



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
May 16, 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 • April 18, 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	7:25 pm
Liaison Reports • Planning Commission Liaison • School Board Liaison	7:30 pm
Commission Member Comments	7:40 pm
Director's Report	7:50 pm
Adjournment	8:00 pm

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2024

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 18, at The George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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	Allen Watkins
Matthew Cavalier	P			Judy Sokolowski	Robert Rowlett
Stephanie DeMarco	P			Camille Giles	Linda Musselman
Eric Futrell	P				
Christopher (CW) Reed	P				
Jay Rucker	P				
James Tully	P				
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>			<i>A</i>		
<i>Dr. Elizabeth Warner, SB</i>			<i>A</i>		
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the March 21, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Allen Watkins spoke about 132 acres in the southern gateway area, known as “Belmont Park” in 2022, and the potential for an indoor athletic facility; possibly a public-private partnership.
- Mr. Robert Rowlett spoke about the Clift Farm development that will have numerous houses for people 55 and over and will lack recreational facilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Smoke-Free Parks (Brion Southall)
Parks and Recreation implemented smoke-free areas in parks 8-10 years ago with signs in each park asking people not to smoke within 50 feet of playgrounds, courts, ball fields, pavilions, and recreation areas. The Share the Air group advocates no smoking at all in parks. If the Commission would like to move forward with this campaign, the next step would be to provide the Share the Air information to the County Attorney for legal review and comment. Mr. Southall would then bring the County Attorney’s recommendations to the Commission for review and comment.

- Jay Rucker
 - Seventh year on the Commission; good to see all seats filled after having a vacancy for a long period of time
 - Thanked staff for mitigating the wet conditions on the diamond field at Autumn Ridge Park

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)

- Introduced Camille Giles, who will be attending meetings and serving as Commission Secretary in the near future during Judy Sokolowski's absence
- Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance on 4/2/24, which increased all recreation, rental, and admission fees for parks and recreation by ten percent; fees were last increased in 2014; part of the ordinance includes hiring a consultant for a cost recovery plan for fees; we will seek guidance from the Commission the plan
- Hired a consultant to rebuild our website and will present it to the Commission for input
- Gymnastics staff and parent group, Stafford Parents Gymnastics Association, will host a state meet at Fredericksburg Expo, with over 1000 athletes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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**April 2024 Staff Report
For May 16, 2024, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Community Recreation, 55+ Active Adults, & Aquatics

- Kayaking Adventures: Moonlit Lake Mooney
- 55+ Tuesday Movie: Air
- Morning Joe: Dyed Fabric & Paper Journal
- Functional Fitness on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Watercolor Painting of Sheep

Upcoming

- Beginning Knitting: Baby
- Zentangle Drawing for 55+
- Junior Lifeguard Camp
- Macrame Sunburst Wreath
- Songfest 2024

Gymnastics

- 12 Birthday Parties were held
- 14 Tot Open Gym Sessions offered
- The Girls Competitive Team competed in Chantilly, Christiansburg, Winchester, VA, and Collegeville, PA
- Three members of the Boys Competitive Team competed @ Regional Championships in Landover, MD
- Hosted the Virginia Level 3 & 4 State Meet (811 athletes) in conjunction w/SPGA @ Fredericksburg Expo Center

Upcoming

- The Girls Competitive Team will compete in Hampton and Doswell, VA, and Lewisburg, PA
- Team and Developmental Team Camp to finish up current season
- Summer camp staff trainings will begin



One of our staff reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" book to our Preschool Party participants

- Curtis Park District
 - Had pool resurfaced; filled pool; started pumps
 - Began adding mulch on trails
 - Painted over graffiti @ skate park
 - Assisted w/Earth Day event
 - Assisted Tourism w/photo shoot and Kayaks
 - Had our first renter of the Kayak Storage @ Lake Mooney
 - Contractors repaired rooves and added lightning protection
 - Repainted Disc Golf tee pads
- Duff Park District
 - Fixed handicap signs @ Duff
 - Trimmed trees around Duff
 - Repaired potholes and fixed leaking toilets @ Aquia Landing
 - Tilled beach for photo shoot
 - Restored water to park.
 - Cleaned out the rock house @ Aquia Landing
 - Cleaned up boat launch area @ Little Falls
 - Unclogged septic lines @ Civil War Park
- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Attended playground maintenance class
 - Had repairs made to LAX and Field Hockey goals
 - Groomed and lined softball field @ RTMS for their games
 - Removed graffiti from park
- Smith Lake Park District
 - Repaired fences @ Patawomeck from fallen tree damage
 - Assisted with the Gymnastics State Meet
 - Staff attended Playground Safety class
- Willowmere Park District
 - Repaired the vandalized partition in the men's restroom
 - Dug a trench in a section of the woods to prevent flooding
 - Sprayed all the blue stone areas/under bleachers for weeds
 - Added new stone dust @ field 4 around dugouts & back stop
 - Installed new valve on drinking fountain

Sports and Facilities

- 4/13 – NFL Flag Football and Sideline Cheerleading opening day of games
- 4/14 – Field Hockey opening day
- 4/20 – Volleyball opening day and Senior Softball began practices
- 4/22 – Staff assisted w/Earth Day @ Pratt Park