

# 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

May 19, 2021

### Commission Members Present

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

### Staff Present

Tiffany Johnson  
Amir Wenrich  
Audra Medve  
Todd Reid  
Rob Orrison  
Patti Pakkala  
Ann Marie Maher

### Commission Members Absent

David Miles

### Guests

None

### Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

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

### Administrative Items

**Res. No. 21-11** Approve the minutes of April 21, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (CT:JB, Unanimous; Absent, DM).**

### Citizens Time

None

### Committee Reports

None

### Presentation Items

**Historic Preservation Program Update** – Rob Orrison presented an annual update on the Historic Preservation Division Program. At the May 18 BOCS meeting, the Board proposed a significant increase in program funding for historic communities and cemetery preservation and interpretation. [Presentation is available from Secretary to Commission]

**Design and Construction Standards** – Patti Pakkala presented an update on the draft revisions to the Design and Construction Standards Manual (DCSM). This manual outlines the standards for typical amenities such as picnic tables, pavilions, playground equipment signage, etc. based on location, level of service standards and regulations. The final draft of the DCSM will be brought back to the Commission for their endorsement. [Presentation is available from Secretary to Commission]

### Old Business

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Director Time**

Seth Hendler-Voss shared the following updates:

Staff – Brendon Hanafin is on extended leave; Patti Pakkala will be the primary contact for Planning and Projects Division through Brendon's absence.

Summer Programs – we plan to open pools this summer from 12 to 6 pm, with the exception of Hammill Mill which is undergoing renovation to replace the whitecoat. At best, Hammill Mill may open by late July. We still need 45 Lifeguards (30 Splash Down, 15 at Veterans Park).

We have a full offering of Youth Summer Camps available. Registrations are currently at 57%.

All summer jobs are posted at <https://pwcparkejobs.com> . We are in need of lifeguards, particularly for Veterans Park.

COVID Protocol Update – The County will likely lift some restrictions for patrons and staff based on the Governor's orders and the latest CDC guidance. At this time it is not determined what the effect will be on Children's programming, information from a number of sources will be needed to ensure we align with the current guidance and the requirements of our various licensing agencies.

COVID testing sites at DPRT facilities will close May 28. The vaccination site at Veterans Park will continue to operate.

Telework – the County is adopting policies and practices to embrace telework as an option going forward, while some employees will return to the building many more will telework, some full time. The back portion of Hellwig will become home to a new modern "hoteling" space for employees to drop in and work on a as needed basis.

Projects - The most current project updates are available at [www.pwcparkprojects.com](http://www.pwcparkprojects.com)

Rangers - The Rangers have begun to implement a new bike patrol program. Part of this new initiative will include a programming component where Ranger staff will teach Bike Safety and Maintenance to youth.

Tourism - Ann Marie Maher shared that the Occoquan Visitors Kiosk, which replaced the old Visitors Center, has been very well received. The QR codes have been a hit.

### **Commissioners Time**

Ms. Tredinnick

Attended Brentsville Jail Rededication. Has noticed the increased presence in "Facebook ads"

- Mr. Thom Watched the Facebook Live stream of the Brentsville Jail Rededication, a great use of technology. Mr. Thom has been enjoying the excellent conditions of the soccer fields around the County.
- Ms. Beyer Thanked Rob and Patti for their presentations this evening. Attended the Brentsville Jail Rededication, Occoquan Pickleball Court Ribbon Cutting, and Tourism Event at the Winery at Sunshine Ridge. All events were wonderful
- Mr. Bergman GBA is very happy with the reopening of the PWCS indoor gym facilities. Long Park is looking very good, nice to see construction on the league bldg. taking shape.
- Mr. Murphy Congratulated Patti Pakkala on her promotion and thanked her for the update on signage. Mr. Murphy attended the Walking into Wellness 5 K at Prince William Forest Park, it was a very good event.
- Ms. Richardson Attended the Full Moon Boardwalk Hike, the Tourism Event at the Winery at Sunshine Ridge, and the Brentsville Jail Rededication. Ms. Richardson offered kudos to the Tourism team for working with our hotel partners to create programming to maximize the benefit to the County of groups of out of county/state students visiting the DMV on school sponsored trips
- Mr. Freer Enjoyed attending the Occoquan Pickleball Court Ribbon cutting; Thanked the staff for all the efforts to prepare for the summer season and wished them the best of luck with pool openings.

**Closed Session**

None.


**Adjournment**

**Res. No. 21-12**

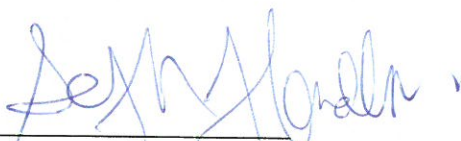
*There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:10 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED (ET:SR, Unanimous; Absent, DM).***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on June 16, 2021, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on June 16, 2021.



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary