

**FAUQUIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
DECEMBER 4, 2019**

**6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING
WARRENTON COMMUNITY CENTER - MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
430 E. Shirley Avenue, Warrenton, VA**

Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Donald P. Johnson, Jr.
Treasurer Clayton Lescalleet
Carl Bailey
John Wright

Members Absent: Vice Chairman David Graham, Jr.

Also Present: Gary Rzepecki, Director; Superintendents Michael Hanson, Jimmy Lyon and Thomas Shoenauer,

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board approved the agenda as presented by unanimous voice vote.

Comments from Citizens

There were none.

Presentations and Commendations

There were none.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board approved the items listed below by unanimous voice vote.

- a. Minutes of November 6, 2019 Board Meeting
- b. Reappointments to the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Greenway Advisory Committee - The Board re-appointed Mary Elizabeth Wilkerson (Marshall District representative) and John Wright (Trails Design Professional) to the PBGAC with their new terms to expire December 31, 2021.
- c. Amendment to Article 5, Section 2, Acceptance of Gifts etc. of the Parks & Recreation Board Bylaws: The Board held the first reading of the proposed amendments to allow grants, gifts, bequests, or donations through Fauquier County's processes (in addition to

the Parks and Recreation Board's established 501C3). The second reading will be held at the January 8, 2020, meeting followed by adoption of the amendments.

Reports

There were none.

Action Items

Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Update

Director Rzepecki explained that the Department has contracted with Land Planning and Design Associates, Inc. (LPDA) to guide the Department through the Comprehensive Plan update process.

This document will serve as a 20-year plan of action for the Department and with recommendations for Programming, marketing, maintenance and capital and operating budgets. Last updated in 1993, the Plan does not address current levels of service. LPDA will be gathering massive amounts of information over the next three months (i.e. demographics, facilities, maintenance, programming, operations, planning and projects, administrative budgets, organizational charts, policies and procedures, league information/needs, etc.) and will look deeper into the questions that were asked on the 2016 Needs Assessment and evaluate whether questions were phrased properly.

An assessment of the Department's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats will be analyzed and all this information will be assimilated then presented to the public during district meetings. Mr. Lescalleet will be the Board representative to this committee. Discussions with sports leagues have already begun and leagues are refining their participant numbers, field usage and existing gaps and future growth.

Phase 2 will begin with holding public meetings in each district. Board of Supervisors or their staff are desired participants in addition to the Parks Board members. There will be a marketing push to generate public interest and participation. Staff is evaluating transportation options (i.e. buses) to facilitate getting the public to the meetings.

Director Rzepecki asked that Board members get very involved with the public and explain where we are, ask where we want to go, and determine how to get there. Board members are asked to reach out to district residents to get them to come to meetings. Mr. Rzepecki indicated Board members will be provided information for each of their districts and the county as a whole to educate the public and solicit input. Chairman Johnson reminded members that the public likes to see Board members and know that they are being heard.

Information Items

October Facility Counts

The Board received facility counts for the month of October 2019.

Community Development Plans Reviewed November 2019

The Board received a summary of plans reviewed by the Director and staff in November 2019.

August Consolidated Trust Fund

There were no updates from last month.

Mellon Distribution Letter

The Board received a copy of the letter from the Executors on the Northern Fauquier Community Park Projects.

Board of Supervisors Resolution Naming Carl A. Bailey Baseball Complex at Central Fauquier Sports Complex

The Board received a copy of the resolution.

Board of Supervisors Resolution to Dedicate a Northern Fauquier Community Park Well for Irrigation Use

The Board received a copy of the resolution.

Board Time

Mr. Lescalleet thanked Mr. Mr. Bailey for his many years of service in the county. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged Mr. Bailey with the well-deserved naming of the baseball complex in his name at the Central Fauquier Sports Complex.

Mr. Wright acknowledged that although he is new to the Board and just getting to know Mr. Bailey, he is looking forward to working with him and thanked him for all his service

Mr. Bailey stated after receiving the information from staff on field usage and fees, he would not have been so opposed to allowing out-of-county leagues to pay in-county fees for use of fields. Mr. Bailey would like to work with Mr. Wright and staff to figure out how reduce costs for fields not being used. Mr. Johnson added that fields in Warrenton are the most used and are in poor condition compared to other fields.

Director Rzepecki added that baseball leagues have indicated there are drainage issues making fields unplayable and bases that are not in alignment. To be corrected, fields need to be ripped out and laid properly. Evaluation of each field's playability is in progress. The goal is to elevate the conditions of the fields being over used so when fields at Central Sports Complex need a rest, there is a good playing option for leagues.

Mr. Bailey agreed that leagues should be assigned to all fields, not just those in Warrenton.

Mr. Lescalleet added that with the first artificial turf coming to the Central Fauquier Sports Complex, the Department needs to determine how to manage play by unscheduled walk-on groups. Enforcement by the Sheriff's Department needs to be explored. Funds received on this pay-to-play field will be used to replace the carpet, and future plans call for lights from this field to light the way to the parking area.

Chairman Johnson read a note from retired Parks and Recreation Director Larry Miller thanking the Board for their gift certificate to It's About Thyme restaurant.

Mr. Johnson recognized the students from Mountain Valley Governor's School and explained to attendants how the Board's subcommittees work outside of regular Board meetings.

Closed Session

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Donald P. Johnson, Jr. Chairman
Parks and Recreation Board

Date