

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023

The Leesburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission met on Wednesday, April 19, 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:

Brody McCray, Chair
Laurie Burke, Vice-Chair
Natalie Carroll
Kirsten Shabanowitz
Ginger Sturgeon

Absent: Anthony Cimino-Johnson, James Corkrey

Also present: Rich Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on March 15, 2023 were approved as presented 5-0-2.

Loudoun County Park Board Liaison

Citizen Comments:

New Business:

- Department Information - The Commission was briefed on various departmental information including staffing vacancies, revenue, athletic field usage, and potential changes to drone permits at Ida Lee.

Old Business:

- CIP Project Update - An update of the Veterans Park and Izaak Walton Park pond restoration projects was provided to the Commission.
- Park Plaques - The Commission members provided status updates on the development of park plaques.
- 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 finalized the evaluation of numerous locations within the existing parks inventory, as well as other locations within Town that are privately owned. The Commission voted on the following recommendation 5-0-2 that will be part of a presentation to Council at their June 12th Work Session. "The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission does not recommend any existing Town park as a site for a performance venue, but does identify the following privately owned land parcels as potential locations:
 - 43 acre Meadowbrook parcel between Rt. 7 and Evergreen Mill Rd.
 - 40 acre triangle adjacent to Ida Lee Park
 - 4.6 acre property at 211 Morven Park Rd
 - 184 acre property adjacent to Veterans Park and Rt. 15 Bypass

The Commission recommends that a formal needs assessment be conducted to determine any type and scope of performance venue, as well as the desire of residents and need for such a facility."

Future Business:

Director's Report:

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.