

# 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

June 19, 2019

### Commission Members Present

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

### Commission Members Absent

None

### Secretary

Shannon Jaenicke

### Staff Present

Tracy Hannigan  
Sally Wood  
Dianne Wahl  
Audra Medve

### Guests

Dr. Jack Kooyoomjian

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; Jeff Bergman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Administrative Items

#### **Res. No. 19-13**

Approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (GD:BG; Unanimous, Abstain; BV,SR).**

### Citizen's Time

### Committee Reports

**Naming Committee** Dianne Wahl presented on the outcome of the naming committee meeting on June 13, 2019. The Committee met to consider naming a park parcel in the Occoquan District at the request of Supervisor Anderson. The Committee put forward two names for consideration. Michele McQuigg Park and Michele B. McQuigg Park after former Prince William County Circuit Court Clerk, Michele B. McQuigg.

#### **(DIR)**

The Commission directed staff to prepare an online survey and advertise a public meeting on July 17, 2019, to receive comment on the park naming.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

The commission appointed Brodie Freer and Sharon Richardson to serve as the Officer Nominating Committee for the upcoming July Officer elections.

#### **Res. No. 19- 14**

Motion to recommend the FY20 Arts Grants disbursement to the Board of County Supervisors. **APPROVED (BG:JBg; Unanimous).**

### **Presentation Items**

None

### **Director Time**

Bond Referendum Projects – Seth Hendler-Voss updated the Commission on the status of the Park Bond Referendum Discussions. The BOCS will consider whether to put 3 Bond Questions on the November Ballot at the June 25, 2019 BOCS meeting. The three questions will be the mobility projects, and the park projects are now broken into two questions, outdoor facilities and indoor facilities. Mr. Hendler-Voss strongly encouraged the Commissioners to attend on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tough Mudder – An event recap was provided. The Tough Mudder on June 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> had 9400 participants, 1500 of which were County residents. 42 states and 3 countries were represented. Economic impact \$1.25M. Sales Tax \$10,894 and TOT \$14,913. Total incentive paid to TM was \$25,857. DPRT costs for preparing venue and parking areas was \$24,000.

The park remediation has been completed. In light of ongoing discussions with County residents who do not wish to see Silver Lake Park used for this type of programming, Supervisor Candland has called for a conservation easement to be placed on the property. Staff are working with TM to find a suitable alternate location for future TM events. [A copy of the presentation that was given to the BOCS on June 18<sup>th</sup> is available from the Commission Secretary]

Ms. Richardson asked to go on record: "I want to go on the record to show my support for the Director and Department in the planning and execution of this event. You take your charge as stewards of Parks and Recreation facilities seriously."

Comprehensive Plan – at the July Commission meeting the Comprehensive Plan, Parks and Open Space Chapter will be on the agenda. Mr. Hendler-Voss shared a handout from American Planning Association discussing the approach taken to determining Levels of Service [Handout available from Commission Secretary]

### **Commissioners Time**

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| Ms. Gardziel | Attended informative meetings for Park Bonds last month.  |
| Mr. Bergman  | Attended State of the Parks meeting and Tough Mudder. Spoke in support of how the event was run and <u>feels</u> certain that by the fall when grass has more favorable growth conditions the site will be fully restored to pre-event condition. |
| Mr. Freer    | Kudos to the staff for the events held on June 1 and 2. He was able to attend the Boardwalk opening.<br><br>He thanked grounds, facilities and aquatic staff for their work in opening our seasonal facilities.                                   |
| Mr. Delimba  | Was able to tour the Boardwalk, commended the first-rate design and construction.   |
| Mr. Vargo    | Enjoyed a visit to the Boardwalk and looks forward to the completion of the   |

parking area. Commented on the recent Tough Mudder event. He has visited Silver Lake Park before and after the event and is confident that there will be no lasting ill effects. He spoke with staff of the park and was assured that the event was in no way deterring them from fully programming the park for regular activities. He voiced the opinion that many of the online negative comments related to Tough Mudder and the use of Silver Lake may not be fully informed. He thanked staff for a great job on the event.

Ms. Cole-Rolon

Turley Fields/Supervisor John D. Jenkins Field - attended dedication, relayed to staff some comments regarding signage at the park.

Asked the Director and staff to participate in some upcoming Dale City Civic Association events.

Attended opening of Water Works water park and visited Birchdale pool. Observed excellent customer service at both locations.

Will schedule a meeting soon with Supervisor Angry to review and discuss the Needs Assessment.

Ms. Richardson

Ms. Richardson attended the BOCS bond work session, and felt the session was well done and well received by the public.

Attended the Boardwalk opening and commented that the boardwalk is just amazing.

Ms. Beyer

Thanked staff for the constant work preparing the Bond project information. She also was able to attend the work session and the field dedication at Turley Fields.

Tough Mudder – Shared that many folks on the conservation/passive use side of the Silver Lake discussion are very passionate and will not stop pushing for a permanent conservation easement.

**Closed Session**

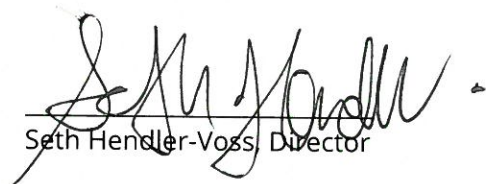
None.

**Adjournment**

**Res No. 19-15** *There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:05 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. (APPROVED GD: BF)*

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on July 17, 2019, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on July 17, 2019.



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Jane Beyer, Chairman



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary