

PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

June 15, 2022

Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer
Jeff Bergman
Jane Beyer
Nate Murphy
Sharon Richardson
Christian Thom
Erica Tredinnick

Staff Present

Todd Reid
Sara Smith
Ryan Amato
John Blevins
Amir Wenrich
Mark Kowalewski

Commission Members Absent

David Miles

Guests

None

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:00 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Shannon Jaenicke led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 22- 13 Approve the minutes of May 18, 2022, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:SR, Unanimous, Abstain ET, Absent from Meeting: DM)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

None

Committee Reports

Officer Nominating Committee - Jeff Bergman and Nate Murphy were appointed to the Officer Nominating Committee for FY 23.

New Business

Parks Capital Projects and ARPA Projects Work Session

Two power point presentations were prepared and are available from the Secretary to the Commission.

Brendon Hanafin presented an update on Capital projects currently underway and recently completed.

Seth Hendler-Voss presented an overview of proposed sustainable park projects (critical maintenance projects that typically do not increase reoccurring operating costs) that could be funded through the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. These projects will be presented to the Board of County Supervisors for consideration at the May 24th BOCS meeting.

Old Business

None

Director Time

Seth Hendler Voss provided the following updates:

- Summer Pool Schedule – we have enough guards to open all but Hammill Mill Pool on a reduced days/ hour operation this month. If we don't have 10 guards apply by the end of next week Hammill Mill will not open. We are exploring the possibility of offering a shuttle from the Hammill Mill pool to Vets pool to serve the community.
- FY 23 budget begins July 1. We will begin the process to prepare the FY 24 budget on Aug 24 when Budget Congress is held
- The department has added a new working group known as the Employee Engagement Liaison Team (EELT) to help facilitate communication between the executive team and line level employees. The group has met with the Exec team 3 times now and positive results are being seen, including extending COVID premium pay not previously paid to non-benefitted part time employees.
- New Tourism Director Kevin Costello begins June 27
- the *Count Me In* scholarship program, with financial support from the Prince William Parks Foundation, has awarded scholarship to 103 needs-based children and youth to participate in DPRT summer camps
- Patriots Day special event at Catharpin Park July 1, from 500 to 945pm
- A new special event called Friday at Five starts at Connaughton Plaza (the courtyard between the McCoart building and DSB) on July 22 and August 19th.
- On June 7 the Board of County Supervisors approved \$17 million in ARPA funds for park improvement projects

Commissioners Time

Ms. Richardson	Thanked staff for tonight's presentation; commended staff for the Ribbon Cutting event at Harbor Drive Wellness Park; Congratulated Seth and staff on the award of \$17 million dollars from the ARPA funding for Parks projects.
Mr. Murphy	Thanked staff for tonight's presentation; was happy to attend the Ribbon Cutting event at Harbor Drive Wellness Park; toured Turley Fields with Supervisor Angry; was happy to hear that Waterworks opened to a capacity crowd; congratulated the Class of 2022.
Mr. Bergman	Thanked staff present at tonight's meeting.
Ms. Beyer	Thanked staff for tonight's presentation and congratulated them on filling camps to 89 percent capacity to date; extended congratulations on the opening of at Harbor Drive Wellness Park.
Mr. Thom	Thanked staff for the refreshingly positive report on summer camps; requested the secretary include a blank "hot sheet" template with future agendas.

Ms. Tredinnick Apologized that she was unable to attend last month's meeting; excited to hear that our parks and summer camps are all ready to go this summer and looks forward to the season.

Mr. Freer Mr. Freer shared that it was great to see everyone this month and summer is DPRT's season to shine; he attended the Harbor Drive Wellness Park ribbon cutting and was happy to see this park that he first worked on with former Supervisor Anderson and now Supervisor Boddye come to fruition.

He is looking forward to firming up the plans for the September Bus Tour with the Commissioners.

Wished everyone a Happy 4th of July

Closed Session None.

Adjournment

Res. No. 22- 14

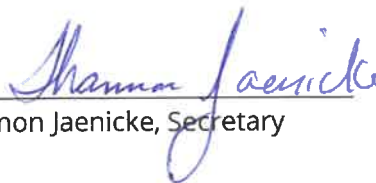
*There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 7:50p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (NM:CT, Unanimous, Absent DM)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on July 20, 2022, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on July 20, 2022.


Brodie Freer, Chairman


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary