

Board Members

Clayton Lescalleet, Chairman
Joseph Villari, Vice Chairman
Tommy Bailey, Treasurer
John Wright
Vacant, Lee District
Gary Rzepecki, Director



Minutes

*FAUQUIER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE ALICE JANE
CHILDS BUILDING, 320 HOSPITAL DR, SUITE 6, WARRENTON, VA ON
JANUARY 28, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clayton Lescalleet, Chairman
Joseph Villari, Vice Chairman
Tommy Bailey, Treasurer
John Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

PRESENT PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF

Gary Rzepecki, Director
Cara Cassell, Programming, Marketing, & Communications Superintendent
Jimmy Lyon, Operations Superintendent
Justine Ceja, Public Information Specialist

GUEST SPEAKERS

Michael Lillard
Thomas Sexton

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Clayton Lescalleet called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda

a. Committee Assignments

- Joseph Villari made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Tommy Bailey seconded the motion, as such, it passed unanimously.

-Clayton Lescalleet provided a brief update to the board regarding the Committee assignments.

COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE MEMBERS****CHAIRMAN/LIASION**

Bids & Contracts Committee	John Wright And Joseph Villari	John Wright
Budget Committee	Clayton Lescalleet And Joseph Villari	Clayton Lescalleet
Energy Conservation	Clayton Lescalleet And John Wright	John Wright
Hall of Honor	Clayton Lescalleet And Joseph Villari	Clayton Lescalleet
Marshall Community Center Advisory Committee	Clayton Lescalleet	Clayton Lescalleet
School Co-Op Committee	John Wright And Clayton Lescalleet	Clayton Lescalleet
Senior Olympics Committee	Joseph Villari	Joseph Villari
Vint Hill Village Green Planning/Development	Clayton Lescalleet and Joseph Villari	Joseph Villari

III. Comments from Citizens

- Michael Lillard, President of the Blue Ridge Athletic Club and representative of the Blue Ridge Titans baseball program explained that the organization is home to 11 teams, about one per age group and operates as a 501(c)(3). The program currently supports 15 scholarship players. Mr. Lillard, who has coached since 1988, expressed appreciation for the Fauquier County Parks and Recreation Department and the quality of field maintenance.

His only concern is the field allocation process, which he described as inconsistent and frequently changing. This season, two fields the Titans requested were missing from their initial allocation, and when they followed up a few hours later, all remaining fields had already been assigned. He emphasized that the organization only requests what it needs, and that long-standing, local programs should not be placed in the same category as out-of-county organizations such as teams from Prince William County that often place heavy demand on Fauquier County fields.

Mr. Lillard requested a standardized allocation procedure, every six months, so all organizations understand the same process and timelines. He referenced a practice from several years ago in which a final, comprehensive field assignment list was distributed at the end of the allocation process, he found this helpful for transparency and fairness.

In closing, Mr. Lillard offered to assist the department in developing a clearer, more consistent allocation system and stated he would be willing to serve on a committee if needed. He reported no other concerns beyond the allocation process.

-Thomas Sexton, Coaching Coordinator for Greater Fauquier Baseball Little League (GFBLL), addressed the Board, he reported that at GFBLL's most recent meeting, members expressed significant concern about rising field costs. As a recreational league, GFBLL strives to keep registration fees low so that all interested children can participate. Mr. Sexton explained that continued increases in field fees may force the league to raise its registration costs, which could result in fewer families being able to participate and could ultimately threaten the long term viability of the organization.

GFBLL currently serves about 650 children in baseball and softball, and Mr. Sexton estimated that 99% of participants are Fauquier County residents. He emphasized that keeping field fees affordable is the league's primary concern and would greatly benefit the local youth community.

IV. Presentations and Commendations

None

V. Consent Agenda

a. October 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

-Tommy Bailey motioned to approve the October 15, 2025 minutes as printed, John Wright seconded the motion, as such, it passed unanimously.

VI. Reports

a. Trails Report

- Gary Rzepecki provided updates on three trail-related topics. The Laurel Ridge Community College Trail design plans are approximately 60% complete and have been submitted to VDOT, and is currently ahead of schedule. Right of way and construction are anticipated to begin in 2027. Mr. Rzepecki also reported on ongoing trail maintenance, noting that the maintenance team is working on the recent winter storm clean up and several bridges have been lost due to storm damage from last year, repairs are being made gradually. In addition, the department is evaluating the use of fair-weather stream crossings as a cost effective alternative to traditional bridge construction, a method already being used successfully at Warrenton Chase.

b. 2025 Annual Operations Report

-Jimmy Lyon provided an overview of the 2025 Operations Annual Report, covering C.M. Crockett Park, Larry Weeks Community Pool, Monroe Park, and Northern Fauquier Community Park. Monroe Park continues to see steady infrastructure improvements under the great guidance of Park Manager Todd Bonshire. At C.M. Crockett Park, upgrades include a new fishing pier, commercial grade pedal boats, upcoming permanent AC units, UV lights for well-water treatment, and anticipated improvements to the fishing pier, dock and deck. Mr. Lyon noted that camping remains on hold for now. Larry Weeks Community Pool now features a newly painted mural and ceiling that enhances the facility's appearance. The pool also tested earlier holiday openings and will continue the trial for one more season before determining future hours.

Programming's swim lesson revenue increased from \$19,000 to \$28,000 between 2024 and 2025. Lastly, Northern Fauquier Community Park experienced an \$8,000 decrease, most likely due to field rentals limiting shelter availability. Upcoming improvements include a new wooded trail and restocking the small pond with trout. When John Wright asked about the biggest challenges for 2026 and beyond, Mr. Lyon mentioned aging infrastructure, parking overflow, and difficulty hiring for smaller part-time evening and weekend positions.

VII. Action Items

a. Hall of Honor Nominations

-Clayton Lescalleet briefly reviewed the Hall of Honor nominees and requested a motion to approve the induction ceremony date and accept the nominations of Donald Johnson Jr., David Graham Jr., the Paul Mellon Estate, and Barry Starke.

Joseph Villari made a motion to approve the ceremony date and nominations, John Wright seconded the motion, as such, it passed unanimously.

Joseph Villari made a motion to approve the additional nomination of current board member Clayton Lescalleet, Tommy Bailey seconded the motion, as such, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Rzepecki provided background on why Barry Starke and the Mellon Estate were nominated, noting their significant and longstanding contributions to the Parks and Recreation Department. Looking ahead, Mr. Rzepecki expressed interest in nominating additional individuals next year to address the backlog of deserving candidates.

b. Policy Revision-FIN 203 Refunds and Transfers

-Cara Cassell provided an overview of the upcoming summer day camp plans at Vint Hill Community Center, Marshall Community Center, and the newly added Cedar Lee Middle School location. She noted that due to the high demand for summer camps among working families, many parents register for sessions they may not ultimately need and then cancel later in the season. To address this issue, the proposed policy revision includes increasing the cancellation fee and extending the required cancellation notice to discourage placeholder registrations and ensure that camp spots go to families who genuinely intend to attend. The department typically waitlists around 130 children, and filling vacant spots is time-consuming, as staff must contact each family individually.

Mr. Rzepecki added that if cancellation and placeholder booking trends continue, the department will consider significantly increasing the fee next year.

Joseph Villari motioned to approve the revisions to policy FIN 203 Refunds and Transfers, Tommy Bailey seconded the motion, as such, it passed unanimously.

VIII. Information Items

- a. MCC Advisory Committee Minutes (September)
- b. 2025 Annual Operations Report
- c. December 9, 2025 FCPS & FCPRD Co-Op Agenda

IX. Board Time

-Joseph Villari expressed his appreciation for the parks and recreation's maintenance team for helping clear the snow for our community.

-John Wright wished the department a happy new year and shared details about his recent trip to Vietnam.

-Tommy Bailey shared that he would have further discussions with the GFBLL board and the Blue Ridge Athletic Club.

-Gary Rzepecki shared a reminder that all board meetings for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year will be held at the John Barton Payne Building.

X. Closed Session

None

XI. Adjournment

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.