

PRINCE WILLIAM
Parks & Recreation
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Commission Agenda**

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Brodie Freer, Chair, Occoquan District
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Vida Carroll, Brentsville District
Jane Beyer, Coles District
Rick Berry, Gainesville District
Ross W. Snare IV, Neabsco District
Oriella Mejia, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

April 16, 2025

7:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
George Hellwig Admin Bldg. – 14420 Bristow Rd. Manassas, VA 20112

Pledge of Allegiance

Administrative

- Approve Minutes of March 19, 2025

Community Time

Presentations

- Good Sports Awards – Sports Services Division
- Prince William County Tourism Updates -Kevin Costello

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Recommend Naming Baseball Field #6 at Nokesville Park “Townsend Field at Nokesville Park”

Director’s Time

Commissioner Time

Meeting Recap

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025

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Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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March 19, 2025 7:30 PM

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

Commission Members Present

Rick Berry
Jane Beyer
Sharon Richardson
Vida Carroll
Brodie Freer
Oriella Mejia
Ross Snare

Staff Present

Seth Hendler-Voss
Ryan Amato
Christy Mory
Veronica Laughman
Amir Wenrich
Frances Bridges
Todd Reid
John Blevins
Rob Orrison

Commission Members Absent

Benita Fitzgerald Mosley

Guests

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Citizens

Larissa Miller

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all to Order

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order and Vida Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

RES 25-07 Approve Minutes of February 19, 2025. **APPROVED. (RS: JB, Unanimous, Absent from Meeting BM)**

Citizens Time

None

Presentations

Science in the Park, and Therapeutic Recreation Programs

Christy Mory and Veronica Laughman presented information on the Science in the Park (SIP) and Therapeutic Recreation (TR) programs. Highlighting the growth and opportunities in each program. [Presentation is available from the Secretary to the Commission]. Ms. Carroll requested a list of the schools served by the SIP program. Mr. Berry inquired about access to the Freedom Center to expand programming, and asked if DPR had any data analysis of other jurisdictions % of parks budgets that goes to TR.

MOTION **AUTHORIZE CHAIR FREER TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS ON BEHALF OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF ADDING 1 FTE FOR THERAPEUTIC RECREATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET. APPROVED. (VC, RS, Unanimous, Absent from Vote BM)**

Committee Reports
None

Old Business
None

New Business

Discuss Commission Goals

Chair Freer offered time for Commissioners to share their own individual goals and invited the Commissioners to review last year’s goals statement and offer any new goals or amendments. The Commissioners decided unanimously to reaffirm the goals as written but to change the word “Goals” to “Values”.

RES 25- 08 **AFFIRM COMMISSIONS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 VALUES (RS; SR, UNANIMOUS, ABSENT FROM VOTE BM)**

Field Naming Request

Vida Carroll presented a letter to the Commission and Director Hendler-Voss from the Brentsville District Little League to request naming Field #6 at Nokesville Park. Without objection the Chair directed the Secretary to add this request to next month’s agenda.

Director Time

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

Budget updates

- On March 25, there will be a budget work session at McCoart regarding agency vacancies. Seth will attend to answer any question regarding DPR vacancies.
- On April 1, there will be a BOCS Q and A session regarding department budget initiatives in the proposed budget
- 5 year CIP- the BOCS has done a great job providing resources. There is \$1.2m in the proposed FY26 budget for maintenance and new maintenance positions. Additionally, the CXO has proposed \$2.5m dedicated to expansionary park and trail items in FY 27 and an additional \$5m in FY28 and beyond.
- Seth wanted to clear up any confusion regarding the funding Charlie Grymes (PWTSC) is advocating for. Mr. Grymes is advocating for an additional 5 million over and above any proposed funding specifically for trail land acquisition and building.
- Seth also shared that the American Battlefield Trust is pursuing a land acquisition of 500 acres and would ultimately deed this land to the County. The county investment needed to bring this to fruition would be \$8m.

Upcoming dates and events

- Locust Shade Park/Marina opening date is April 3
- Lake Ridge Park/Marina opening date is April 5

- Neabsco Regional Park Kayak Launch Ribbon Cutting/Historic Marker Ceremony April 16 at 1 pm. Commissioners may hear concerns over perceived disruption of a beaver dam at the kayak launch, but the lodge is upstream of the launch, They may also hear concerns over no vehicular access to the launch. At this time there is no funding for vehicular access, access will require portage.
- Staff Picnic will be May 6th at 11:30 at Splashdown Waterpark. The rain is May 8.
- Volunteer Appreciation Picnic is April 26 at Cloverdale Park
- April 28th there is a Transportation hosted Ribbon Cutting at Long Park for the Intersection improvements
- Free movie nights will be hosted on May 9th at Splashdown, May 30th at Vets, and June 13th at Chinn
- Fridays at 5 will kick off in June.
- The Chris Thom Field Naming Resolution was removed from the April 1 BOCS agenda. The Director will share more information as it is received.
- May 16th is the Historic Dumfries Walking Tour
- June 14th is the Dumfries Tavern Night

Capital Projects

- Forest Greens Golf Clubhouse renovation is under way. Supervisor Bailey would like to add some proffers to the project and expand the project.
- Hellwig Turf project is nearly complete, play on the field will begin early April
- Ned Distiller House vegetation clearing has been completed
- Long Park Lights will be on soon

Other updates

- Staff have submitted an application to the NRPA Gold Medal Program.
- We are just 28 lifeguards away from fully staffed for the upcoming pool season.

Commissioner's Time

Ms. Carrol	Was sorry to miss the State of the Parks address;
Ms. Beyer	Attended the State of the Parks and enjoyed a great presentation by Seth and facilitation by Chair Freer; she is really looking forward to getting the field naming for Mr. Thom approved and hopes this delay does not impact the planned ceremony on April 25 th .
Mr. Berry	Will be attending an upcoming meeting regarding staffing needs for DPR; also was able to attend the State of the Parks, was sorry he had to leave before the Q and A session
Mr.Snare	Mr. Snare continues to meet monthly with Supervisor Angry; he has been enjoying some time in our parks with the nicer weather.
Ms. Mejia	Ms. Mejia attended State of the Parks; she thanked the Director and staff for all of the updates tonight.
Ms. Richardson	Thanked tonight's presenters; she shared appreciation to DPR staff for all of their fantastic work, seen and unseen; she attended State of the Parks and

enjoyed the information tables and presentation, she felt that the audience engagement was very good throughout.

Chair Freer

Attended the State of the Parks, which grows bigger and better each year; he wished the Grounds crews the best of luck as the spring season work is underway; He congratulated staff on their seasonal lifeguard recruiting accomplishments; he attended the recent arts council meeting and shared that they have a lot of good stuff going on and that they are short two appointees (one from Gainesville district and one from Woodbridge district); he thanked staff and stated that it is a real pleasure to serve on this Commission.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

RES 25-09

Motion to Adjourn at 9:30 pm. ***APPROVED (RS,VC, Unanimous, Absent from Meeting BM)***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on April 16, 2025, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes ***APPROVED*** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on April 16, 2025.

Brodie Freer, Chair

Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

MOTION:

**April 16, 2025
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 25 - XX**

SECOND:

**RE: RECOMMEND THE NAME "TOWNSEND FIELD AT NOKESVILLE PARK" FOR
BASEBALL FIELD #6 AT NOKESVILLE PARK, NOKESVILLE, VIRGINIA -
BRENTSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, Nokesville Park is located at 12560 Aden Road, Nokesville, Virginia and contains a baseball complex with one baseball, two Little League and three T-ball fields; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2024, lifelong Prince William County resident, and beloved Brentsville District Little League (BDLL) coach of 18 years, John Townsend passed away; and

WHEREAS, John Townsend was raised in Nokesville, VA, attended Brentsville High School and founded Prince William Plumbing LLC in Nokesville in 2004 with his wife Susie: and

WHEREAS, the BDLL Board of Directors has requested naming baseball field #6 at Nokesville Park "Townsend Field at Nokesville Park" in recognition of Mr. Townsend's exceptional contributions to the Little League and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, at the March 19, 2025, meeting of the Commission, on behalf of Parks Director Seth Hendler-Voss, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Vida Carroll presented the BDLL request; and

WHEREAS, at the April 16, 2025, meeting of the Commission, citizens were provided an opportunity to provide input on the proposed field naming;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission does hereby recommend the name "Townsend Field at Nokesville Park" for baseball field #6 at George Nokesville Park to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____
Secretary to the Commission