

# PRINCE WILLIAM

—Parks, Recreation & Tourism

## Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

### COMMISSION MEMBERS

Jane Beyer, Coles District  
Brodie Freer, Occoquan District  
George Delimba, At Large Member  
Brian Vargo, Brentsville District  
Jeff Bergman, Gainesville District  
Victoria Cole-Rolon, Neabsco District  
Brenda Gardziel, Potomac District  
Sharon Richardson, Woodbridge District

Seth Hendler- Voss, Director

**January 16, 2019**

### Commission Members Present

Jane Beyer  
Jeff Bergman  
Victoria Cole-Rolon  
George Delimba  
Brodie Freer  
Brenda Gardziel  
Sharon Richardson

### Staff Present

Tracy Hannigan  
Rob Orrison

### Commission Members Absent

Brian Vargo

### Guests

### Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

At 7:05 p.m. Jane Beyer called the regular meeting of the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Ms. Beyer asked all to rise; Sharon Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Administrative Items

**Res. No. 19-01** Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (BG: BF; Unanimous, Absent; BV).**

### Citizen's Time

Two Boy Scouts attended this evenings meeting, Caleb and John Garza. They each asked the Commissioners a question. The first was "what is the Commissions greatest concern in this community?" The Commissioners each addressed the question, explaining to the scout the delicate balance between Community wants and needs, environmental and land use concerns, preservation, and what the tax rate can support.

The second question was "is the Commission worried about protecting the environment and pollution?" The Commissioners explained how we ensure that some of our public land is preserved as unprogrammed/ passive use only, and our efforts to educate the public in waste/pollution reduction in our park system through cleanups, recycling and pack in pack out policies.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Presentation Items**

Historic Preservation	Mr. Rob Orrison, Historic Preservation Division, presented a pictorial tour and brief oral history of all the County Historic Properties under our care. [Presentation is available from Commission Secretary]
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**Director Time**

Seth Hendler – Voss shared the following updates:

Bond Referendum – Chairman Stewart, in his state of the County speech this past week, recommended a Park/Transportation Bond Referendum. In his recommendation, he specifically called for the addition of two indoor sports complexes. The Bond would be shared with transportation projects and limited to existing debt capacity.

RFI's – the two park RFI's, for the indoor sports complexes and for new uses for Pfitzner Stadium are closed. We received three proposals for Pfitzner and one for an indoor complex in the Woodbridge District.

A seasonal hiring event held at the Kelly Center on December 20, 2018, was very successful and we have had a good response from returning seasonal staff for 2019.

Tough Mudder course layout is close to being finalized.

Mr. Hendler Voss also provided brief CIP project updates on the projects below. If you want more details on any of these projects, please contact the Commission Secretary.

Locust Shade water line, Cathapin phase II, Rollins Ford Park, Pat White Center, ADA projects for paving, Lake Ridge storm water treatment infrastructure and dock, Jenkins Park ADA ramp, PHNST commuter lot at Rippon Park, Ferlazzo tennis court conversion to pickleball, VSA Long Park building, GHBL Catharpin Park building, Harbor Drive Park.

Commissioners asked for the following updates:

Q: What is the status of the Quarry proposal

A. A MOU has been drafted for the Divearium and is under review by the County Attorney. Mr. Rios will have many gates to pass through including applying for a special use permit, engineering and site plans. The Divearium continues to fundraise.

Q. More information on the format for the January 26, Community Forum regarding Parks Needs Survey.

A. This is a facilitated discussion with live voting. The discussion will be framed by the information the consultants gathered during the stakeholder meetings/conference calls held in the fall.

Q. What is the Status of the Accreditation Application?

A. We continue to position ourselves to obtain accreditation. Our application will be submitted very soon, with a targeted visitation date of May 2020 and final accreditation by October 2020.

Q. What information is available regarding the CXO's proposed budget and Park Initiative?

A. Many Park initiatives were put forward for the 2020 CXO budget proposal. Mr. Hendler-Voss will prepare a summary for the Commissioners.

### **Commissioners Time**

Ms. Richardson      Asked how to direct an inquiry for the amphitheater at Locust Shade Park. Mr. Hendler -Voss advised contacting the park manager, Chad Tyrell.

Ms. Cole Rolon      Advocated for investigating the feasibility of a concert series at Pfitzner Stadium. Mr. Hendler-Voss advised that a special event for the fall is already in the planning stages.

She also shared that she and Mr. Bergman are both serving on the Safe Schools council and look forward to the partnership opportunities with the Parks, Recreation and Tourism department.

Mr. Bergman      Inquired about the possibility of sports camps being advertised by Parks through Leisure magazine or the website. Ms. Hannigan advised that we no longer do this, but two avenues to consider are through the Freedom Center and PWC schools.

Mr. Bergman advised that many leagues are still interested in

pursuing early spring field opening. Mr. Hendler-Voss advised that the leagues should reach out to him directly to pursue further discussion.

Ms. Gardziel      Attended the Healthy Community Healthy Youth Hero Awards; it was a great event. She also thanked tonight's presenter, Rob Orrison.

Ms. Beyer      Asked for prayers for three County employees that have recently experienced loss or health concerns.

**Closed Session** – None

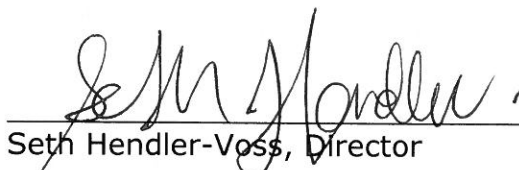
**Adjournment**

**Res No. 19-02**      *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:10 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. APPROVED JBg: BG; Unanimous)*

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on ~~February~~ <sup>March</sup> 20, 2019, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building. (y)

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on ~~February~~ <sup>March</sup> 20, 2019. (y)

  
Jane Beyer, Chairman

  
Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

  
Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary