

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

September 18, 2019

Commission Members Present

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

Staff Present

Tracy Hannigan
Sally Wood
Dianne Wahl
Audra Medve
Myla Neal
Todd Reid
Brent Heavner
Ann Marie Maher
Dan Cook
Mark Kowalewski

Commission Members Absent

Brian Vargo

Guests

Naming Committee Members: Jean Schwab and
Deanna Bayer

Secretary

Myla Neal

At 7:00 p.m. ^{Brodie} ~~Brodie~~ Freer called the regular meeting of the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Commission to order. Mr. Freer asked all to rise; Brenda Gardziel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Administrative Items

Res. No. 19-19

Approve the minutes of the July 17, 2019, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. **APPROVED (JB:BG; Unanimous, Absent: BV).**

Citizen's Time

No citizens spoke during citizen time.

Old Business

Brent Heavner presented the recommendations from the naming committee that was convened per the commission directive from the July 17 meeting. The commissioners were provided copies of background documents from the naming committee. The naming committee recommended three names for inclusion on the public survey along with a write-in box: one historical, "Unity Park", to reflect the Civil War post office operations in Occoquan, one geographical, "Old Bridge Trail Park", to reflect the trailhead location and geographic markers of the park, and one individual name, "Ogle Harris Park" to honor a former son of a slave who became a successful business owner and grocer in the Occoquan area.

Main Motion: Motion to delete one of the recommended names and replace it with "Michele B. McQuigg Park" on the public survey (JB: BG)

Amendment: Motion to allow four name recommendations on the public survey, to allow for the addition of "Michele B. McQuigg Park" (VC: JB and BG agree to amendment; **NOT APPROVED Ayes: BF, JB, BG; Nays: JBg, GD, VC, SR, Absent: BV**)

Res. No. 19-20

Secondary Motion:
Motion to include only the three naming committee recommendations, "Unity Park" "Old Bridge Trail Park" and "Ogle Harris Park" plus the write-on box on the public survey **APPROVED (GD: SR; Ayes: GD, VC, JBg, SR; Nays BF, JB, BG; Absent: BV).**

New Business

None

Presentation Items

Prince William County Crew Association – President, Ken Michelsen, presented an informational overview of the growth of the school and adult crew programs and the growth limitations of the current Oxford Boathouse at Lake Ridge Park. Mr. Michelsen is requesting support from the Parks Commission to help fund a larger boathouse facility to support the growth of the programs. [Presentation is available from Commission Secretary]

DPRT Tourism Update—DPRT Tourism Director, Ann Marie Maher, with Tourism staff, Dan Cook and Mark Kowalewski, presented the FY19 Tourism Team results highlighting the growth in hotels, transient occupancy tax dollars, and tourism job growth in PWC. The Tourism FY20 Marketing Plan and Group Sales Initiatives, and FY21 Tourism Budget Initiatives were also presented. [Presentation is available from Commission Secretary]

Director Time

Seth Hendler-Voss provided the following updates:

Announcement of Catharpin Park Phase II Ground Breaking event in coordination with Supervisor Candland's office on Tuesday, 9/24/19 at 11:00 am. Phase II will include the addition of six rectangular fields.

Deer Management Program Public Meeting was hosted on 9/17/19 with Chief Park Ranger, Todd Reid leading the discussion. The program is in its third year of operation, with the same ten sites as last year. The program will run from October 5, 2019 through the end of February 2020, with no breaks. The Board of County Supervisors gave the directive for the program to be more inclusive to public hunters, and plans are being evaluated to expand the program in fall of 2020 and continue with only the three hunting clubs participating in fall and winter of 2019.

Accreditation target of October 2020, application has been submitted with a site visit expected in June 2020. Site visit will involve DPRT staff, Parks Commission and Board of County Supervisors.

PWC Comprehensive Plan update will include updates to the Parks chapter, including shifting the level of service approach, as presented at previous Parks Commission meeting. DPRT staff had a joint work session with Planning Department staff and a public meeting date will be announced.

DPRT Master Plan creation as part of the Comprehensive Plan update and the CAPRA accreditation standards. The Comprehensive Plan provides the vision for how the department grows and the Master Plan provides specific plans and strategies, including the Recreation Program Plan, to better meet the needs categorized in the needs assessment document.

The first Disc Golf Tournament held at Lake Ridge Park Golf Course on 9/14/19 was a huge success, with all registration slots filled within ten hours of opening and players providing positive feedback on the event. This is the first of three planned for the fall at Lake Ridge Park.

The First Tee Benefit Tournament is scheduled for Columbus Day, Monday October 14, 1:00 pm start at Forest Greens Golf Course. Several staff will be participating in support of The First Tee, please consider participating.

Update provided to Commissioners on projects that will be included on the upcoming Bond Referendum ballot. Ms. Beyer requested clarification on location of Fuller Heights project pipe work and concerns from property owners.

Commissioners Time

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| Ms. Richardson | Presented a concern and shared an email from a Woodbridge resident regarding the noise level at Veterans Park Pool. Staff will continue to explore solutions. |
| Ms. Cole - Rolon | Presented a concern from Mrs. Jenkins regarding the field dedication sign for former Neabsco District Supervisor, John Jenkins. Staff has communicated with Mrs. Jenkins and the sign has been ordered and will be installed near the backstop.

Reported that she visited the Dale City Farmer's Market on 9/15/19 with Supervisor Victor Angry and complimented the balance of cooked food and produce available. Expressed concerns that some vendors were not accepting the tokens for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Staff will follow up with the Farmer's Market manager regarding this concern. Ms. Cole-Rolon also requested staff to review current fees for Farmer's Market vendors. Staff will do a competitive analysis in the fall comparing our fees to other markets in the area.

Presented a concern regarding the Pooch Plunge held at Veterans Park Poll on 9/8/19. Ms. Cole-Rolon reported participating with her dog in the event and dogs getting skinned paw pads and broken nails from running along the side of the pool before jumping into the water. Staff agreed to explore options for next year's event. |
| Ms. Beyer | Complimented the Arts Alive event hosts by the PWC Arts Council and held on 9/15/19 at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. Lots of activities and a great turn out for the event. |
| Mr. Bergman | Reported that Supervisor Candland will host a Town Hall event on Wednesday, |

October 2, 6:30pm at the Pat White Center at Ben Lomond

- Community Town Hall meeting (expecting 20 – 40 citizens)
- Topic - "What's Next for Pat White Center?"

Ms. Gardziel

Reported attending multiple games to kick off the fall soccer season.

Mr. Freer

Stressed the need for DPRT to update signage across park sites and VDOT signage.

Requested a count of how many accreditation standards have been completed to date. Tracy Hannigan reported 41 have been completed.

Requested a date for when the pickleball overlay lines would be done at Occoquan Park.

Complimented the Disc Golf Tournament hosted by Lake Ridge Park Golf Course on 9/14/19; reported positive feedback from players.

Requested count on pickleball courts available to the public. Three shared outdoor courts and one indoor gym court at Veterans Park, three indoor courts at Ferlazzo gym and the outdoor court project at Ferlazzo has begun and will add eight dedicated outdoor courts, two outdoor shared courts at Ann Moncure Wall Park.

Thanked DPRT staff in all positions for dedication and commitment to delivering recreational services and provided encouragement to keep going and succeeding at serving constituents and thanked everyone again.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment


Res No. 19-21

There being no further business to come before the Commission, at 9:11 p.m., the meeting was ADJOURNED. (APPROVED GD: JB, Unanimous, Absent: BV)

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on October 16, 2019, at the Hellwig Park Administration Building.

Minutes **APPROVED** at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on October 16, 2019.


Brodie Freer, Chairman


Seth Hendler-Voss, Director


Shannon Jaenicke, Secretary