

# 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  
Selonia Miles, Potomac District  
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

**February 15, 2023**

George Hellwig Administrative Bldg. Board Room  
14420 Bristow Rd. Manassas, VA

### Commission Members Present

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

### Staff Present

Kevin Costello  
Amarjit Riat  
John Blevins  
Eugene Loew  
Todd Reid  
Rob Orrison

### Commission Members Absent

Selonia Miles

### Guests

See citizen sign in sheet

### Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

### Call to Order

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

### Administrative Items

**Res. No. 23-03** Approve the minutes of January 18, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:SR, Unanimous, Absent SM)**

### Citizens Time

Rose Ann Stern – Ms. Stern is the new area coordinator for Prince William Special Olympics and came to introduce herself to the Commission and learn more about the Department.

Charlie Grymes - invited the Commissioners to the Greater Prince William Trails Coalition Sunday February 19 hike at Bull Run Mountain Nature Preserve. He thanked Rob Orrison for his help with the January hike at Cockpit Point.

Mr. Grymes also took the opportunity to share that the County 2020 Comprehensive Plan calls for Parks within 10 minutes access for residents and advocating now for trail development can help to accomplish this goal.

### **Presentations**

**Office Of Historic Preservation** - Rob Orrison, Historic Preservation Division Manager, presented an annual update on the department's activities. Highlights include the addition of a new Historic Communities Coordinator and the acquisition of several new properties through land purchases and easements. The Historic Preservation Division has developed many new virtual interpretation tours and tools and in person visits are near pre-pandemic levels. [PowerPoint available from Secretary to the Commission]

**FY 24 Proposed DIP** - Seth Hendler-Voss gave the Commissioners an overview of the FY24 CIP. While there are no brand-new projects, the proposed Park Projects on the list are from the 2019 approved bond and include Fuller Heights Phase Two project design, Hellwig turf fields construction, Howison Park improvements construction, a new Neabsco District Park; Neabsco Greenway Right of Way, Occoquan Greenway construction, Powell's Creek Crossing Construction and Open Space acquisition.

An additional \$4.0M is proposed for the Countywide Building and Facilities Program (for deferred maintenance) and the Parks Department share in that funding.

This is the first step in the budget process, the Board of Supervisors will have the opportunity to change the recommendations and possibly add new projects during Budget Mark Up. A few possible projects that have been mentioned are a new Eastern Rec Center, a Feasibility Study for expanding the Boat House at Lake Ridge Marina, a dedicated fund for future Master Planning Projects, and the Recreation Ferry.

Seth also stated that the \$23.9 M in ARPA funds (\$17.1 for Parks and Rec and \$6.8 for Tourism) must be used or encumbered by December.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **Director Time**

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- A live State of the Parks address will be held March 2 at 7 pm at the Kelly Leadership Center
- Deputy Director interviews are complete, and an offer is being extended.
- The Parks Foundation won a grant for the Rollins Ford Pump Track for \$10,000
- The Pat White Elevator project re-bid's will be opened Feb 27
- The Locust Shade Maintenance building re-bids will be opened March 17
- A new playground and surface and other improvements at Marumsco are well underway.
- A very successful seasonal hiring event was held last week at the Chinn Center.
- The Splashdown General Manager has resigned. Job will be posted soon.
- Kline Property purchase agreement was approved by the Board for 25 acres at the corner of the Prince William Parkway and Liberia Ave. The purchase is contingent on a successful

Rezoning by Stanley Martin Homes. The exact future use of this property is TBD but it will be a Parks/Open Space use.

- A solution to the gift card request from the Commission has been identified and we will now be selling PWC Parks, Rec and Tourism branded gift cards in various denominations.
- The first phase of the online pavilion rental site had a successful rollout.
- Count Me IN Scholarships are being awarded now through funds secured by the Parks Foundation.

### **Commissioners Time**

- Ms. Richardson                      Ms. Richardson commended Seth and staff for tonight's excellent presentations.
- Mr. Murphy                            Mr. Murphy enquired if the volunteer coordinator position made it into the budget? Seth responded that it did not, we were limited in the number of new initiatives we could submit. Mr. Murphy also asked staff for updates on the restrooms and scoreboards at Turley Field.
- Mr. Bergman                          Ms. Bergman inquired about the timing of the opening of the Catharpin Concessions stand in relation to Spring Opening Day. He also mentioned the issue of kites at Long Park and a number of abandoned kites found in resident's yards/trees. Seth responded that staff have been asked to be watchful for any more issues.
- Ms. Beyer                                Ms. Beyer thanked Mr. Grymes and Ms. Stern for attending tonight's meeting, she also thanked staff for the presentations. She asked if there was any new information on the illegal activity reported at Doves Landing. Seth and the Chief Ranger provided that patrols are increased to 6 a day, cameras have been placed in the park and the illegal target shooting site was located and removed. Ms. Beyer also inquired about the status of the gate for the entrance and Mr. Riat responded that a purchase order was issued.
- Mr. Thom                                 Thanked citizens in attendance, he is very happy to have the engagement with the Commission. He also shared that he had an opportunity to visit Cloverdale Park this past week and he is amazed at the improvements made and what a difference it has made from when the Commissioners visited the park in the fall. He also inquired if there was anything new to report on an indoor facility for the County. Seth doesn't have anything to share but there is a lot of analysis taking place at this time.
- Ms. Tredinnick                        Ms. Tredinnick shared that she, Supervisor Lawson and staff had a very good meeting with the Brentsville District Baseball League and thanked staff for attending. She also shared that Supervisor Lawson has been receiving increased contacts regarding interest in a Western Recreation Center. She is looking forward to meeting tomorrow with

the Supervisor and Chief Reid to learn more about the Ranger Program.

Mr. Freer

Mr. Freer is looking forward to the State of the Parks address. He thanked staff for tonight's presentations and meeting arrangements, and Seth for his leadership of the department. He is excited by the many projects we are currently working on and the great weather we have to make progress on them. We have many great opportunities and now is the time to advocate for them.

**Closed Session** None.

**Adjournment**  
**Res. No. 23-04**

*There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:40 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (ET: JB, Unanimous, Absent Selonia Miles)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on March 15, 2023, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

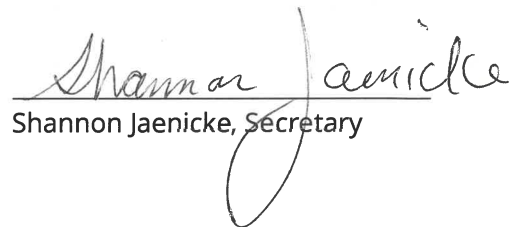
Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on March 15, 2023.



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Brodie Freer, Chair



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Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



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Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary