

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 15, 2024

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, August 15, 2024, 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			A	Derrick Carr	
Matthew Cavalier			A	Judy Sokolowski	
Stephanie DeMarco	P			Darin Ramey	
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>P</i>				
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the July 18, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved with changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts
Tabled until the Autumn Ridge HOA votes on transferring the property to the County.

NEW BUSINESS

- Belmont Park Recommendation
After discussion, C. W. Reed motioned, and James Tully seconded, to support the Board of Supervisors in continuing negotiations with the developer of Belmont Park to expand park and recreational amenities, even if the developer builds and manages these additional amenities and services. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez) N/A
- School Board Liaison (Dr. Elizabeth Warner)

- Appreciates what parks and recreation does and coordination with the schools to provide valuable assets to our community
- Transportation issues due to new software; issues are being resolved

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- C. W. Reed
 - Said good things are going on and appreciates staff; district discussion in Hartwood District about the pool at Curtis Park and the hours of operation; talked with Brion Southall and understand staffing issues, as lifeguard staff has gone back to school.
 - Daughter here tonight; she is preparing for a new competitive gymnastics season and headed for Nashville for the next competition
- Eric Futrell
 - Thanked staff for fine job they do, especially during the summer; fine job on fields; received no emails from citizens
- Jay Rucker
 - Asked if permits had been issued for the dog park at Mountain View. Darin Ramey said the construction contract goes to the Board of Supervisors on 8/20/24
 - Will be out of town for next month's meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Derrick Carr)

- Summer Camps finished last week; we served over 1623 kids this summer in all camps; great staff and one of the hottest summers; kids love Curtis Park Camp
- Hired 132 seasonal employees this year
- Registrations:
 - Flag Football: 695; tried to have girls' league, but only 18 registered; will try again
 - Sideline Cheer: 73
 - Field Hockey: 85
 - Volleyball: 277
- Upcoming Special Events
 - Fall Festival at Pratt Park on 10/5/24
 - Christmas Tree Lighting at the Government Center, 12/6/24

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

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Minutes approved 9/19/24