

**FREDERICKSBURG  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of June 20, 2019**

The June meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center.

Commissioners Present: Mr. David Dorsey, Dr. Tim Duffy, Mrs. Sharon Null, Dr. John Russ, Mrs. Sue Sargeant, Dr. Marcus Tepaske Absent: Mr. Cameron John, Mr. Brandon McVade

Also in attendance: Director Jane Shelhorse, Mrs. Janice Lasker

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of May 16, 2019 were approved.
  
- II. **Presentation from Kenneth Lecky, Fredericksburg Arts Commission**  
Kenneth Lecky explained the various roles of the Arts Commission, noting that their most recognized work is the public sculpture project in the City. Each year six sculptures are chosen to be displayed for a one year period. The current ones will be replaced in October, and the Arts Commission is looking for private sponsorships to continue the program without help from the Economic Development Authority. The Arts Commission supports funding for city art events, assists in providing grants to city non-profits, and partners with Parks and Rec for the fall showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show. The Arts Commission is working on an arts trail to include stops at the sculptures and murals throughout the City.
  
- III. **Opportunity for Public Comment** – none
  
- IV. **Communications from Director:**
  - A. **Financial Report** – Director Shelhorse reviewed the reports and noted that expenses are down and rental revenue is up due to renting fields to private schools for sports use. Pool expenditures are up due to the age of the pool and the necessity to update and replace equipment.
  - B. **Leisure Report** – This weekend is the Great American Campout at Dixon Park.

**C. Special Events** – Picnic in the Park has had high turnouts each week. Sammy Walker heads the event, and by promoting a different theme each week, has managed to generate even greater interest than in the past.

**D. Sports and Parks** – Midnight Madness begins on June 21.

**E. Clean and Green Commission** – The Department is partnering with the commission to place cigarette butlers, provided by the R-Board, in parks and other city locations to help curtail the butts being dropped on the ground.

**V. Noteworthy Dates** – Director Shelhorse reviewed upcoming dates.

**VI. Old Business:**

**A. Rock the Red** – The Caps players will be out of season when the rink is complete, so we may have a grand opening upon completion, and a follow up when team members are able to attend. Since the Caps will be providing equipment and curriculum instruction to City schools, we need to meet with the organization to determine the details of the type, quantity and size of the equipment in order to be prepared to store it, and to have teachers prepared to instruct.

**B. Riverfront Park** – The City is in the process of pre-qualifying the bidders for the project.

**C. Strategic Plan for Parks** – Lose Design has signed the contract to develop the plan, and it will be complete by December 31, 2019.

**D. City Branding Project** – The City is waiting on more information from Hub Consulting before moving ahead with the branding.

**E. Director's Fund** - David Dorsey and Marcus Tepaske will head a committee to work on advertising the fund.

**F. Memorial Park Restrooms** – The Department is waiting on the plans in order to submit the necessary permits; still aiming for a late August completion.

**VII. New Business**–The Commission has four vacancies. Brandon McVade and Sharon Null have agreed to renew their terms, so we need to fill the remaining two. Due to the passing of Commissioner James Bailey on June 14, 2019, we need to fill his position. Marcus Tepaske's term has expired, and he is willing to stay on if no one else

is interested in being on the commission, and if we are able to get approval to extend his term.

**VIII. Directors/Commission Concerns and Topics –**

Commissioner Dorsey noted that the cigarette butt situation in Hurkamp Park has improved somewhat. He asked about the purpose of the blue trash cans in Hurkamp Park since blue typically indicates recycling. He suggested a sticker be placed on them to indicate their purpose. He noted that Dixon Park is surrounded by ailanthus trees, which are invasive trees that attract lantern flies and other noxious pests. He would like to see funds set aside to remove the ailanthus trees.

Commissioner Duffy asked if Stafford County had made a decision on the closing of Falmouth Beach, and wondered about the City's plan if Stafford does close it. Director Shelhorse noted that no decision has been made but that the City was exploring possibilities in the event it does close. Director Shelhorse added that the Department is looking to have Old Mill Park better comply with ADA requirements since the gravel impedes the access to the restrooms and to the shelters for anyone in a wheel chair.

Commissioner Sargeant attended the fishing derby at Motts Reservoir in June and was pleased to report that the concerns she had expressed last year had been addressed. The fish were put in buckets rather than in plastic bags, so no tablets were needed to keep the fish alive. The fish were dumped back into the reservoir while still alive, resulting in a much more family friendly and pleasant event.

Director Shelhorse shared that Trudy Smith of the Mayfield Civic Association had applied for and received a grant from the Sunshine Lady Foundation to rebuild and improve the playground area, and to "reclaim" the park for the Mayfield children.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Jane C. Shelhorse 8/13/19  
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Director

**Next Meeting Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Dorothy Hart Community Center**