

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023

The Leesburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission met on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Ida Lee Recreation Center located at 60 Ida Lee Drive, Leesburg, Virginia.

The meeting of Leesburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Laurie Burke, Vice-Chair
Natalie Carroll
Anthony Cimino-Johnson
Kirsten Shabanowitz
Ginger Sturgeon

Absent: Brody McCray, James Corkrey

Also present: Rich Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on February 15, 2023 were approved as presented 4-0-3.

Loudoun County Park Board Liaison

Citizen Comments:

New Business:

- Town Green- The Commission was briefed on a future item involving the establishment of a fee structure and usage guidelines for the reservation of the Town Green and stage by outside groups.
- Networking Event – The Commission was briefed on the upcoming Boards and Commissions networking event to be held March 30th at Ida Lee.
- Department Information - The Commission was informed of various department information including staffing vacancies, revenue, and FY24 budget progress.

Old Business:

- CIP Project Update - An update of the Veteran’s Park and Izaak Walton Park pond restoration projects was provided to the Commission.
- Park Plaques - The Commission provided status updates on the information that has been gathered to date for the plaque project.
- Outdoor Performance Venue - The Commission was briefed on Council’s desire for them to evaluate and identify a possible location for an outdoor performance stage in other areas of Town besides Ida Lee Park. The Commission began evaluating numerous locations within the existing parks inventory, as well as other locations within Town that are privately owned. Final review and recommendations should be made during the April meeting.

Future Business:

Director’s Report:

- a. Financial Report
- b. Park Projects Report
- c. Scholarship Report
- d. ROCK Report

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.