



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
June 20, 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 • 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, May 16, 2024

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, May 16, 2024, 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	Allen Watkins
Matthew Cavalier		A		Camille Giles	
Stephanie DeMarco	P				
Eric Futrell			A		
Christopher (CW) Reed		A			
Jay Rucker P James Tully					
P					
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>	<i>P</i>				
<i>Dr. Elizabeth Warner, SB</i>			<i>A</i>		
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Allen Watkins again discussed his desire for Belmont Park. Believes this land should be used for an indoor recreation facility and fields outdoors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Smoke-free Parks:** Brion Southall received response from County Attorney recommending that we do not move forward with signage suggested by “Share the Air” initiative, as enforcing this would be legally impermissible due to State codes. Brion mentioned that E-cigarettes are currently included in the county ordinance about not smoking (tobacco products) in buildings.
- **Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts:** Brion said that Garrisonville Board Supervisor, Dr. Yeung met with Autumn Ridge’s HOA about this. Stephanie DeMarco echoed that residents will vote on whether or not they’d like to donate courts to P&R, but the voting hasn’t taken place yet so no decision has been made.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

LIAISON REPORTS

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

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Vincent Applewhite
Asked about loss of previous baseball fields and wanted to know if we were granted a replacement. Other commission members mentioned that the fields @ Duff were wanted by Bevere for Nature Center
- Jay Rucker
Attended the Willowmere Playground dedication and praised how great it looked

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*Brion Southall*)

- P&R is working to get ADA trails soon @ Willowmere Playground. Board has been supportive overall of introduction of inclusive playgrounds and have already approved over \$370k for the playgrounds
- Successful State Gymnastics meet @ Expo Center with 811 athletes competing
- Asked Planning Commission Liaison, Martin Martinez to look out for zoning reclassification for Staffordshire to have 18-hole golf course. They are requesting a change in proffer to remove golf course requirement to dedicate 46.7 acres to P&R. Location would be on lower part of Abel Lake

- The Stafford Christmas Tree Lighting was held on 12/8/23 with fireworks, crowd, kids; estimated 1800-2200 people came and enjoyed the event
- As of January, Youth Basketball had 719 kids registered
- A job offer was made for a Therapeutic Recreation position
- Annual St. Patty's Day Soccer Tournament will be held for two weekends this year, using all synthetic fields in the County, include school fields
- Tourism is working on Virginia's 250th birthday; the BOS approved an ordinance for a committee to be established for this purpose; the committee is working with the Kenmore/Ferry Farm Foundation

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

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PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES & ADDRESSES

Lake Mooney Park *WC*
495 Greenbank Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Little Falls Boat Launch (George Washington Dist.)
952 Kings Highway
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Patawomeck Park (Griffis-Widewater District)
25 Chopawamsic Parkway Stafford, VA 22554
River Road Park/Shelton's Cottage
300 River Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Rowser Annex Falmouth
1729 Jefferson Davis Highway
Stafford, VA 22554
658-4864 (office)
658-4877 (fax)

Rowser Building *Falmouth*
1739 Jefferson Davis Highway
Stafford, VA 22554
658-5116 (office)
6584017 (fax)

St. Clair Brooks Memorial Park (Falmouth District)
80 Butler Road
Falmouth, VA 22405
310-4140 (courtesy)

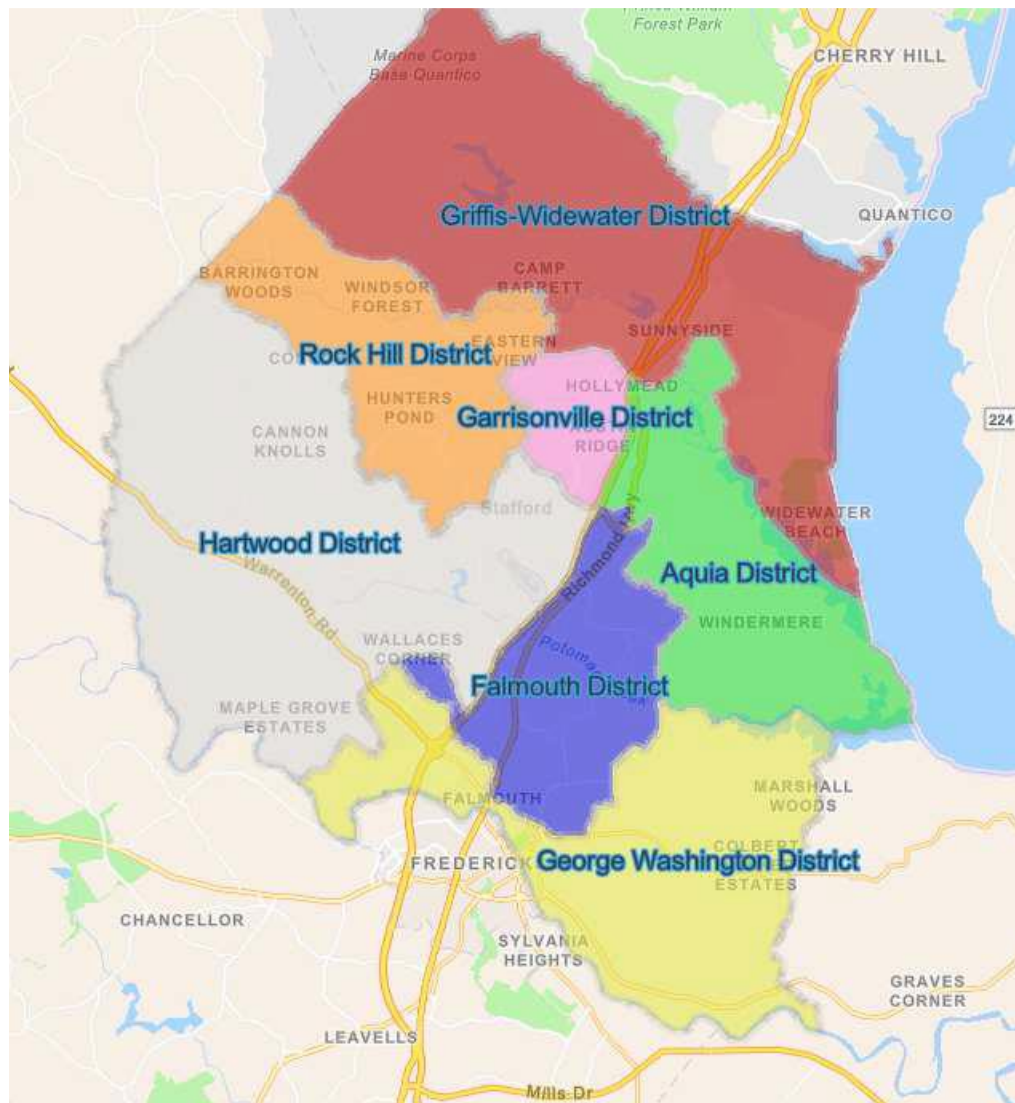
Smith Lake Park (Aquia District)
370 Doc Stone Road
Stafford, VA 22556
658-9977 (office)
658-9978 (courtesy)
658-9976 (fax)

Stafford Civil War Park (Aquia District)
400 Mount Hope Church Road Stafford, VA 22554

Stafford Gymnastics & Recreation Center
(Falmouth District)
500 Nelms Circle
Falmouth, VA 22406
658-5115
374-1559 (FAX)

Woodlands Pool (Hartwood District) 2 Northampton Blvd.
Stafford, VA 22554
658-4241 (4249)
658-6052 (FAX)

Willowmere Park (Rockhill District)
21 Willowmere Pond Road
Stafford, VA 22554



May 2024 Staff Report
For June 20, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Community Recreation, 55+ Active Adults, & Aquatics

- 55+ Tuesday Movie: The Color Purple
- 55+ Weekly Lunch: Picnic in the Park
- Held Beginning Knitting Class: Baby Booties
- Offered Junior Lifeguard Camp
- Songfest Sundays Began

Upcoming

- Juneteenth Specialty 55+ Lunch
- Adult Swim Level 1 - Learning the Basics
- Adult Swimming Lessons
- Cooking Class: Best Ever Sweet Potato Cinnamon Rolls
- Fire and Rescue Girls Fire Camp
- Prince and Princess Dance Camp

Gymnastics

- 10 Birthday Parties
- 14 Tot Open Gym Sessions
- The Girls Competitive Team competed in Hampton, VA, Doswell, VA and Lewisburg, PA
- Final prep for Summer Camps

Upcoming

- Ninja Classes continue
- Weeks 1-3 of School Age Summer Camp
- Preschool half day camps will take place
- Weekly 55+ Pilates and Yoga classes
- Members of competitive team staff will attend USAG National Congress

Parks

- Brooks Park District
 - Groomed diamond fields @ Pratt, Brooks and Melchers
 - Removed goals in preparation for soccer camp
 - Set up park for DARE Day
 - Programmed digital message board and prepped for HPOF parking
 - Created chain barricade to deter parking on beach front @ HPOF
 - Removed broken asphalt on BFF Trail via Utilities
 - Virginia state Disc Golf tournament held and the back 9 holes were completed
- Chichester Park District
 - Hosted SBL's Cal Ripken tournament
 - Pressure washed pavilion and sidewalks
 - Began repairs to bleachers
 - Made improvements to warning tracks on all Chichester fields
 - Setup and lined CCC field for soccer summer camp
 - Began planning for field sodding project on all Chichester fields
- Curtis Park District
 - Continued to add mulch to trail systems
 - Prepped for camps at Curtis Park
 - Contractor insulated Curtis and Willowmere shops
 - Replaced pump and pipe for main well
 - Removed low hanging branches

- 202 rounds of Disc Golf tracked on UDisc
- Duff Park District
 - Cleared trees off walking trails
 - Started fixing irrigation heads
 - Added dirt to RC track
 - Collected water samples
 - Continue work on improving drainage around storage area
- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Installed water cannons at Splash Pad
 - Installed starting blocks and removed lane dividers @ Woodlands Pool
 - Had media in sand filters replaced @ Woodlands
 - Cleaned the gutters and filled up the pool
 - Installed new shower heads @ Woodlands Pool
 - Replaced broken pool ladder steps
 - Assembled tables, chairs, and umbrellas @ Woodlands
 - Put up canopies next to Splash Pad
 - Replaced broken sprinkler heads
 - Made plumbing repairs
- Smith Lake Park District
 - Attended Ground Maintenance class
 - Turned irrigation back online
 - Trimmed and cut trails @ Smith Lake and Patawomeck
 - Mulching and planting of flower beds @ Smith Lake
- Willowmere Park District
 - Repainted handicap parking logo's and parking lot lines
 - Prepped playground for ribbon cutting ceremony
 - Installed a new grill @ Pavilion 1
 - Sprayed AG Wright softball field for weeds
 - Contractor insulated Willowmere shop

Sports and Facilities

- All Volleyball, Field Hockey, Sideline Cheer and NFL Flag programs had the highest number of participants than any previous year



- 5/4-10 – Kris Clemet, Recreation Programmer II, attended the LEAD program @ UVA
- 5/21 – Ran football stations @ DARE Day



- 5/23 – Field Hockey Championships. First ever post-season tournament held for the 9-11 and 12-14 age groups



