

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 17, 2024

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, October 17, 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>	Absent		<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Reported</u> <u>Not Reported</u>		
Vincent Applewhite	P		Brion Southall	
Matthew Cavalier		A	Judy Sokolowski	
Stephanie DeMarco	P			
Eric Futrell	P			
Christopher (CW) Reed	P			
Jay Rucker	P			
James Tully	P			
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>		A		
<i>Dr. Elizabeth Warner, SB</i>		A		
Voting members in bold				

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Autumn Ridge Tennis Courts {Brion Southall}
The Homeowners' Association has a ballot and is obtaining signatures in favor of donating the tennis courts and associated property to the County; over 200 signatures are required.

NEW BUSINESS

- Swim Team Agreements
Five-year Agreements for summer recreational swim leagues at Woodlands Pool and the Mark Lenzi Pool at Curtis Memorial Park are ready for renewal. After review and discussion, Eric Futrell motioned, and Vincent Applewhite seconded, to recommend approval of the new five-year Agreements for the Woodland Wahoos Swim Team at Woodlands Pool and the Curtis Park Swim Team at the Mark Lenzi Pool at Curtis Memorial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez): *NIA*
- School Board Liaison (Dr. Elizabeth Warner): *NIA*

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- James Tulley
 - o Received a citizen's phone call requesting a rebound wall at Patawomeck Park for her son; invited citizen to the Commission meeting; forwarded request to Brion Southall
 - o ViaColori was held at Stafford Airport last weekend with over 35 artists and was very successful

- C. W. Reed
 - o Thanked staff for their hard work, as evidenced by staff reports
 - o The Board of Supervisors did not approve the lease to the gymnastics center at the last meeting, as the owners requested a higher increase than allowed by the contract; asked the Director to address this issue in the Director's Report
 - o Emailed Brion Southall regarding trees causing a safety issue at the gymnastics center and asked for the trees to be removed
 - o Requested "Route 17 Property" be added to next month's meeting agenda under New Business
 - o Noticed the Musselman property had been mowed and asked for an update
- Jay Rucker
 - o Emailed Brion Southall and asked for an update on the dog park at Mountain View

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)

- Mountain View Dog Park
 - o Bought credit for phosphorus removal
 - o Obtained grading permit
 - o Contractor ready to begin
 - o Contacted Dominion VA Power to put this site on their schedule
- Brook's Park Skateboard Park
 - o Contractor had difficulty obtaining bonds and finally obtained it
 - o Old skateboard park demolished
 - o Contractor to be onsite Monday, 10/21/24, to begin work
 - o Estimated completion mid-December
- Stafford Gymnastics and Recreation Center
 - o Asked to remove shrubs in front of building; completed
 - o Contacted VDOT to request No Parking signs in front, so as not to block the view
 - o We are on the final year of the lease renewal; emailed the landlord to discuss the terms for the renewal and have not received a response
- Belmont
 - o Five acres secured
- Musselman Park
 - o Got funding this year for engineering and wetlands
 - o Site plan will take 1.5-2 years
 - o We want to install a playground onsite as soon as possible
 - o Capital Construction is taking over the project; \$10M
- Fall Festival was held at Pratt Park on 10/5/24; great weather; well attended with long lines; will add more activities next year; activities included hay and pony rides, pumpkin derby, health/wellness tents, live band, food trucks

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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MINUTES APPROVED 11/21/24