

# 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

March 15, 2023

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

### Commission Members Present

Brodie Freer  
Jeff Bergman  
Selonia Miles  
Sharon Richardson  
Christian Thom  
Erica Tredinnick

### Staff Present

Alan Smith  
Amarjit Riat  
John Blevins  
Eugene Loew  
Todd Reid  
Rob Orrison

### Commission Members Absent

Jane Beyer  
Nate Murphy

### Guests

See citizen sign in sheet

### Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

### Call to Order

At 7:05 p.m. Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Christian Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Administrative Items

#### Res. No. 23-0305



Approve the minutes of February 15, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (ET:SR, Unanimous, Absent: JB, NM Abstain, SM)**

### Citizens Time

None

### Presentations

**The First Tee** - Alan Smith, Director of The First Tee Prince William County, presented an annual update on the program. The First Tee is in its ninth year in PWC and has had another very successful year, serving over 6,000 youth in the First Tee program and over 20,000 PWCS students with outreach programming in elementary and middle schools. Plans to expand to high schools are in the works.

Mr. Smith shared some updates on the programs two fundraising events and on plans to involve the First Tee in the upcoming Solheim Cup Tour.

The First Tee program does is very fortunate to have the support of County businesses and partners and receives many donations of equipment to support the program. The biggest needs for the program are for coaches and advisory board members. Alan welcomes the opportunity to meet with any potential volunteers for these positions.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **New Business**

Chair Freer provided copies of last years goals to the other commissioners and asked that they come prepared to discuss last year's accomplishments and next years goal setting at the April meeting.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Director Time**

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

- John Blevins provided an update on the very successful first day registration numbers for summer camp, which were up 36 percent year over year. Overall, camps are at 50 percent capacity with many already waitlisted.
- Seasonal recruitment has been going well and our numbers of hired seasonal staff are better than the same time last year. A few new recruiting tools were tested with good results, alongside the increase in lifeguard pay. Several job fairs have been held with more in the next few weeks.
- Golf revenues are in the red for the year to date. During COVID we operated in the black, but last year we were down \$17,000. This year to date we are down approx. \$230,000 with 4 months left in the fiscal year. Many new investments have been made, or are in the works for the courses including cart path replacements/repairs, bunkers, irrigation and cart fleet replacements.
- The FY24 proposed budget has been presented. Overall DPRT will receive \$51.2 million an increase of approx. 7.25 percent over last year. Seth shared the initiatives that are proposed for DPRT. Chair Freer added that now is a the time to advocate for DPRT and contact your appointing supervisor to see if they have questions regarding the budget.
- Seth will be meeting with newly elected Supervisor Weir this week to share with him all of the projects and DPRT related activities in the Gainesville District.
- State of the Parks event was very successful, Seth thanked the Commissioners for their support. We will be doing the live event again next year.
- The Pat White elevator bid was opened and we will be accepting the winning bid and moving the project forward.
- DPRT still has \$72 million in ARPA projects in various phases of delivery.
- On April 3, the new DPRT Deputy Director will begin. Seth looks forward to introducing her at the next Commission meeting.

### **Commissioners Time**

Ms. Richardson

Ms. Richardson commended staff on the State of the Parks event. She inquired about the use of the \$750,000 DCR grant for the Neabsco Boardwalk ( Seth responded that it would be used for improving the southern end of the Boardwalk over the Metz wetlands.

- Ms. Miles Ms. Miles congratulated staff on the State of the Parks event, she was sorry to have been unable to attend but looks forward to next years event.
- Mr. Bergman Ms. Bergman requested a current DPRT organizational chart; He attended the East vs. West All Star basketball game over the weekend which he noted was very well run and everyone enjoyed it.
- Mr. Thom Mr. Thom attended the State of the Parks and it was an awesome event. After the program he spoke with Chair Wheeler and John Blevins about the Boardwalk Lights event and asked if staff had followed up with the Chair and if there were potential corporate partners that may be able to sponsor the event this year?
- Ms. Tredinnick Ms. Tredinnick also attended the State of the Parks and it was a lot of fun, she commented staff for the amazing job on the displays and activities. She also thanked Seth and Amarjit for the meeting with Supervisor Lawson and Brentsville District Little League to discuss improvements at Nokesville Park. She congratulated the department on the new deputy director hire.
- Mr. Freer Mr. Freer looks forward to the State of the Parks next year after this year's success. He asked if staff had addressed issues that were raised at the State of the Parks regarding Marumscos Acre Lake. Seth responded that staff had met on site with the citizen. Mr. Freer is also looking forward to opening all of our pools, including Hammill Mill, this year and is happy to hear that recruitment is going well.


**Closed Session** None.

**Adjournment**  
**Res. No. 23-06**

*There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:10 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. APPROVED (ET: CT, Unanimous, Absent JB,NM)*

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on April 19, 2023, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on April 19, 2023.

  
Brodie Freer, Chair

  
Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

  
Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

