



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
July 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 • 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 • Parks & Rec Facilities: Addresses and District Map (Handout)	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 did not hold a monthly meeting in June due to an insufficient number of voting members being available to attend the meeting. Minutes listed below are from the May 16th meeting.

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

8/28/19

Aquia Landing (Aquia District)

2846 Brooke Road

Stafford, VA 22554

659-6617

Autumn Ridge Park (Hartwood District)

900 Eustace Road

Stafford. VA 22554

C. Ray Grizzle Community Center-CONDEMNED/CLOSED

60 Buder Road

Falmouth, VA 22405

372-9842 (fax) disconnected

Carl Lewis Community Center (Widewater Dist.)

154 Telegraph Road

Stafford, VA 22554 659-6481

Chichester Park

125 Ralph Williams Drive

Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Courthouse Community Center (Aquia District)

29 Stafford Avenue

Stafford, VA 22554

658-4572

658-4015 (fax)

Curtis Memorial Park (Hartwood Dist.)

58 Jesse Curtis Lane

Fredericksburg, VA 22406

658-5114 (office)

752-7033 (fax)

752-7485 (courtesy)

Duff McDuff Green Memorial Park

(George Washington District)

75 James Ashby Parkway (Duff House=638 Kings Highway)

Fredericksburg, VA 22405

370-0569 (office)

370-0690 (fax)

368-3044 (courtesy)

Embrey Mill Park — VI I 1600 Mine Road
Stafford, VA 22554
658-9083 (Concessions)

Government Island (Garrisonville District)
191 Coal Landing Road
Stafford, VA 22554

Historic Port of Falmouth (Falmouth District)
401 River Road
Falmouth, VA 22405
310-4170 (courtesy)

John Lee Pratt Park (Falmouth District)
120 River Road
Falmouth, VA 22405
373-7909
368-8108 (fax)

Lake Mooney Park *WV*
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)

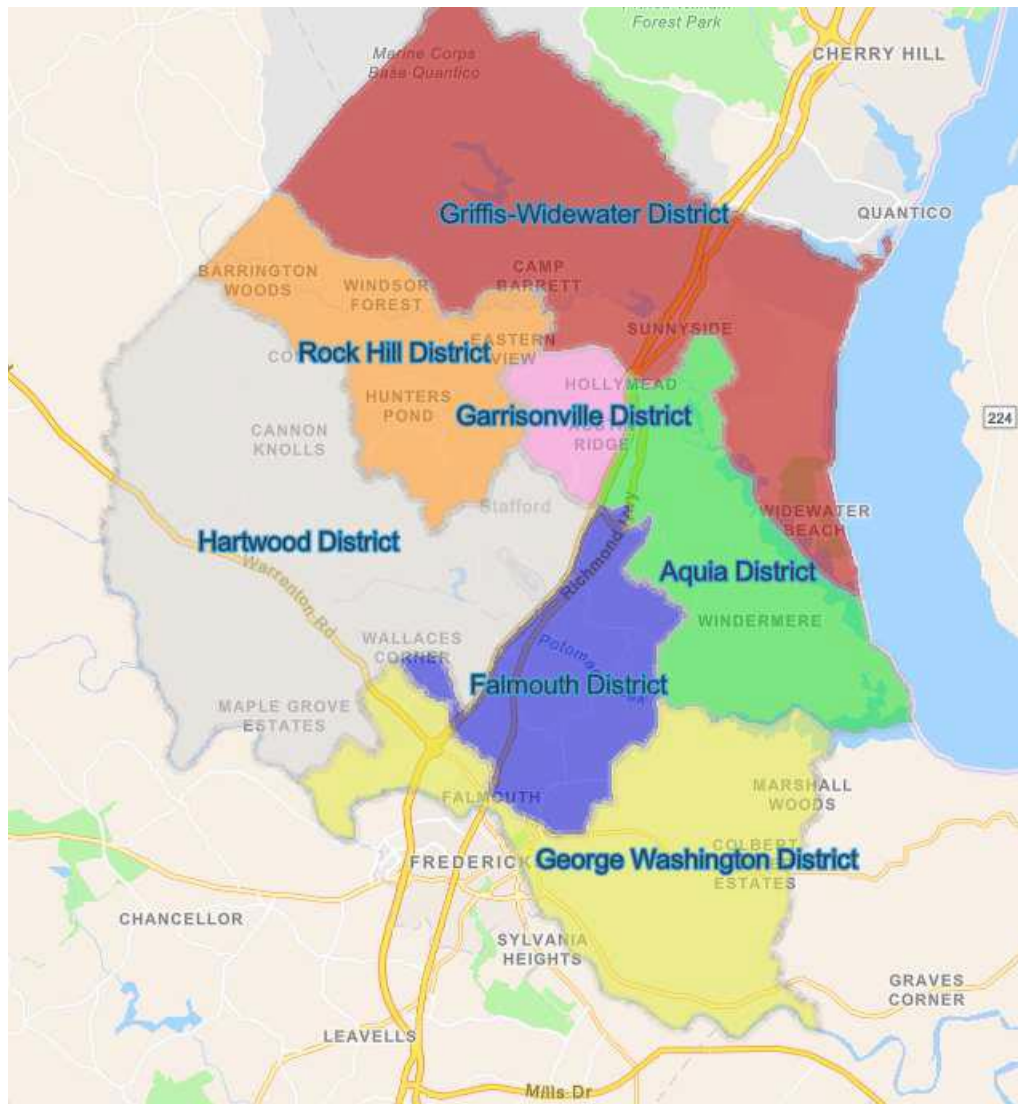
Smith Lake Park (Aquia District)
370 Doc Stone Road
Stafford, VA 22556
658-9977 (office)
658-9978 (courtesy)
658-9976 (fax)

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



**June 2024 Staff Report
For July 18, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Community Recreation, 55+ Active Adults, & Aquatics

- Programmed a Juneteenth Specialty 55+ Lunch
- Offered a “Best Ever” Sweet Potato Cinnamon Rolls cooking class
- Held multiple specialty camps: Physics, Nature, Prince and Princess Dance Camp, Crafty Kids, and Girls Fire Camp
- Instructed a 4th of July wreath making class

Upcoming

- 55+ Tuesday Movie: Silverado
- Adult Basic Swimming Level 1 Course
- Crafty Kids Camp Session #2
- Chemistry Creations Science Camp
- Watercolor Painting Lavender and Pansy Flower

Gymnastics

- Hosted 13 Birthday Parties and 8 Tot Open Gym Sessions
- Preschool half day camps took place
- 55+ Pilates and Yoga classes were held weekly
- Members of competitive team staff attended USAG National Congress/VAMG State Clinic



Freeze dance party at Summer Camp

Upcoming

- Registration for Fall classes begins July 22nd
- Weeks 4-7 of School Age Summer Camp
- Ninja Free Play sessions are scheduled

Parks

- Brooks Park District
 - Fixed split rail fence and repaired front entrance sign @ Pratt
 - Replaced eaves posts @ Brooks Park restrooms
 - Painted the skate park ramps

- Repaired asphalt trail and swings @ Pratt
- Chichester Park District
 - Hosted SBL's Cal Ripken tournament
 - Removed dead trees @ Chichester Park
 - Lined fields for soccer camp @ CCC
 - Bush hogged Musclemans Park
 - Made repairs to irrigation system @ Chichester
 - Hosted softball tournament
 - Pressure washed pavilions and sidewalks
- Curtis Park District
 - Hosted Swim Meets on 6/5 and 6/26
 - Power washed shelters and tee pads
 - Presented two Disc Golf tournaments (supervisor Dave Richards tied for 1st place in the MA50)
 - Repaired bridges on trails
 - Assisted with EOC Ham Radio Club annual event
 - Added gravel to roadway
 - Closed Pavilion 7 for repairs as the truss started to crack
- Duff Park District
 - Added dirt to RC track
 - Began putting up fence along roadside @ Duff
 - Power washed bleachers, pavilions and jail crew trailer @ Duff
 - Removed trash @ Aquia Landing
 - Cleaned signs @ the Civil War Park
 - Cleared and prepped Civil War Park for Glenn Trimmer "celebration of life" ceremony
- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Added sand to fields 5, 6 and 9 @ Embrey Mill
 - Made repairs to field hockey goals
 - Removed broken access lift @ Woodlands Pool
 - Replaced broken irrigation heads
 - Made repairs to turf fields
 - Set out light towers for swim meets @ Woodlands Pool
 - Powered washed around playground @ Embrey Mill
 - Replaced broken light bollard in between 5,6
- Smith Lake Park District
 - Repaired irrigation and cleaned up the graveyard @ Patawomeck park
 - Replaced swing set
 - Aerated Patawomeck rectangle fields
 - Repaired bridge @ Gov't Island
 - Cut out and top-dressed warning track on Diamond 1 @ Patawomeck
- Willowmere Park District
 - Installed playground gate latch
 - Repaired water fountain and new sign on fountain
 - Cut all low-lying tree limbs throughout the park
 - Sprayed weeds @ AG Wright softball field
 - Replaced rotten & broken wood slats on dugout canopy
 - Installed new handicap parking signs @ Willowmere

Sports and Facilities

- 7/1 - NFL Flag Football Championship and Sideline Cheerleading Showcase

