

**FAUQUIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
JANUARY 8, 2020**

**6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING
WARRENTON COMMUNITY CENTER -- MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
430 East 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 6:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the addition of Item VI. A, Pedestrian, Bicycle & Greenway Advisory Committee (PBGAC) Bi-Annual Report.

Comments from Citizens

Mike Lillard with Blue Ridge Athletic Club and representing the Titans Baseball Club requested a copy of the Department's criteria for field allocation in order to understand the process. Thomas Schoenauer, Superintendent of Facilities and Operations & Maintenance indicated the process and scheduling of fields is currently under review, and he would speak to Mr. Lillard after the meeting to answer his questions.

Presentations and Commendations

The Board presented Certificates of Recognition and Commendation to representatives present from Smith Midland, Fauquier Health, Puffenbarger Insurance and Financial Services, Remington Lions Club, Grace Bible and Law Offices of Marie Washington. Chairman Johnson acknowledged 51 donors who contributed a total of \$27,054 in the second quarter of FY20 for a total of 166 donors and \$59,050 in contributions for FY20.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Lescalleet, the Board approved the December 4, 2019 Board Meeting minutes by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Pedestrian, Bicycle & Greenway Advisory Committee (PBGAC) - Chairman Johnson asked the Board to review the Bi-Annual report that was handed out and noted that the next PBGAC full committee meeting is February 4, 2020.

Action Items

Amendment to Article 5, Section 2, Acceptance of Gifts etc. of the Parks & Recreation Board Bylaws

The Parks and Recreation Board's bylaws were revised in November; however, an additional change was needed to clarify the process for the acceptance of grants, gifts, and donations received by Fauquier County government to read as follows: *Section 2, Acceptance of ~~Gifts, etc.~~ Grants, Gifts, Bequests, or Donations: ~~All~~ Grants, gifts, bequests, or donations for recreational purposes shall be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Board's established 501C3 or through Fauquier County's processes.*

As required by the bylaws, the Board held the first reading of the proposed amendments at its December 4, 2019, regular meeting. The Board will hold the second reading at this meeting prior to approving the amendments to Section 2 to become effective immediately.

Director Rzepecki emphasized that the word "all" was removed and it was clarified that some grant or program funding could go through the Department's trust fund.

On motion of Mr. Lescalleet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board unanimously approved the amendments to Article 5, Section 2, as presented to become effective immediately.

Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Greenways Advisory Committee (PBGAC) Bylaws—Removal of Planning Commission Representative

The Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Greenway Advisory Committee (PBGAC) bylaws were first adopted in November 2019. Since that time, staff and the Committee (per action at its December 3, 2019 meeting) recommended the Membership section be revised to remove the Fauquier County Planning Commission representative from the PBGAC. This will help the Committee remain as more of a citizen's group and also help improve attendance statistics. The Director will continue to work with Community Development staff on long-range planning matters, short-term construction projects, and the Comprehensive Plan.

On motion of Mr. Lescalleet, seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the amended PBGAC bylaws that removed the Planning Commission representative to become effective immediately.

Information Items

November 2019 Facility Counts

The Board received the summary.

Community Development Plans Reviewed December 2019

The Board received the report.

Fauquier County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Board received a copy of the Plan.

Departmental Support Letter Friends of the Rappahannock Grant Application

The Board received a copy of the letter.

Consolidated Trust Fund

There was no monthly update.

Board Time

Mr. Wright thanked the donors for coming to the meeting and making such a difference to Fauquier County families and citizen.

Chairman Johnson stated with the Central Fauquier Sports Complex coming on line, there is a need for a new committee to investigate sports leagues scheduling of fields, improving field conditions, and potential fees to be charged. Committee findings and recommendations will be presented to the Board for consideration. Chairman Johnson has asked Mr. Graham to join him on this ad hoc committee.

Chairman Johnson thanked staff for their on-going hard work.

Director Rzepecki reported the following:

Comprehensive Plan: Consultants met with most of staff and discussed programming, maintenance and operations and funding sources. Staff is in the process of compiling a significant amount of information requested by the consultant. Best practices will be presented to the Board. The next meeting with the consultants is tentatively scheduled for mid-March, and it is hoped that public meetings will begin in April or May.

Monroe Park: Friends of the Rappahannock have been awarded a grant to plant trees and other plants at Monroe Park.

Riverside Preserve. A 25-year lease agreement and development of a memorandum of understanding with Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) are being drafted to build a kayak/canoe launch at Riverside Preserve and other potential sites . Maintenance for 25 years would be covered by VDGIF.

Staff is to meet with Virginia Outdoors Foundation and Carl Heironymus and Tabitha Riley and her husband’s side of the family to discuss the inclusion of boundaries of the cemetery and maintenance into an easement on the Riverside Preserve property.

Closed Session: There was none.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2020 – 6:30pm – Warrenton Community Center

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

Date