

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 19, 2022

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Courthouse Community Center Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Jay Rucker.

***SILENT ROLL CALL***

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent Reported</u>	<u>Absent Not Reported</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
<b>Vincent Applewhite</b>	<b>P</b>			Brion Southall	Garnet Lalputan
<b>David Carpenter</b>	<b>P</b>			Judy Sokolowski	Hazratullah Abdulrahimzai
<b>Eric Futrell</b>	<b>P</b>				
<b>David Osborne</b>	<b>P</b>				
<b>Christopher Reed</b>	<b>P</b>				
<b>Jay Rucker</b>	<b>P</b>				
<i>Martin Martinez, PC</i>	<i>P</i>				
<i>Alyssa Halstead, SB</i>	<i>P</i>				

Voting members in **bold**

***ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR***

- Since William Young, Vice-chair, resigned from the Commission on 5/6/22, the Commission unanimously nominated and voted for Eric Futrell as Vice-chair.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- The minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved.

***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

- None.

***NEW BUSINESS***

- Fields for Pakhtun Cricket Club  
Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Garnet Lalputan was unable to provide his electronic presentation and did not have hard copies. He verbally provided the following information:
  - The Pakhtan Club looked at property at Mountain View, which is the perfect sized area, and it needed work
  - Club has 26 members; all Stafford residents
  - No amenities for tournaments at Mountain View
  - Club is willing to split the cost of building the field and thinks the cost of infrastructure would be returned
  - Cricket is growing in area; 13-team tournament next weekend in Woodbridge and Loudoun County; hope to get tournaments in Stafford County Government
  - Want to bring international games to Stafford County Government
  - Will send PowerPoint presentation to Judy Sokolowski to share with Commission

- Willing to come back next month to discuss further
- Estimated cost for one field is between \$8-10K for pitch (tennis court asphalt covered with synthetic turf; permanent) with Bermuda grass; must be maintained; doesn't have real cost
- Three fields would be ideal; understand this would be County's decision
- Veterans' Park in Prince William County hosts/has cricket; one field
- Will work on a proposal and send to Judy Sokolowski
- Mr. Lalputan will attend next month's Commission meeting

**Commission:**

- Suggested the club inquire with Stafford Economic Development and Tourism about funding; Judy Sokolowski will provide contact information to Mr. Lalputan
- Suggested the club obtain sponsors to donate funding toward building field(s)
- Requested Mr. Lalputan create and submit a proposal for the Commission's review
- Informed Mr. Lalputan such requests are usually submitted by staff as a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) project, which may or may not be approved/funded

**Brion Southall:**

- Chris Stevens, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities, has been working and will continue to work with Mr. Lalputan
- Property at Mountain View is the only property suitable for a cricket field
- Cricket field(s) could be included in the master plan for Patowomeck Park

- Adult Recreational Soccer Agreement

After review and discussion, Vincent Applewhite motioned, and David Osborne seconded, to recommend approval of the Adult Recreational Soccer Agreement to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

- Trail Improvements (Jay Rucker)  
Brion Southall said the interested group had not provided any information.

***LIAISON REPORTS***

- Planning Commission Liaison (Martin Martinez)
  - Public hearing scheduled for 6/8/22 regarding the definition of "stormwater management"
  - Meeting on 6/23/22 at 2pm at the Government Center regarding an ordinance for commercial kennels; exemptions
  - Agendas: changes in processing are coming
- School Board Liaison (Alyssa Halstead)
  - Permission to use school fields: Dr. Taylor said if a principal says "no" to PRCF's request, the principal must have a good reason, such as excessive rain or blackout dates.
  - Has a daughter in Royals gymnastics and is all for a new gymnastics facility

- Is PRCF looking to update the entire Joint Facility Use Policy with Schools or continue the current agreement and add new fields?
- Brion Southall said John Anderson wants to add fields as needed

### ***COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS***

- C. W. Reed: has daughter in Royals gymnastics with Alyssa Halstead's daughter; enjoyed the last gymnastics meet; excellent Coach Teresa; he wants to work in support of a new gymnastics facility; thanks to PRCF's staff's work—it is noticed and appreciated
- Eric Futrell: Looks forward to seeing property for the cricket club; suggested a multi-use facility for new gymnastics center; there is one in Manheim, PA, called "Spooky Nook". Thanks to PRCF staff's, Brion Southall's, and Judy Sokolowski's work
- David Osborne: supports a multi-purpose facility for a new gymnastics center
- David Carpenter: agrees with a multi-purpose facility; curious to see proposal from cricket club; staff is doing a tremendous job at parks—thanks!
- Vincent Applewhite: echoes others' comments; looking forward to seeing cricket proposal; possible youth cricket program; thanks to staff
- Jay Rucker: cricket would be a relatively small investment; looking forward to seeing what they come back with; appreciate Brion Southall and Judy Sokolowski

### ***STAFF REPORTS***

No questions.

### ***DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Brion Southall)***

- Musselman Park is open with a parking lot and trail
- Public Hearing regarding parking at Historic Port of Falmouth scheduled for 6/7/22
- Mountain View property could be developed with proffer money, to include a dog park, restroom, and water for dogs

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

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*Minutes approved 6/16/22.*