

# 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

July 17, 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  
Myla Neal  
Todd Reid  
Kathy Pierce  
Brendon Hanafin  
Brent Heavner  
Patti Pakkala

### Guests

See sign in sheet

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; Victoria Cole-Rolon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Administrative Items

#### **Res. No. 19-16**

Approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (BG:VC; Unanimous, Absent from Vote; GD).**

### Citizen's Time

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

### Old Business

The request from the Occoquan District Supervisor to name a park and trailhead in the Occoquan District after former Clerk of the Court Michele B. McQuigg was discussed after Brent Heavner conveyed the results of the online survey and online comments received. The commissioners were provided copies of the survey comments from the Parks and Recreation official Facebook page and mail-in comment received by the Secretary to the Commission.

Main Motion: Motion to reconvene naming committee (BV: GD)

Amendment: Motion to send naming request to Board of County Supervisors with no Parks and recommendation from Parks Commission (JB: FAILED for lack of a second)

**Res. No. 19-17**

Secondary Amendment:

Motion to reconvene a naming committee with a maximum participation of 4 citizens. **APPROVED (BG: JBg; Ayes: JBG, VC, GD, BG, SR, BV; Nays BF, JB).**

**Committee Reports**

Nominating

Brodie Freer presented the nominations for Parks and Recreation Commission Officers

Nominated for Chair – Brodie Freer and Victoria Cole-Rolon

Nominated for Vice Chair – Sharon Richardson

**New Business**

Officer Elections

Chairman Jane Beyer called for additional nominations from the floor, Jeff Bergman was nominated for the position of Vice Chair.

Shannon Jaenicke was appointed by unanimous vote for Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The ballots for Chair and Vice Chair were cast and tallied.

Elected Brodie Freer as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Elected Jeff Bergman as Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Presentation Items**

Comprehensive Plan Parks and Open Space Chapter Approach – Patti Pakala and Connie Dalton presented an informational overview of the process and approach for the Comprehensive Plan update. [Presentation is available from Commission Secretary]

There will be a Planning Commission work session on September 11 at 7pm at McCoart, followed by a Public Hearing in October.

**Director Time**

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

Introduction of Trey Payne as the new Sports Services Manager.

First Lady Northam will visit the Gro facility at Long Park on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Matt White and Nate McDonald will provide an informational Neabsco Boardwalk Public Tour on July 25, at 7pm.

Two employee picnics are planned on July 30 at Dale City Rec Center and July 31 at Nokesville Park at noon.

Pools and Waterparks are doing very well with the favorable weather this year. Ellis and Associates performed an unannounced Audit and the result was an "exceeds".

### **Commissioners Time**

Ms. Gardziel Shared that she feels with the decision to convene a new naming committee for the Occoquan park that the process need not be rushed.

Mr. Bergman Agrees with Ms. Gardziel that there is no need to rush the naming committee. Thanked the Commission for the opportunity to be Vice Chair.

Ms. Richardson Thanked and commended staff for their efforts and that the public sees and recognizes this outstanding customer service.

Ms. Cole - Rolon Shared a request from Minnieville Elementary School for assistance with a PTO event. Thanked Ms. Beyer for her service to the Commission as Chair over the last several years and looks forward to supporting and being supported by Mr. Freer.

Ms. Cole-Rolon stated that tonight's meeting was tough but in the end we want to make sure that everyone feels welcome and comfortable in our parks.

Mr. Vargo Thanked everyone for a long hard discussion tonight.

Inquired about the ground-breaking date for Rollins Ford Park. The Director shared that it is unlikely we will be able to meet our planned date

Mr. Delimba Mr. Delimba commented that he has been very pleased over the years at how this Commission goes about conducting business in a non-partisan fashion. This Commission sets a good example for civil political discourse. He believes the Director to be resourceful and courageous in pushing the department forward. Tonight the Commission made the right decision to restart the park naming process. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve and looks forward to the next term under the new leadership.

Mr. Freer Thanked Ms. Beyer for her service as Chair and stated that the Commission will move forward in a positive fashion. He thanked the Commissioners for supporting his election to Chair.

### **Closed Session**

None.

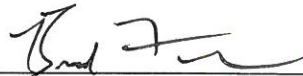
### **Adjournment**

### **Res No. 19-18**

*There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:55 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. (APPROVED JB:BF, Unanimous)*

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on September 18, 2019, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

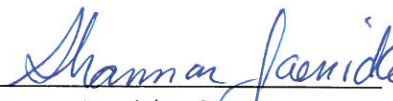
Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on September 18, 2019.



Brodie Freer, Chairman



Seth Hendler-Voss, Director



Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary