

PRINCE WILLIAM

Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Brodie Freer, Chair, Occoquan District
Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, At Large Member
Vida Carroll, Brentsville District
Jane Beyer, Vice Chair, Coles District
Rick Berry, Gainesville District
Ross W. Snare, IV, Neabsco District
Oriella Mejia, Potomac District
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

April 16, 2025, 7:30 PM

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

Commission Members Present

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

Staff Present

Seth Hendler-Voss
Janet Bartnik
Amir Wenrich
Frances Bridges
Todd Reid
John Blevins
Trey Payne
Darrius Turner
Joe Dillard
Candace Redd
Mac Slover
Sara Smith *MS*
Patti Pakkala

Commission Members Absent

None

Guests

Kevin Costello, Office of Tourism

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Citizens

See Sign In Sheet

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Brodie Freer called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order and Seth Hendler-Voss led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

RES 25-10 Amend Agenda as follows: Move "New Business Nokesville Field 6 Naming" agenda item to immediately following Community Time and add a recess of 15 minutes between the Presentation Item of "Good Sports Awards" and the Presentation Item "Tourism Updates". **APPROVED. (BF: VC, Unanimous, Absent from Vote BM, RS)**

RES 25-11 Approve Minutes of March 19, 2025. **APPROVED. (RB:JB, Unanimous, Absent from Vote BM, RS)**

Community Time

Jeremy Jenkins, President Brentsville Baseball League – spoke in support of the “Townsend Field” naming request.

Jim Jacob, Board Member and Coach Brentsville Baseball League - spoke in support of the “Townsend Field” naming request.

Karen Baker, former Brentsville Baseball League Commissioner - spoke in support of the “Townsend Field” naming request.

New Business

RES 25- 12 RECOMMEND NAMING BASEBALL FIELD #6 AT NOKESVILLE PARK “TOWNSEND FIELD AT NOKESVILLE PARK” APPROVED. (OM:VC, Unanimous, Absent from Vote RS)

Presentations

Annual Good Sports Awards

Sports Services presented the 2024 Good Sports Awards recognizing the efforts and sportsmanship demonstrated by members of the Sports Community in Prince William County. Three coaches/officials and two athletes were recognized for their accomplishments within their respected Sports Leagues and Community.

2024 Coaches/Officials

Coach - James Draughon (Eastern Prince William Basketball Association)

Coach/Official - James Bailey (PWC Girls Softball Little League)

Official – Kevin Driscoll (Virginia Soccer Association)

2024 Athletes

Yanira Garcia (Eastern Prince William Basketball Association)

Jayden Akpaku (Miracle League of Prince William County)

Motion to Recess 7:35 p.m. BF: VC, without objection

Call to Order 7:50 p.m.

Prince William County Tourism Updates – Kevin Costello, Director of Tourism, presented an update on past and upcoming major tourism/recreation events (BMX Nationals, Solheim Cup, and LIV Golf). He also shared data on top visitor attractions, visitor demographics, tourism spend, and room nights. [Presentation is available from Secretary to the Commission].

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

Director Time

Director Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

Budget Markup all of the initiatives in the CXO proposed budget were recounted.

- Initiatives added – TR position, Williams Ordinary Historic Preservation – \$130,000
Veterans Park Swim Lane Rental – \$30,000
- Initiatives reduced –Capital Maintenance was reduced to 2.5m, Occoquan Gwy Maintenance FTE positions deferred until FY27

M&O Division Chief interviews are complete, announcement coming this week

Arts Grants - organizations in towns are eligible (Dumfries, Haymarket, Occoquan and Quantico). Supervisor Bailey had an item in markup to add \$50,000 to the Arts program, but it did not get added for FY26.

Needs Assessment survey is complete.

Events

- Lifeguard hiring event tonight (only need 15 more guards for Splash)
- Volunteer Picnic April 26 at Cloverdale 11:30 at Cloverdale
- Employee picnic May 6, 11:30 to 1:30 at Splash
- The first movie in the park night is May 9 at Ben Lomond Park at 8 m (Moana 2)
- Doves Community meeting for 35%percent design input is May 19 at KLC at 7 Pm
- May is Historic Preservation Month
- Juneteenth and me Festival at Pfitzner Stadium Complex June 19 from 4:00 to 9:00 PM
- June 20 is "play all day" day with eleven free activities planned (see Leisure mag)
- July is Parks and Rec Month – Planning a big celebration in conjunction with Fridays at 5 on July 11

Projects

Hellwig Turf Project – asphalt repair is underway in parking and will be completed Friday

The CXO accepted an unsolicited PPEA for the Long Park indoor tennis field house and the County will advertise for competing proposals.

The Christian Thom Field Naming will be on the May 13 BOCS agenda.

Commissioner's Time

Ms. Richardson Thanked tonight's presenters, always a real feel-good moment to participate in the Good Sports Awards; Ms. Richardson was able.

Ms. Mejia Ms. Mejia also attended the Neabsco Kayak Launch and Historical Marker ribbon cutting and will be visiting Forest Greens Golf Course with Potomac District office staff and Deputy Director Bartnik, she looks forward to the upcoming improvements to the clubhouse.,

Mr. Snare Expressed his support for the Townsend Field naming and is happy that the Christian Thom field naming is moving forward to the BOCS.

- Mr. Berry Mr Berry attended the ribbon cutting at Long Park fo the new service road. He thanked Supervisor Weir's office, the county transportation Department, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the leagues for this cooperative effort, providing greater convenience and more importantly greater safety for park users.
- Ms. Beyer Ms. Beyer attended the Neabsco Kayak Launch and Historical Marker ribbon cutting; she enjoyed hearing about Mr. Townsend's contributions to the community from the supporters who spoke in support of naming the field in his honor; she was sorry to miss this year's opening ceremonies for the Miracle League which is always very uplifting.
- Ms. Carroll Ms. Carroll asked staff for information relating to the lighting of the remaining fields at Catharpin, the timing of the playground construction at Nokesville Park, and the installation of the benches at Rollins Ford Park.
- Chair Freer Thanked Kevin Costello for the Tourism updates; congratulated the Good Sports Awardees; thanked Ms. Carroll for her support and advocacy for the Therapeutic Recreation position in the budget and thanked the secretary for her contributions to the Commission in recognition of the upcoming Administrative Professionals Day.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

RES 25-13

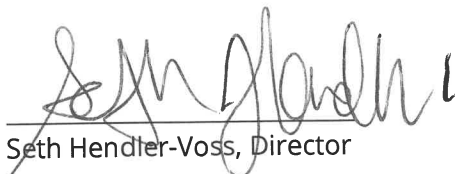
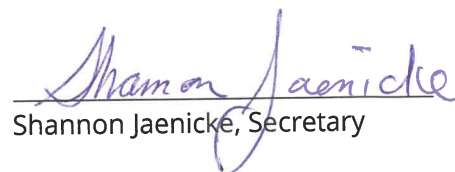
Motion to Adjourn at 9:20 pm. **APPROVED (RS,VC, Unanimous)**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on May 21, 2025, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on May 21, 2025.



Brodie Freer, Chair


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director
Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

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Parks and Recreation Commission

SIGN-IN SHEET

April 16, 2025

Please Print Name / Address / Phone Number/ Email

Place a check mark beside your name if you wish to address the Commission. Please limit your comment to 3 minutes when speaking on your own behalf or 5 minutes if speaking on behalf of a group.

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Suzelyn Draughon
Sasha Draughon

MOTION: MEJIA

**April 16, 2025
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 25 - 12**

SECOND: CARROLL

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

ACTION: APPROVED

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 Baseball League (BBL) 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 BBL 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 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 BBL 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 Nokesville Park to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

Votes:

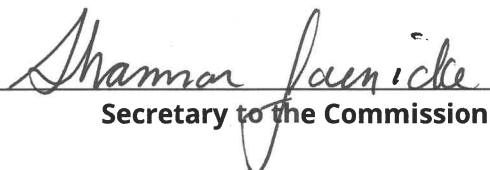
Ayes: Berry, Beyer, Carrol, Freer, Mejia, Mosley, Richardson

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: Snare

Absent from Meeting: None

ATTEST:


Secretary to the Commission