



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
June 18, 2025**

**George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center
1300 Courthouse Road
Conference Room 275 (2nd Floor)**

Call to Order	7:00 pm
Silent Roll Call	7:00 pm
Approval of Minutes • March 20, 2025	7:01 pm
Public Comments (3 minutes each)	7:05 pm
Unfinished Business • New Recreation Center	7:15 pm
New Business • Proposal for Rainbow Bridge Memorial (Eugene Loew) • Gauntlet Golf Lease Discussion (Eugene Loew) • Property Near Aquia Landing Discussion (Eugene Loew)	7:20 pm
Liaison Reports • Planning Commission Liaison • School Board Liaison	7:40 pm
Director's Report	7:45 pm
Commission Member Comments	7:50 pm
Adjournment	8:00 pm

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the February 20, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- New Gymnastics Facility (*C. W. Reed*)
No updates to report. (Future title to be “New Recreation Facility”)

NEW BUSINESS

- Jay Rucker announced Judy Sokolowski will be retiring next week and thanked her for her 35 years of service.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Planning Commission Liaison (Kecia Evans) – N/A
- School Board Liaison (Susan Randall) – N/A

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (*Eugene Loew*)

- Making goals for himself as Director, the department, department divisions, and individuals
- Learning what we are doing, how much it costs
- Asked Commission to advise if they have goals/suggestions
- National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and Virginia Recreation and Parks

Society (VRPS) are national and state parks and recreational organizations that offer training and support; Mr. Loew will attend the annual NRPA Conference in September/October and said he would work with County Administration to fund the trip/conference for Commission members if they would like to attend

- Duff Park playground is awaiting the resolution to a utility line issue before opening; Mr. Loew will check on the progress, advise the Commission, and put the information on social media for the public

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Stephanie DeMarco
 - Autumn Ridge HOA voted to amend the proffer for the tennis courts and property adjacent to Autumn Ridge Park; however, the Board of Supervisors denied the proffer amendment
 - Jay Rucker suggested members contact their Board member and ask why they voted to deny the amended proffer. Question: Could Autumn Ridge HOA swap their property for County property next to H. H. Poole Middle School near the power lines?
- Vincent Applewhite
 - Welcomed Eugene Loew as the new Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
 - Thanked Judy Sokolowski for her service and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement
- C. W. Reed
 - Congratulated Judy Sokolowski on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her service
 - Will attend a gymnastics meet in Williamsburg on Saturday
- Eric Futrell
 - Attended and helped distribute pins to the winners of the Red Fines Sportsmanship Awards last Thursday
 - Thanked Judy Sokolowski for her service
 - Expressed appreciation to park staff and all their hard work
- Jay Rucker
 - Thanked Judy Sokolowski for her hard work and service
 - Asked Mr. Loew to let the Commission know how they can help the department and communicate with their respective Board members

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.
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May 2025 Staff Report
For June 18, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Community Recreation, 55+ Active Adults, & Aquatics-May 2025

55+ Bingo

55+ Bunco

55+ Card Sharks

55+ Health Series

Aging in Place

55+ Monthly Book Club

55+ No Fall Aikido

55+ Senior Lounge

55+ Tuesday Movies

55+ Weekly Lunch

Acrylic Painting

Acrylic Dot Art Painting on Rocks, Pendant & ROW

Art Extravaganza

Clay Creations

Sculpture: Air Dry Clay Animal Magnets (16+) ROW

Crochet

Crocheted Artisan Yarn

Crochet

Fit 4 Life 55+

Fitness Fusion

Fitness Fusion Gym

Functional Fitness

Memoir Writing: Moments to Remember

16+ Memoir Writing

New River Dance: Beginner Ballet/Tap

New River Dance: Beginning Ballet

New River Dance: Jazz/Tap

New River Dance: Pointe

New River Dance: Intermediate/Advanced Ballet

New River Dance: Intermediate/Advanced Ballet

New River Dance: Pre Ballet/Tap

New River Dance: Teen/Adult Ballet

Open Art Studio

Pilates - Beginner

Sensory Play Day

Sports Club

Yoga - Basics

Yoga - Gentle

Yoga/Pilates

Zumba-Evening at Gymnastics Center

Zumba/Adapted Zumba

At the Gymnastics Center in May 2025

- 8 Birthday Parties were held
- 15 Tot Open Gym Sessions were held
- Session #9 of gymnastics school age classes 4/13-5/10
- Session #9 of gymnastics preschool classes 4/13-5/10
- Session #9 of Ninja Classes 4/13-5/10
- Session #10 of gymnastics school age classes 5/12-6/7
- Session #10 of gymnastics preschool classes 5/12-6/7
- Session #10 of Ninja Classes 5/12-6/7
- Pre-Team End of Year Showcase was held 5/18

- Two Community Recreation Fitness classes were held weekly at the Gymnastics Center (Zumba, Pilates)
- New River Dance Studio classes were held weekly
- Summer Camp Staff training took place (Orientation, CPR/First Aid training)
- Competitive Team Women and Men's monthly practice
- Women's competitive team competed in Hampton and Doswell, VA; State College, PA and one member of the Level 9 team competed at Eastern Nationals in Battlecreek, MI



Some of our Pre-Team Members celebrating after their End of Year Showcase. They are looking forward to being members of the Royals Team beginning in June.

At the Gymnastics Center in June 2025

- 14 Birthday Parties are scheduled
- 8 Tot Open Gym Sessions are scheduled
- Session #10 of gymnastics school age classes 5/12-6/7
- Session #10 of gymnastics preschool classes 5/12-6/7
- Session #10 of Ninja Classes 5/12-6/7
- Session #11 of gymnastics school age classes 6/9-7/5
- Session #11 of gymnastics preschool classes 6/9-7/5
- Session #11 of Ninja Classes 6/9-7/5
- Summer Camp Staff Training week of June 2
- Team Camp week of June 2
- School Age Summer Camp weeks 1-3 are scheduled
- Preschool Summer Camp is scheduled
- Ninja Free Play and Parents' Night Out Events are scheduled for 5/21
- Community Recreation's Pilates class is scheduled weekly
- New River Dance Studio summer camp is scheduled
- Competitive Team Women and Men's monthly practice

Parks

- Brooks Park District
 - Lined rugby field
 - Groomed diamond fields
 - Mowed athletic fields and common ground areas
 - String trimmed
 - Added mulch to playground at Pratt
 - Fixed foot pads on the obstacle course at Pratt
 - Inspected AED units
 - Groomed and lined softball field for Drew Middle School
 - Graded parking lot at Grizzle Center
 - Prepped for ribbon cuttings at Pratt and Brooks
 - Cleaned pavilions
 - Removed dead trees at Brooks
 - Added stone dust in areas around the skate park
- Chichester Park District
 - Maintained buildings and pavilion
 - Inspection of park playground daily
 - Removed loose litter from park areas and emptied trash daily
 - Made repairs and did maintenance on equipment
 - Deep cleaned all restrooms
 - Spring mowing equipment prep
 - checked all outside sites for litter and removed as needed
 - Checked Muscleman park trails weekly
 - Continued to Re-arranged and organized Chichester shop
 - Continued Planning of summer 2025 maintenance needs/tasks for staff

- Made plumbing repairs
- Prepped fields for and hosted Stafford Warriors baseball and softball tournaments
- Removed old inoperable hose reels from Chichester fields 2-5
- Started pressure washing of all concrete areas in Chichester
- Began field grooming as needed on Chichester and Rowser fields
- Re-Lined Brooke Point football field for Stafford Knights football
- Mowed Chichester fields 2 times per week
- Mowed Rowser, CCC 1-2 times per week as needed
- Mowed Musselman trails, SCGRC 1 time week
- Made repairs to fencing around Chichester fields
- Curtis Park District
 - Litter control at Lake Mooney, Gateways, Lake Curtis and Lake Abel
 - Mowing at Lake Mooney, Gateway signs and Lake Curtis, Lake Abel
 - Open and close and clean bathrooms at Lake Mooney and Curtis park
 - Regularly maintained park building and restrooms
 - Performed equipment maintenance and repairs
 - Added mulch to trail systems
 - Continued Pool building repairs and plumbing repairs
 - Completed capital inventory list
 - Prepped for camps at Curtis Park
 - New shed for pool installed and painted
 - Hung new emergency eye wash station in pool pump room
 - Stocked pool with paper supplies
 - Patched potholes in parking lot
 - AED added to Lake Mooney building
 - Pool septic tank pumped out
 - New grill installed at shelter 7
- Duff Park District
 - Daily prep of dog park
 - Mowed and trimmed park
 - Groomed/maintain baseball fields
 - Cut/lined soccer fields
 - Trimmed trees
 - Added sand, grass seed and dirt to baseball field 2
 - Repaired bridge
 - Added dirt to RC track
 - Weed wacked trails
- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Mowed park and outside sites
 - Kaivac bathrooms
 - Installed water conons for splashpad
 - Made drywall repairs at Woodlands and painted
 - Caulked sinks at Woodlands
 - Organized tool shed and shop yard
 - Installed starting blocks
 - Replaced broken bollards
 - Equipment repairs made to mowers
 - Setup canopies for Woodlands

- Repaired soccer and lacrosse nets as needed
 - Used Avant turf groomer on turf fields
- Smith Lake Park District
 - Groom and maintain synthetic fields
 - Repaired Government Island bridge
 - Took tractor to Dickerson's for repairs
 - Cut fallen trees up at Patawomeck Park trails
 - Fixed split rail fence after trees fell and broke it
- Willowmere Park District
 - Groom and line AG Wright softball field
 - Reinstall canopy on workman
 - Change oil and filters on all equipment
 - Remove and sharpen all mower blades
 - Removed fallen tree
 - Mulch parking lot islands
 - Prep Willowmere Park for Mountain View senior picnic
 - Prep YMCA property for Mountain View graduation