

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 20, 2026

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Rowser Annex, 1729 Richmond Highway, Stafford, VA 22554.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Patrick Workman.

Silent Roll Call					
Members			Present	Absent Reported	Absent Not Reported
Jay Rucker	Rock Hill	Voter	X		
Christopher (CW) Reed	Hartwood	Voter	X		
Stephanie DeMarco	Garrisonville	Voter	X		
Jennifer Stone	Widewater	Voter	X		
Katherine Schneider	G. Washington	Voter	X		
Susan Randall	School Board	Non-Voter	X		
Kelsey Caudill	Planning Commission	Non-Voter	X		
Staff					
Patrick Workman	SCPR Director	Non-Voter	X		
Diane Taylor	Secretary	Non-Voter	X		
Guest					
Joe Brito					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from Monday, December 15, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Brito – Presented a proposed plan and map for a trail system. He feels that it is important to get ahead of the data center build. There are several large upcoming projects that will run through Stafford County, specifically in areas that are currently deemed non-buildable. The utilities companies (power & water) will need to run through Government Island and the Civil War Park, which is County owned land, giving leverage for negotiations. Suggests a regional system begin here, reclassifying non-usable land as usable with a boardwalk style trail system or something similar and a bridge over 95, use the naming of the bridge to pay for the build.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- New Election/Appointments

7:09pm, Patrick Workman called for nominations for Chair. C.W. Reed nominated Jay Rucker, Stephanie DeMarco seconded the motion. All in favor, unanimously approved.

7:11pm, Jay Rucker called for Vice Chair nominations. Katherine Schneider nominated C.W. Reed, Stephanie DeMarco, seconded the motion. All in favor, unanimously approved.

7:12pm, Patrick Workman shared a recommendation to remove the by-law requirement for Planning Commission representation on the Parks and Recreation Commission. He acknowledged Kelsey Caudill's attendance at the meeting and thanked her for her continued engagement and contributions.

Kelsey Caudill noted that she had not previously been aware of the recommendation. Patrick explained that it originated from County Administration. Kelsey shared that she would like to ensure alignment with her commitments to Supervisor Diggs and added that, as Chair of the 5-Year Comprehensive Plan update, she supports the direction of the Commission as the voting body.

C.W. Reed expressed a desire to retain Planning Commission and School Board representation as designated seats on the Advisory Commission. The Commission agreed to have staff further review and evaluate this topic and provide additional information at a future meeting.

- **Parks and Recreation Commission By-Laws**

7:24pm, Jay Rucker called for a motion to approve the bylaw amendments related to quorum requirements and the addition of virtual meeting and voting procedures (Sections 4.5 and 4.6). Katherine Schneider motioned for approval. C.W. Reed seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diane Taylor to draft the following amendments to the commission's bylaws.

- **2026 Goals for the Commission**

7:28pm Patrick Workman stated that he thought the members attendance at the Parks special events would be a good goal and strengthening the communication with their constituents. Suggested site visits, attending a sporting event and a community group event. Diane Taylor to create an events calendar for the Commission, to include tracking member attendance and the impact of their participation in the community events.

NEW BUSINESS

Needs Assessment Public Outreach - Diane Taylor asked members to gather a list of 6-8 people from their district who would be interested in participating in the Needs Assessment focus group we are hosting the week on May 18th.

LIAISON REPORTS

- **Planning Commission Liaison - Kelsey Caudill - Nothing to report currently.**

- School Board Liaison – Susan Randall - 2 new schools builds are ahead of schedule and 3 are on-time. Drew Middle School is out for bid. These will allow for more basketball courts which have been a Parks and Recreation need for some time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patrick Workman – There have been several power line interruptions to the Parks, we are monitoring Dominion Powers updates as they become available. The NFL reposted one of our Flag Football game videos, we have been gaining a lot of online presence, our marketing team is doing a great job. Parks is currently working on the school field usage agreement. Regarding the FY27 budget, staff will provide a full update on potential impacts once the final tax rate is adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the budget is finalized.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Stephanie DeMarco – Appreciates the quick response and action regarding the failing fence at Autumn Ridge, liked that the gate to the parking lot was locked at night, keeps people from being there without park business.
- CW Reed – Will be hand delivering the parks maintenance staff report to Darrell English. Appreciative of all of the updates Patrick's administration provides the Commission. Would like to recognize all the gymnasts' and their recent accomplishments; a complete list of all championship winners for the 2026 season will be posted and available in May.
- Jay Rucker – Gave his 10-minutes to Joe Brito. Mr. Brito suggested sending out a survey regarding a trail system and requesting proffers to fund it. He will be returning next month to do a formal presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.