

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023

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

Brody McCray, Chair
Laurie Burke, Vice-Chair
Anthony Cimino-Johnson
Kirsten Shabanowitz
Russ Shaw
Ginger Sturgeon

Absent: Natalie Carroll

Also present: Rich Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on October 18, 2023 were approved as presented 6-0-1.

Loudoun County Park Board Liaison

Citizen Comments:

New Business:

- Department Information - The Commission was briefed on various departmental information including the upcoming Freeze Your Gizzard race, the holiday hours at the Recreation Center and the bridge repairs at Izaak Walton Park.
- Commission Meetings - The Commission was briefed on the requirements for the number of meetings to be held each year as well as the process that needs to be followed in order to change the regular meeting time or date. The Commission elected to cancel their December 2023 meeting and have taken a preliminary vote to change their meeting times to 7:00 p.m. effective January 2024 (pending agreement from the one absent Commission member).

Old Business:

- CIP Project Update - An update that the pickleball court location and funding requirements will be updated as part of the FY25 budget process.
- FY 2025 Funding - For the FY25 budget process the Commission voted to request funding to host an old-fashioned Park Day and Picnic for all of the other commission members and their families. The event would include food and various outdoor games (kickball, softball, water balloon toss, etc.).

Future Business:

- Review Existing Plans - The Commission is going to review existing Master Plans and Strategic Plans and make recommendations to Council for any needed updates.
- Joint County Discussion - The Commission is looking to coordinate a joint meeting with the Loudoun County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Director's Report:

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.