

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

March 20, 2019

Commission Members Present

Jane Beyer
Jeff Bergman
Victoria Cole-Rolon
George Delimba
Brodie Freer
Sharon Richardson
Brian Vargo

Commission Members Absent

Brenda Gardziel

Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

Staff Present

Tracy Hannigan
Sally Wood
Camilla Jacobs
Kathy Pierce
Myla Neal
Dianne Wahl
Leslie Pope
Brent Heavner

Guests

Billy Casper Golf staff

At 7:00 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; Brian Vargo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 19-03 Approve the minutes (as corrected) of the January 16, 2019, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (GD: SR; Unanimous, Abstain; BV, Absent; BG, Absent from Vote: VC).**

Citizen's Time

None

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Res No. 19-04

Authorize a Public Hearing on April 10, 2019, for the purpose of recommending a name for the Regional Park at the Rippon Landing/ PHNST Boardwalk **APPROVED (GD: SR; Unanimous, Absent; BG , Absent from Vote: VC).**

Presentation Items

Billy Casper Golf –Bobby Kidder, Regional General Manager, Billy Casper Golf, provided an annual update on the Golf Course operations at Lake Ridge, Generals Ridge, Prince William and Forest Greens Golf Course (PowerPoint presentation available from Parks and Recreation Commission Secretary).

Director Time

Seth Hendler – Voss shared the following updates:

Seasonal Hiring – we are conducting job fairs now, we need to hire approximately 165 more lifeguards for the summer.

Bond Referendum - Seth and Michelle Attreed, Finance Director, have met individually with all County Supervisors to get feedback on the DPRT recommended projects (\$230,000,000 project list) and to discuss how the Bonds could be financed. A work session with the BOCS is scheduled on May 7, the BOCS will determine if the County will hold a Bond Referendum. The filing date is June 25.

Budget – A copy of the proposed FY 20 budget was shared. In FY 20, new funding for DPRT is proposed for maintenance costs at Rollins Ford, Catharpin and the Long Park Soccer Building. An additional \$5.5M in CMP funds is proposed for FY20, this money is a shared amount between DPRT and Public Works and is for catching up on deferred maintenance projects. [Handout available from Parks and Recreation Commission Secretary]

Personnel – DPRT is currently working to fill the Parks Maintenance Operations Division Chief, Chief Park Ranger, Engineer IV (Senior Planner), Historic Interpreter vacancies. Camilla Jacobs, Recreation Specialist for Locust Shade and Veterans Park was present and introduced. Meredith Arnest, is our new Special Events Coordinator (Temp) for the Tough Mudder Event in June. A memorial for Jackie Miller will be held this coming Sunday.

Office of Tourism – Updates for Tourism include: award of Virginia Tourism Corporation Grant in the amount of \$10,000: Fox News Zip Trips will make two stops in Prince William County this summer in the towns of Occoquan and Haymarket; TOT revenues are up approx. 10% over last year at this time; the Tough Mudder Course is almost finalized; Tourism Director Ann Marie Maher will provide a full Tourism Division update at a future meeting this year.

Projects – Over 40 active projects including CIP and CMP are underway; at the request of leagues grass turf fields will open for play one week earlier beginning this spring; Pat White Center at Ben Lomond will reopen next week.

Needs Assessment – the Needs Assessment is now complete. This survey will help guide future development and provide important guidance on the Bond projects. It also fulfills one of the criteria for agency CAPRA Accreditation.

Commissioners Time

- Mr. Bergman Thanked staff for approving early grass field openings for spring play; provided a reminder of the "Lydia Grace Field" naming ceremony at Catharpin Park on April 27, 2019.
- Mr. Freer Thanked staff for attending the LRPRA town hall and providing a presentation on the Occoquan Greenway; wished the aquatics staff good luck on beginning to prepare the facilities for opening.
- Ms. Cole-Rolon Ms. Cole-Rolon was pleased with the recent job skills and job fair at the Dale City Boys and Girls Club; attended the Garfield HS job fair and felt that with the competition for lifeguard amongst several companies we would need to do more to stand out.
- She asked staff for updates on CAPRA Accreditation and permitting Food Trucks to operate in the parks. [Tracy Hannigan responded that accreditation work continues to move forward and we have authorized Food Trucks for a few special events, and continue to research the expansion of Food Trucks in parks]
- Ms. Beyer Thanked Mr. Bergman for his persistence in working through the early spring grass field opening issue; thanked staff for hosting the St Patrick's Day event at Silver Lake.

Closed Session – There was no need for a closed session.

Adjournment

Res No. 19-05 *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 8:45 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. **APPROVED GD: BF; Unanimous, Absent: BG***

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on April 10, 2019, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on April 10, 2019.


Jane Beyer, Chairman


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary

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SIGN-IN SHEET

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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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