

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2025

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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	P			Chris Edwards	
Matthew Cavalier	P			Eugene Loew	
Stephanie DeMarco	P			Robert Wild	
Eric Futrell	P				
Christopher (CW) Reed	P				
Jay Rucker	P				
<i>Kecia Evans, PC</i>	<i>P</i>				
<i>Susan Randall, SB</i>	<i>P</i>				
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the January 16, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Route 17 Property (C.W. Reed)
Board of Supervisors member, Deuntay Diggs, confirmed to Matthew Cavalier the property acquisition for a new gymnastics center is moving forward. The Commission will contact their respective Board members to advocate for the property acquisition. (This topic will remain under Unfinished Business as “New Gymnastics Facility”.)

NEW BUSINESS

- New Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director (Chris Edwards)
Chris Edwards introduced Eugene Loew as the new director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Mr. Loew has over 20 years of experience in the parks and recreation field and most recently served as Assistant Director of Parks in Prince William County. His first day of work with Stafford will be March 10, 2025.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Kecia Evans)
 - Next Planning Commission meeting is 2/26/25

- School Board Liaison (Susan Randall)
 - New Superintendent visiting schools during his 100-day plan
 - On time and under budget for three new schools
 - Two principals for the new schools have been named
 - Schools' FY2026 Budget to be adopted next week

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Matthew Cavalier
 - Will continue communicating with Supervisor Diggs regarding a new gymnastics center
- C. W. Reed
 - Will continue communicating with Supervisor English regarding a new gymnastics center
 - Great job to all staff
 - Good luck to gymnasts at "Flip for the Fight" in Chantilly
- Eric Futrell
 - Will contact Supervisor Bohmke regarding the new gymnastics center
 - Welcomed Eugene Loew
- Jay Rucker
 - Welcomed Eugene Loew
 - Expressed the importance of Commission members having constant communication with Board members
 - Encouraged Commission to email their Board members and let them know the Commission supports a new gymnastics center

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Chris Edwards)

- Received approximately 60 applications for the upcoming opening for a new Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- Board of Supervisors approved the Musselman Park design by BKB Engineering on 2/18/25
- All summer camps are full
- Staff did a great job removing snow due to recent snowstorms
- Awaiting proffer assessment on Autumn Ridge tennis courts; requires a Board member to obtain funding of \$10,000 for the assessment; Dr. Yeung is pursuing funding

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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Minutes approved 3/20/25.