

PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Jane Beyer, Coles District
Brodie Freer, Occoquan District
Christian Thom, At Large Member
Erica Tredinnick, Brentsville District
Jeff Bergman, Gainesville District
Nate Murphy, Neabsco District
David Miles, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

JANUARY 19, 2022

Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer
Jane Beyer
David Miles
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

John Blevins
Brendon Hanafin
Dan Cook
Todd Reid
Audra Medve
Amir Wenrich

Commission Members Absent

Jeff Bergman

Guests

Charles Grimes

Secretary

Catrina Stroman-substitute

At 7:00 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Brodie Freer asked all to rise; Jane Beyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 22- 01 Approve the minutes of December 15, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB), Unanimous, Absent: JB, Abstain: BF**

Citizens Time

Charles Grimes of The Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC) gave brief overview of the mission of the coalition.

- Wants county to plan for a trail to connect for walking, biking etc. in Dumfries.
- Would like for the Commission Board members to speak to their respectful County Supervisors to invest in people getting to parks.
- Seeking County Supervisors to fund small trails projects.

Questions:

Brodie Freer asked where can we find The Greater Prince Williams Trails Coalition information? GRWTC information can be found on website: <https://www.gpwtrails.org/>

Sharon Richardson- Asked, do State have any funding/grants for trail projects. Seth responded and stated that we have grants/and some government funding.

- Request for Link <https://www.gpwtrails.org/> to be sent to each Commission members.

Presentations

Mike (Sully) Sullivan NOVA Dis Golf Association- Gave an Overview of Structure of Organization.

- Disc Golf or Frisbee Golf is played much like golf. Over 400 members an in 2021 over 275 additional members
- Forest Green has been approved by the BOCS.
- Within 3-5 year an event to bring in premier PDGA sanctions.
- Forest Green is a great contrast with more open space than Lake Ridge: as well as a great view of the Marine Museum.
- Objective is to continue opportunities at Lake Ridge Dis Golf & forthcoming course at Forest Green. Have layouts for all levels of Dis Golf.

Questions:

Erica Tredinnick asked will there be enough parking space. Mike Sullivan stated that parking space will be needed.

Seth asked Mr. Sullivan to address the users/safety concern. Mike Sullivan will investigate any conflicts/safety issues for building a course that it doesn't fun parallel to putting someone into danger. Space will be made to accommodate users, and more if the partner expanded the trails at Locust Shade Park.

Seth/Brodie asked when will the construction of new Disc Golf be completed/Timeline?

Mr. Sullivan- 1st phase, clear fairways, underbrush, install baskets, level & graded for safety. Signage and host club events. Partnership, create budget and maintain club. Finally, organize tournaments and expand parking.

Brodie asked timeline for Forest Green for course completion. Mr. Sullivan stated as soon as weather permits; by March 2022. PDGA Calendar is scheduled for June 4, 2022, depending on the weather and budget.

Jane Beyer asked what is the cost to the Parks & Recreation Department? Mr. Sullivan states its public funded \$75,000 for construction and additional parking. MOU (2021)

Committee Reports

None

Presentation Items

Project Highlights by District 2022- Brendon Hanafin reviewed each district projects for 2022. He highlighted the Woodbridge District; Coles District; Potomac District; Occoquan District [Presentation available from the Secretary]

Old Business

None

New Business

Parks & Recreation Commission 2022 Goals Setting -Chair Brodie Freer would like to develop high end goals for the commission in 2022.

- Mr. Freer gave some general goals that he recommended for 2022.
 - Participation
 - Engagement
 - Support
 - Promotion
 - Accessibility
- Mr. Freer gave a directive for the Commission Member to write their 2022 Goals and submit them to Seth by **February 7th** for inclusion in a PowerPoint presentation at the February meeting.

Director Time

Seth updated the Commission on the following:

- Commended Mr. Freer on Goal setting.
- Shannon Jaenicke will out until March 2022- She's recovering, and flowers were sent on behalf of the DPRT & Commission.
- Thank Catrina Stroman for filling in while Shannon is out.
- Budget Calendar- Work Session CIP February 8th
- County Executive Present Budget on February 15th
- Public March 15th
- Budget April 12th
- Budget Mark up April 19th
- Budget Adoption April 26th
- Thank the maintenance staff & rangers for their work during the snowstorm.
- Thank the Payroll department for a well job for getting new changes to payroll.
- Thank the Executive Team for making decision on weather conditions, on delay openings & closures.
- Seth state that the department has lost some key positions, however everyone is stepping up. A new candidate for Assistant Director of Administration will be forthcoming.

Commissioners Time

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| Ms. Richardson | Thanked Seth and Staff for the great work during the snowstorm. |
| Mr. Murphy | None |
| Mr. Miles | Thanked staff for their efforts to keep things moving along. |
| Ms. Beyer | Thanked Seth for our partnership with the Bike Trail and Dis Golf. |
| Mr. Thom | Commended Seth with all the changes and keeping the facility open. |
| Ms. Tredinnick | Thanked Mr. Freer for the Commission's Goal Setting for 2022. Thanked Seth for keeping the Parks clear and Happy New Year. |

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| Mr. Bergman | Absent |
| Mr. Freer | Thanked DPRT for opening parks & centers and looking forward to a successful 2022 |
| <u>Closed Session</u> | None. |

Adjournment

Res. No. 22-02 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:25 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (CT:ET, Unanimous, Absent JBg)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on February 16, 2022, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.


Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on February 16, 2022.



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

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SIGN-IN SHEET

January 19, 2022

Please Print Name / Address / Phone Number/ Email

Place a check mark beside your name if you wish to address the Commission. Please limit your comment to 3 minutes when speaking on your own behalf or 5 minutes if speaking on behalf of a group.

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