

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2023

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

Laurie Burke, Vice-Chair
Natalie Carroll
Anthony Cimino-Johnson
Russ Shaw
Ginger Sturgeon

Absent: Brody McCray, Kirsten Shabanowitz

Also present: Rich Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on July 19, 2023 were approved as presented 5-0-2.

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Citizen Comments: Tim Schott, 703 Country Club Drive – Mr. Schott stated the need for a trail connection from the western most edge of the Westpark property that connects to the W&OD Trail. His proposed route was to follow the Rt. 7 right-of-way, cross Dry Mill Rd. to connect with the W&OD.

New Business:

- Department Information - The Commission was briefed on various departmental information including the TASTE event, the plans for replacement of the Raflo Park pavilion, and the upcoming annual pool closure.

Old Business:

- CIP Project Update - An update of the Veterans Park project was provided.
- Park Plaques - The Commission members were updated on the Robinson Park plaque dedication to be held on 8/21/23 at 4:30 pm.
- Outdoor Volleyball Court - The Commission was briefed that Council was supportive of the Ida Lee Park location for the court and staff was directed to include a funding request as part of the FY25 budget submission.
- FOIA Training - The Commission was reminded of the need for all members to complete the required FOIA training.
- JAMS Concert Series - The Commission was briefed on an upcoming Council agenda item regarding the ongoing status of the JAMS concert series and the potential of permitting alcohol at the series. The Commission passed two recommendations 5-0-2 for Council consideration: 1) "The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission supports the continuation of the JAMS music program with potential modifications to ensure the events viability." 2) "The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission supports the allowance of alcohol to be brought by spectators to the JAMS music program."

Future Business:

Director's Report:

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.