

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 19, 2024

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, September 19, 2024, at The George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eric Futrell.

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	Al Watkins
Matthew Cavalier	P			Judy Sokolowski	
Stephanie DeMarco			A		
Eric Futrell	P				
Christopher (CW) Reed		A			
Jay Rucker		A			
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 August 15, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Al Watkins apologized for missing last month's meeting, expressed appreciation for the Commission's recommendation on the proposed Belmont Park property, and supported use of the property as originally proposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts (Brion Southall)
The Homeowners' Association (HOA) is working on it; a two-thirds vote from the HOA is required, and the HOA needs to determine the best way to obtain votes via paper ballots or electronic means.

NEW BUSINESS

- Stafford Soccer Agreement
After review and discussion, Vincent Applewhite motioned, and Matthew Cavalier seconded, to recommend approval of the Stafford Soccer Agreement as written. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez)
 - The Planning Commission is discussing where to put recreational amenities; encouraged the Parks and Recreation Commission to be mindful of the Planning Commission's agenda, plans; if they have questions, please ask.
 - Mr. Martinez was present at the Aquia Landing Playground opening, and his kids really enjoyed playing on the new equipment.
- School Board Liaison (Dr. Elizabeth Warner)-NA

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Vincent Applewhite
 - Apologized for missing the last meeting
 - Thanked staff for all they do
- James Tully
 - Thanked staff for all the youth activities in Stafford
 - Announced the Via Colori event will be held at the Stafford Airport this weekend
- Matthew Cavalier
 - Apologized for missing the last meeting
 - Went to the Aquia Landing Playground opening, and his kids really enjoyed it
 - Went to Chichester Park recently for a baseball game and expressed what a nice park it is; great playground
- Eric Futrell
 - Thanked staff for all of their hard work

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*Brion Southall*)

- Thanks for being kind to staff
- Obtained the purchase order for a fee study; recommendations will align fees and provide suggestions for assisting youth and older adults who can't afford our programs to be able to participate
- Contractor for Mountain View Dog Park has applied for permits
- Obtain the purchase order for the new skateboard park at Brooks Park
- Preliminary work on the pickleball court conversion at Pratt Park reveals paving, asphalt, and concrete have become extremely expensive; the quote is \$40,000 over the project funding
- October 5 is the date for our Fall Festival at Pratt Park; highlight is the Pumpkin Derby; B101.5 will MC the event
- Applications for a data center and solar farm near Musselman Park have been submitted to the County; requested trail to go all the way around the data center and solar farm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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Minutes approved 10/17/24.