

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

October 16, 2019

Commission Members Present

Jane Beyer
Victoria Cole-Rolon
George Delimba
Brenda Gardziel
Brodie Freer
Sharon Richardson
Brian Vargo

Staff Present

Sally Wood
Audra Medve
Myla Neal
Todd Reid
Brent Heavner
Ann Marie Maher
Kathy Pierce
Jamie Orrison
Brendan Hanafin

Commission Members Absent

Jeff Bergman

Guests

See sign in sheet

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; Sharon Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 19-22 Approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:SR; Unanimous, Abstain: BV Absent: JBg).**

Citizen's Time

Five spoke at citizens time in support of naming the Occoquan District park and trailhead for Michele B. McQuigg.

Old Business

Brent Heavner presented the recommendations from the Occoquan Park Naming public survey. The survey was a choice between three names and a write-in box: "Unity Park", "Old Bridge Trail Park" or "Ogle Harris Park". The raw data was presented as was data that was sorted through different filters, to suppress repeat submissions for a single IP address and out of the DC/MD/VA area votes. Regardless of the filters, the same order of preference resulted.

The number one preference was the write-in option "Michele B. McQuigg Park". In order, the next three preferences were Old Bridge Trail Park, Ogle Harris

Park and Unity Park.

(A copy of the survey results is available from the Secretary to the Commission.)

Main Motion: Motion to recommend to the Board of County Supervisors three name options, Michele B. McQuigg Park, Ogle Harris Park and Old Bridge Trail Park (JB: BG) **FAILED Ayes: BF, JB, BG; Nays: JBV, GD, VC, SR, Absent: JBg)**

Secondary Motion:

Res. No. 19-23

Motion to recommend to the Board of County Supervisors "Old Bridge Trail Park" **APPROVED (GD: BV; Ayes: GD, VC, BV, SR; Nays BF, JB, BG; Absent: JBg).**

New Business

None

Presentation Items

Aquatics Update— Jamie ^{Orrison} provided an annual update on the operations of the County Aquatics program [Presentation is available from Commission Secretary]

Capital Project Updates— Brendan Hanafin provided an update on select Capital Improvement Projects [Presentation is available from Commission Secretary]

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

Farmers Market SNAP program information was presented via a handout, to respond to Ms. Cole-Rolon's queries at the September meeting. Ms. Cole Rolon thanked the Director and asked that we expand our outreach and advertising, especially to the Senior Centers and Area Agency on Aging.

A signage replacement initiative is underway. We have built sign refresh/replacements into our annual budget in order to update signs in a few parks each year. This will be a lengthy process as all signage is in pretty bad condition. This year's projects will be Hellwig Park directional signage on 234 and within the park, Locust Shade Park, and Lake Ridge Park.

The Comprehensive Plan Park Chapter Planning Commission hearing date is still pending. Information and scheduling information regarding the Comprehensive Plan update is available on the PWC Planning Dept webpage.

The Department 2021 budget initiatives have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, along with the rest of the Community Development agencies initiatives. Next year, it is estimated that there will only be \$1.7 million in discretionary spending available for all agencies to compete for.

Bond Referendum – Information on the projects included in the bond referendum is online at pwcparcs.org/bond. Commissioners are encouraged to provide this information to constituents in their districts. Our role is to educate not advocate for the bonds.

Commissioners Time

Ms. Gardziel - Asked why we aren't publicly advocating for the Bonds as we have in the past? Staff shared that due to changes in the law, we can no longer take a public position on the Bonds, but we can provide project information/education freely.

Ms. Richardson - Thanked Chief Reid for responding to a constituent concern related to noise complaint at Veterans Park pool.

Ms. Cole - Rolon- Asked staff to explore options to host a Parks and Recreation Career fair in partnership with PWC schools, Boys and Girls Club and other agencies that reach high school age kids getting ready to select college majors.

Mr. Vargo Stated that he felt the right decision was made tonight on the Occoquan Park naming, and politics and religion should be left out of this.

Mr. Delimba Stated that his motion on the parking naming tonight was in no way personal. The process was not perfect, and this hot button decision became political to steer the Commission towards one name. His choice was to move forward with the least controversial name.

Closed Session None.


Adjournment

Res No. 19-24 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:10 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. (APPROVED GD: BV, Unanimous, Absent: JBg)*

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on November 13, 2019, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on November 13, 2019.


Brodie Freer, Chairman


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary