pratt Park after use
 - Visited Curtis Park Sunday afternoon and noticed trash in the cul-de-sac; requested park staff police the area better
 - Going to Hampton, VA, on Friday for daughter's gymnastics meet
- Vincent Applewhite
 - Commended staff on the great job they're doing
- Eric Futrell
 - Conveyed congratulations to 2023 Stafford graduates
 - Thanked Brion Southall for his Musselman Master Plan presentation
- Jay Rucker
 - Happy to see Musselman Master Plan and hopes to see it built soon
 - What is the status of the dog park at Mountain View?
Brion Southall said the architect has completed 75% of the site plan; anticipates Procurement to advertise the project in July; restroom will be pre-fab concrete building with very little construction involved

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*Brion Southall*)

- Brook's Park skate park: received design specifications in March; Procurement is working on getting the project ready for advertisement in late June
- Carl Lewis Building: received conceptual plan; setting up second public meeting soon
- With Board approval of a contract on 6/6/23, we will begin a project to replace the aging playground at Willowmere Park with an inclusive playground
- Due to a snow storm on 1/3/23, the safety netting at Smith Lake Park was damaged; FEMA may reimburse the County for the damage; however, we have to spend the money to buy new netting before FEMA will reimburse; contract approval for new netting and installation will be on the Boards' 6/27/23 meeting agenda

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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Minutes approved 6/15/23