



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
April 18, 2024**

**George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center
1300 Courthouse Road
Conference Room 275 (2nd Floor)**

Call to Order (Room B)	7:00 pm
Silent Roll Call	7:00 pm
Approval of Minutes • March 21, 2024	7:01 pm
Public Comments (3 minutes each)	7:05 pm
Unfinished Business • Smoke-free Parks • Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts (<i>Brion Southall</i>)	7:15 pm
New Business • Enon Technology Park (<i>Brion Southall</i>)	7:25 pm
Liaison Reports • Planning Commission Liaison • School Board Liaison	7:35 pm
Commission Member Comments	7:45 pm
Director's Report	7:55 pm
Adjournment	8:05 pm

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 21, 2024

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Courthouse Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:12 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			A	Brion Southall	Rachel Johnston
Matthew Cavalier	P			Judy Sokolowski	Franco Abud
Stephanie DeMarco		A			London Vaughan
Eric Futrell	P				
Christopher (CW) Reed	P				
Jay Rucker	P				
James Tully			A		
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>		A			
<i>Dr. Elizabeth Warner, SB</i>		A			
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the February 18, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Smoke-Free Parks (VA Dept. of Health Youth)
Courtland High School students, Franco Abud and London Vaughan, presented the “Share the Air” campaign, which promotes no smoking (tobacco and e-cigarettes) in parks.
- Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts (Brion Southall)
The Autumn Ridge HOA wants to donate their tennis courts and half basketball court to the County. After discussion, C. W. Reed motioned, and Matthew Cavalier seconded, for the County to pursue the acquisition of the Autumn Ridge HOA’s tennis courts and half basketball court for the county. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez) - None
- School Board Liaison (Dr. Elizabeth Warner) - None

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- C.W. Reed
 - Thanked high school students for giving a great presentation, “Share the Air”
 - Staff is doing a great job
 - Enjoyed gymnastics pictures in staff report; Make-A-Wish reporting was good
 - Good maintenance work by staff
- Matthew Cavalier
 - Thanked students for presentation; looks forward to possibly bringing the “Share the Air” program to Colonial Forge High School
- Eric Futrell
 - Appreciated students coming from Spotsylvania to give “Share the Air” presentation; program means more coming from young people than adults
 - Son, Nicholas Futrell, who played in the Stafford Parks and Recreation volleyball league last year, is now playing volleyball at Randolph Macon College
- Jay Rucker
 - Apologized for the late hour in starting the meeting due to the sports awards
 - Will work to get Board of Supervisors’ approval for smoke-free parks

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)

- Reminded members to RSVP meetings timely; cannot have a meeting without a quorum
- Spring is here; all programs are beyond capacities and have increased from last year
- Our recent job fair attracted 60 people, who applied and were interviewed onsite; we may exceed the number of people we need for summer staff
- The Florence Helms and Red Fines Sportsmanship Award Ceremony was a great event! Our Gymnastics program also hosts awards
- Picture on the last page of the staff reports shows graduates who volunteer to work in our parks and facilities

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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March 2024 Staff Report

For April 18, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Community Recreation, 55+ Active Adults, & Aquatics

- 55+ Social Ballroom Dance on Mondays
- Tuesday Movie: Barbie and Oppenheimer
- Open Art Studio

Upcoming

- Functional Fitness on Mondays and Wednesdays
- New River Dance: Beginner-Intermediate Teen/Adult Ballet, Jazz and Tap
- Pilates for Beginners
- Wreath Making

Gymnastics

- 14 Birthday Parties and 14 Tot Open Gym Sessions were held
- Stafford Royals team tryouts on 3/17
- School Age Open Gym and Ninja Free Play during Spring Break
- Two of the Boys Team Members earned State Championship titles
- Level 8 Girls Team competed @ the State Championship Meet in Hampton, VA
- Hosted the Virginia Level 3 & 4 State Meet with the SPGA @ the Fredericksburg Expo Center 3/26-3/28



Upcoming

- The Girls Competitive Team will compete in Chantilly, Christiansburg, and Winchester, VA; as well as Collegeville, PA
- Three members of the Boys Competitive Team will compete in Regional Championships in Landover, MD

Parks

- Brooks Park District
 - Mulched trees and beds
 - Cleaned pavilions and grills
 - Installed remaining disc golf baskets
 - Inspected AEDs
 - Prepared for Fools Fest event

- Chichester Park District
 - Began planning for upcoming 2024 State Gymnastics meet
 - Groomed and lined all Chichester fields
 - Made electrical repairs to sewage pump @ Chichester
 - Prepared fields for spring baseball and soccer season
- Curtis Park District
 - Completed trail markers on all the trails
 - Performed pool building maintenance: painted restrooms, concessions area; made plumbing repairs
 - Added long baskets to holes 2 and 17 on Disc Golf course
 - Assisted Tourism with egg hunt
 - Eastern Bluebird monitoring began
- Duff Park District
 - Duff restroom floors were recoated
 - Removed and built new trail bridge @ Duff
 - Assisted with the job fair
 - Relined Duff parking lot
 - Cleaned boat launch @ Little Falls
 - Installed a sign for the rocks @ Civil War Park
- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Had pool acid washed
 - Had deck repairs made at Woodlands Pool
 - Hosted tournaments for Jefferson Cup and St. Paddy's Day
 - Lined fields for regular season use @ Rodney Thompson and Poole Middle Schools
 - Replaced damaged corner flags
 - Made repairs to broken bollards along field 1 sidewalk
- Willowmere Park District
 - Painted baseball foul lines
 - Raised home plate @ AG Wright softball field
 - Set parking lot light timers
 - Stored snow plows and salt spreader away until winter
 - Installed a mailbox and post @ Willowmere

Sports and Facilities

- Youth Basketball League Championship and Consolation games were held
- 3/18 - Youth Field Hockey Practices started; 11 Teams, 112 Participants; **largest enrollment of the program**
- 3/21 – Hosted Red Fines & Florence Helms Awards





Florence Helms and Red Fines Award Ceremony

- 3/25 - Youth Volleyball Practices started; 39 Teams, 361 Participants; **largest enrollment of the program**
- 3/25 - NFL Flag Football Practices started; 90 Teams, 873 Participants; **largest enrollment of the program**
- Sideline Cheerleading squads were formed; 5 Squads, 71 Participants; **largest enrollment of the program**