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**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

June 20, 2019

**George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Room ABC
1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford**

Call to Order	7:00 pm
Silent Roll Call	7:00 pm
Approval of Minutes	7:05 pm
• May 16, 2019	
Public Presentations (3 minutes each)	7:10 pm
New Business	7:15 pm
• Parks Master Plan Overview (<i>Mike Morris</i>)	
Unfinished Business	7:40 pm
Commission Member Comments	7:40 pm
Staff Reports	7:50 pm
Director's Report	7:55 pm
Adjournment	8:00 pm

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 Thursday, May 16, 2019

The Stafford County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, May 16, 2019, at the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Kecia Evans.

SILENT ROLL CALL

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent Reported</u>	<u>Absent Not Reported</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Traci Abramson		A		Mike Morris	Minnie Lightner
Vincent Applewhite	P			Judy Sokolowski	John Lightner
Thomas Endler	P				Peter Jett
Kecia Evans	P				Charles Bullock
Danny Kim		A			
Price Jett	P				
Jay Rucker		A			
<i>Bart Randall, PC</i>			A		
<i>Jamie Decatur, SB</i>			A		
Voting members in bold					

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

PRESENTATIONS BY PUBLIC

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Duff Green House and Land Lease
 Price Jett provided a summary of the Patowomeck Indian Tribe’s Business Plan (included in the packet). Mr. Jett’s son, Peter, demonstrated his use of the Algonquin language by sharing his Native American name, “White Owl”.

After discussion, Kecia Evans motioned, and Thomas Endler seconded, to recommend moving forward with a lease for the Duff Green House and a portion of Duff Green Park with the Patowomeck Indian Tribe. Motion passed 3:1, with Evans, Endler, and Jett voting yes; and Applewhite voting no.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- Kecia Evans said she loves that children are being taught the Algonquin language and asked if the opportunity was open to all. Price Jett said the class is open to everyone ages 8 and up, and County Administration and Tourism are working with the Ferry Farm Foundation for advertising the class. Ms. Evans added her thanks to leaders of the Patowomeck Tribe for coming and to Price Jett for bringing the Tribe's need for a cultural village to the Commission.
- Vincent Applewhite said he needed to see the lease terms for the Patowomeck Tribe to lease property at Duff Green Park before giving a recommendation to approve moving forward with a lease.
- Price Jett thanked everyone for listening to the Patowomeck Tribe's request and appreciated the need to see the specifics of the lease.

STAFF REPORTS

- No questions were asked.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Stafford Baseball League (SBL) has a new president, Mike Bouchard.
- Next week, Jeff Rouse Swim & Sport Center staff will take over the aquatics classes PRCF has been conducting there.
- Pools open Memorial Day weekend, and camps will start soon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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2008 PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Methodology and Timeline

Work on the plan in early 2005 and included a community survey; inventory and assessment of existing facilities; analysis of conditions and needs; review of current trends; and recommendations for existing and new facilities. The plan was completed in 2008.

Analysis Results

- Citizen Survey Information
 - Most Popular Indoor Activities – Swimming, Exercise, Art & Crafts
 - Most Popular Outdoor Activities – Walking/Jogging, Playgrounds, Swimming
 - Most Desired New Facilities – Playgrounds, Trails, Multi-Purpose Recreation Center
 - Citizens in Favor of Adding More Park Land for Active Recreation – 77%
 - Citizens in Favor of Adding County-wide Trail System – 79%
 - Citizens in Favor of a Bond Referendum for Parks – 61%
- Recent Park Additions
 - The County took over responsibility for the parks and facilities previously owned and operated by the Fredericksburg-Stafford Park Authority in July, 2007.
- Analysis of National Trends

Activity	Increase in Participation (1995-2005)
Soccer	87%
Bicycling	51%
Running/Jogging	44%
Walking	35%
Football	30%
Basketball – Outdoor	25%
Golfing	24%
Tennis – Outdoor	19%
Baseball	10%
Swimming - Pools	1%

Recommendations

- Acquire Park Land in parcels between 20-50 acres concentrated in the center of the County and near the I-95 Corridor for easy vehicular access.
- Add 400 acres of park land in the next five years
- Upgrade existing park facilities in need of repair for safety, accessibility and usability. Plan provides a complete list by specific park.
- Add trails, swimming and playgrounds as top priority facilities.
- Add exercise programs as top programmatic priority.
- Develop the undeveloped park land currently owned by the County:
 - Chichester Park (37 acres) into a baseball/softball complex per Master Plan.
 - Build access bridge and develop trails at Government Island.
 - Develop recreational facilities at Musselman Park (40 acres) – conduct Master Plan for the park.
 - Develop recreational facilities at Patowomeck Park (180 acres) per Master Plan.
 - Develop recreational facilities at Vulcan Proffer Site (23 acres) – conduct Master Plan for the site.

**PARK UTILIZATION STUDY – PHASE I - ATHLETIC FIELDS
(June 2014)
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Methodology and Timeline

- Community Engagement (Stakeholder Groups) December, 2013
- Inventory and Assessment December, 2013
- Analysis January - February, 2014
- Recommendations March, 2014
- Final Draft June, 2014

Demographics/Growth (based on ESRI)

- Population in Stafford County increased 3.4% per year from 2000 to 2010 (approximately 92,500 to approximately 129,000).
- Growth of 1.1% per year is expected from 2012 to 2017 (approximately 130,700 to approximately 138,000).
- This growth will cause further need for parks and recreation facilities that support sports programming.

Community Engagement Feedback

Strengths	Weaknesses
PRCF Staff are very responsive	Access to School fields
Number of fields (Chichester/Embrey Mill included in inventory)	Traffic Issues – getting to fields/location of parks
	Parking and traffic flow at parks
	Natural Turf Conditions –excessive wear and drainage issues
	Need synthetic rectangle fields for heavier use
	Maintenance and storage facilities at fields

Analysis Performed

- A detailed inventory of athletic fields was conducted and assessed through a series of site visits, interviews and mapping.
- Athletic fields were inventoried and evaluated on use, condition, size and capacity.
- Evaluated athletic fields by geographic location and access related to population density and future growth projections.

Analysis Results

- Diamond Fields Summary
 - Identified a need to add three diamond fields by 2017 and five by 2022. (Note: Chichester Park was under construction and was included in current inventory)
 - Identified need in two target areas for an increase in diamond fields.
 - North/Central portion of the County along the Garrisonville Road Corridor.
 - Southeast portion of the County.
- Rectangle Fields Summary
 - Identified a need to add three rectangle game fields by 2017 and six by 2022. (Note: Embrey Mill Park was in design and was included in current inventory)
 - Practice areas are lacking in Central portion of the County
 - Identified need in three target areas for an increase in rectangle fields.
 - Northeast portion of the County
 - North/Central portion of the County in the Garrisonville Road Corridor
 - Southwest portion of the County along the Warrenton Road (Route 17) Corridor.

Recommendations

Based on the input of stakeholder groups and systematic analysis, the following tables summarize the recommendations. The recommendations were categorized into those to existing fields and related facilities, those related to ongoing maintenance of field and recommendations for new fields.

Recommendations – Existing Fields
Monitor and address drainage issues, especially at diamond fields.
Install or improve irrigation systems.
Improve restroom facilities, access to drinking water, add shade.
Improve parking and traffic flow in parks.

Recommendations – Maintenance and Facilities
Evaluate need of School fields to consolidate/reduce need for maintenance
Provide maintenance shops geographically proportioned to reduce drive times for maintenance.
Update the County/Schools Field Use Agreement.
Engage User Groups in field improvements.
Evaluate concessions strategies and facilities.

Recommendations – New Fields
Autumn Ridge Park – add lights to existing field, explore additional fields on east side of Eustace Road
H.H. Poole – add lighted fields adjacent to Autumn Ridge Park for a diamond field/rectangle field complex
Mountain View – Master Plan site to include diamond fields and synthetic rectangle fields
Vacant Property – determine viability of using area behind Autumn Ridge & old Moncure Elementary property.
Patawomeck Park (Phase II) – add fields in next phase of development (synthetic preferred for rectangle fields)
Duff Green Park (Phase II) – add fields in next phase of development (synthetic preferred for rectangle fields)
Rocky Penn Run – explore viability of adding fields at this location
Landfill Site – explore viability of adding fields at this location
Carl Lewis Community Center – improve natural turf for practice field (rectangle)
Vista Woods/Garrisonville Elementary – Master Plan site for rectangle fields complex
Willowmere Park – convert rectangle fields to synthetic turf, add lights
Pratt Park – explore converting rectangle fields to synthetic turf and add lights
Curtis Park – develop one diamond and one rectangle field
Musselman Park – explore adding rectangle fields

PARK UTILIZATION STUDY – PHASE II (January 2017)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

May, 2019 Update

Methodology and Timeline

- Started December, 2014
- Community Engagement January-March, 2015
- Inventory and Assessment January-March, 2015
- Analysis February-March, 2015
- Findings Compilation April, 2015
- Recommendations May, 2015
- Draft Revisions May-September, 2015
- Final Draft January, 2017

Demographics/Growth (based on ESRI and Weldon-Cooper Center for Public Service)

- Population in Stafford County increased 7% from 2010 to 2014.
- Growth of 18.6% is expected from 2015 to 2020 (approximately 140,000 to approximately 178,000)
- This growth will cause further need for parks and recreation facilities, amenities and programs to keep pace with existing levels of service.

Community Engagement

- Six focus group meetings were conducted, including user groups and interested citizens.
- An online questionnaire was made available to collect input from residents.

Analysis Performed

- A detailed inventory was conducted and facilities were assessed through a series of site visits, interviews and mapping.
- Facilities were inventoried and evaluated on functionality, general design, condition, size and capacity.
- Reviewed demographic growth trends of Stafford County.
- Reviewed relevant plans and documents – Comprehensive Plan, Park Utilization Study – Phase I (2014), FY2015 Operating Budget, FY2014-2023 CIP Budget.
- Measured current levels of service.
- Examined national trends in the parks and recreation industry.
- Conducted facility assessments at 26 outdoor Parks and Recreation locations, 31 outdoor School locations, 9 indoor Parks and Recreation locations and 9 indoor School locations.
- Examined delivery of programs and services.
- Conducted a SWOT Analysis

Analysis Results

- Citizen Satisfaction (1-poor, 2-fair, 3-good, 4-very good, 5-excellent)
 - Customer Service 4.1 out of 5 (Very Good)
 - Quality of Programs 4.1 out of 5 (Very Good)
 - Quality of Maintenance 3.9 out of 5 (Good/Very Good)
 - Quality of Facilities 3.9 out of 5 (Good/Very Good)
- Citizen Access
 - “Current recreation opportunities afforded to users corresponds with concentrations of population density. It is a very positive finding that the current level of service is, for the most part, available where residents live.”
 - 95% of the population has access to recreation opportunities within three miles of their home.
 - Access to a regional park with 25 or more amenities is relatively high.
- Park Capacity
 - Total developed acreage is 725 or 5.24 acres per 1,000 population. An additional 135 developed acres are needed within five years just to maintain the current ratio of 5.24 per 1,000 population.
 - Table 16 from the report (attached) outlines the current park capacity and identifies the needed additions over the next five years to maintain the current level of service rations.
- Analysis of Department Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths	Weaknesses
Maintenance	Staff Training and Development
Customer Service	Internal Communication
Talented Personnel	Relationships with Schools
Variety of Programming	Marketing
Innovative and Creative	Interdivisional Relationships and Support
Programs are Affordable	Some Existing Facilities Need Upgrades
	Lacking Indoor Recreation Facilities

Recommendations

Based on citizen input and systematic analysis, the following chart and table summarize the recommendations. The chart below summarizes general recommendations and an estimated timeline for implementation. Some of these recommendations have been started and/or completed since the recommendations were first presented in May, 2015. The second table attached (labeled “Table 16 - Capacities and Levels of Service”) comes directly from the Utilization Study Report and provides a list of acreage and amenity needed to maintain the current level of service five years into the future.

Chart of Recommendations from Park Utilization Study – Phase II

Recommendations - Programming	Status/Implementation
Provide Inclusion and Adaptive Programs for those with Special Needs.	Hired a Full-time Therapeutic Recreation Professional in April 2016. Have started nine new inclusion programs. Adding more inclusion programs annually.
Increase Teen Programming	Have created seven new teen programs in the past 18 months. Program evaluations/additions/deletions will be reviewed annually and be ongoing.
More Classes for Adults and Children	Have begun 17 new adult programs and seven new youth programs in the past 18 months. Program evaluations/additions/deletions will be reviewed annually and be ongoing.
More Health and Wellness Programming	Have created 12 new fitness/wellness programs the past 18 months. Mostly related to outdoor/adventure activities. Some indoor programs have been enhanced (i.e., pickleball), but are limited due to limited County operated indoor recreation space.
Consider Youth Sports Entry Level Programming – including such as Quick Start Tennis & 1 st Tee Golf	Have begun two new Entry Level Sports Programs in the past 18 months. Also began a new Flag Football program which has been a huge success.
Recommendations – Maintenance and Facilities	Status/Implementation
Need Maintenance Facilities to support Park Maintenance	Maintenance facilities at parks should be planned in the future development of Patawomeck and Duff Green Parks.
Upgrade outdated amenities at existing parks	These items have been identified and are on the 10-year Cash Infrastructure/RRR List for PRCF.
Add amenities to maintain the current level of service with future growth (see Table 16 attached)	Phase I of Embrey Mill Park was completed in March 2016, Phase II was completed in September of 2017 (2 Synthetic Fields with Restrooms and Parking) – additional acreage and amenities can be added through future CIP at undeveloped park land at Patawomeck, Duff Green and Musselman Parks. County owned property adjacent to Mountainview High School should also be considered.
Make ADA Improvements at parks	Several ADA improvements have been made to restroom facilities at parks (Woodlands, Curtis, Aquia Landing, Lake Mooney, Brooks). There are more ADA improvements to be done and these items are identified and are on the 10-year Cash Infrastructure List/RRR for PRCF.

Add lights to parking and common areas for security purposes	These items have been identified and are on the 10-year Cash Infrastructure List/RRR for PRCF.
Create and individual identity for each park	Discussions about park identity will be held over the next 18 months as the Department discusses its brand (marketing – see marketing item below).
Continue the Regional Park Model of service delivery	The current and potential future park improvements at Patawomeck, Duff Green, Musselman Parks and County owned property adjacent to Mountainview High School would continue the regional park approach. Funds have been requested for park specific master plans for each of these sites in order to gather detailed information for future CIP requests to develop these parks. FY2020 – Musselman Park Master Plan (proffers) FY2021 – Patawomeck Park Master Plan (proffers) FY2022 – Duff Green Park Master Plan (CIP/RRR) FY2025 – Mountainview Master Plan(CIP/RRR)
Replace the inadequate Gymnastics Center	The Department has explored opportunities to lease a different building for gymnastics and not found a suitable facility. An RFP was put out in the September of 2017 for the construction of a Fieldhouse and Gymnastics Center built and owned by a private company. Space would be leased from the private operator for Gymnastics. This avenue is still being pursued.
Add Indoor Recreation Facilities	The Department is exploring opportunities to leverage partnerships for increasing indoor recreation space in connection with leasing new gymnastics space. Indoor Recreation Space could also be considered in the individual Master Plans for Patawomeck and Duff Green Parks. County owned property adjacent to Mountainview High School could also be considered in the future.
Increase basketball opportunities – indoor and outdoor	Additional basketball courts are being considered in the Fieldhouse negotiations with a private operator and could also be considered in the amenities to be added at Patawomeck, Duff Green, Musselman Parks and Mountainview.
Provide additional picnic pavilions	This will be considered in the individual Master Plans for future development at Patawomeck, Duff Green, Musselman Parks and Mountainview.
Add additional dog parks	This will be considered in the individual Master Plans for future development at Patawomeck, Duff Green, Musselman Parks and Mountainview.

Increase trail opportunities and connections	Trails will be considered in the individual Master Plans for future development at Patawomeck, Duff Green, Musselman Parks and Mountainview. The final phases of the Belmont/Ferry Farm Trail are to be in the works and will be completed in the near future. Also, as new roads and sidewalks are improved, consideration should be given to wider sidewalk/trail paths to allow for walkability and multi-modal connections. An update to the County Hike and Bike Plan is underway (coordinated by the Planning Department) and the new plan should be complete in 2019.
Recommendations – Financial and Organizational	Status/Implementation
Evaluate Fee Structure	The Department annually evaluates current fees and makes recommendations for any changes in conjunction with the Annual Budget Process. A policy on cost recovery should be considered in the near future.
Implement a Lifecycle Asset Management Plan	The Department procured an assessment and associated software to implement a Lifecycle Asset Management Plan. Assessments were conducted in June of 2018 and the Asset Management Software was installed. Staff can now forecast lifecycle replacement needs based on Facility Condition Index and expected lifecycles of amenities. This will be used for the first time in the FY2021 CIP/RRR process.
Consider future bond issue for improvements	Undeveloped park land is available at Patawomeck, Duff Green and Musselman Parks. County owned property adjacent to Mountainview High School should also be considered. These new park developments may necessitate a future bond issue. This will be considered in the County's long range CIP Planning. Musselman and Patawomeck also have proffer funds available to use toward park development.
Seek more partnerships, sponsorships, donations and grants	The Department has many outstanding partnerships (Stafford Baseball, Stafford Soccer, Stafford Lacrosse, Rappahannock Areas Agency on Aging, Rappahannock Regional Library and others). Department staff will consistently look for opportunities to partner with community organizations – continuous and ongoing. While staff in each technical area of the Department have some information and contacts, time limits their

	ability to fully dedicate effort toward sponsorships, and donations. A larger policy discussion is needed on the topic of the County staff doing fundraising.
Consider starting a Parks Foundation	The Stafford Parks and Trails Fund was established with the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River in March of 2018.
Increase and improve Marketing	Marketing for the Department has been reorganized and increased within the Department beginning in December of 2016. A Marketing Team consisting of staff from numerous different divisions has also been created. Staff is working more cohesively and collectively to market more aggressively and efficiently, making better use of resources and electronic marketing tools (social media, email, website, etc.) A designated budget has also been created and dedicated to marketing for the department. A new brand, including logo and tagline was created in September of 2017. The Marketing Team continues to evaluate and develop new methods of marketing with an emphasis on using digital marketing media.
Add a Therapeutic Recreation certified staff person	Hired a Full-time Certified Therapeutic Recreation Professional in April 2016.
Add a staff person devoted to sponsorships, donations and grants	PRCF will consider submitting a future budget request for this or similar position. A larger policy discussion is needed on the topic of the County staff doing fundraising prior to this request.
Improve relationship with Schools	Regular meetings with Stafford County Public Schools Operations Staff have begun to improve communication and establish a working relationship. Topics of discussion have included maintenance of athletic fields at schools, fleet maintenance, facility improvements (infrastructure), and school facility usage. Discussions will be ongoing and should lead to an updated written agreement that benefit the citizens through enhanced coordination and efficiencies.
Improve Staff Training	Staff members attended the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Conference in 2016, 2017, 2018 and are expected to attend in 2019. Staff members also attended the 2017 and 2018 National Recreation and Parks Association Conference. In the last two years the number of staff members who became Certified Parks and Recreation Professionals (CPRP) through the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has gone from two to ten. Numerous other trainings and

<p>certifications have been acquired in technical areas, such as, turf management, facilities management, supervision, playground safety inspection, pesticide certification and others. A concerted effort has also be placed on organizational development within the department with leadership training using the book “Drive” (Motivation) by Daniel Pink and “Please Understand Me” (Communication) by Kiersey and Bates, “Good to Great” by Jim Collins, “Start With Why” by Simon Sinek and “Turn the Ship Around” by David Marquet. These types of training offerings will be ongoing and continuous.</p>
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May 2019 Staff Reports
For June 20, 2019, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Gymnastics

- Events Held
 - 2019-2020 Boys Gymnastics Tryouts May 4
 - Pullover Clinic May 5
 - Stafford Premier All Stars Cheer Tryouts May 11
 - Xcel Bronze State Meet, Williamsburg, VA May 11-12
 - Xcel Silver, Gold, Platinum & Diamond State Meet May 17-19
 - Developmental Gymnastics Meet @Rec Center May 18
 - Flip Clinic May 19

- Upcoming
 - Stafford Royals Banquet June 1
 - Preschool Camp #1 June 3-7
 - Stafford Royals 2019-2020 Season Begins June 3
 - Flip Clinic June 9
 - Preschool Camp #2 June 10
 - School Age Open Gym June 15
 - School Age Gymnastics Camp #1 June 17-21
 - Region 7 Congress Harrisburg, PA June 20-23
 - School Age Gymnastics Camp #2 June 24-28



Developmental Gymnastics Meet 2019

Parks

- Brooks Park District
 - Picked up flags from the Government Center for Dare Day event
 - Repaired soccer nets at Pratt Park
 - Finished putting reflective tape on all the park gates
 - Contractor painted all the basketball lines at the parks
 - Reinstalled the fence on the rugby fields

- Chichester Park District
 - Regularly cleaned and maintained park restrooms and facilities

- Performed daily playground maintenance
- Regularly mowed throughout park and off sites
- Hosted SBL Warriors' tournament
- Replaced irrigation heads that weren't functioning correctly
- Regularly groomed and maintained baseball infields at Chichester park and Rowser baseball field
- Added bluestone to batters' and coaches' boxes where needed
- Set up/took down tent for event at Rowser Building
- Pressure washed concrete at pavilion
- Trimmed trees along sidewalks and in retention ponds
- Cleaned up storm debris 5/24
- Replaced automatic flush sensors and batteries in restrooms
- Cleaned restrooms with Kaivac equipment
- Changed oil and blades on TORO mower
- Curtis Park District
 - Curtis Park
 - Cut and removed trees in the park, (trails and the Disc Golf Course, roadway)
 - Cleaned up and organized the shop yard and maintenance shop
 - Prepped/repared Mark Lenzi Pool for operational season, which began Memorial Day Weekend
 - Hosted BSA camp outs May 4-5, 25-26
 - Cut grass
 - Hosted kayaking program at Lake Curtis May 4
 - Provided set up/take down for
 - Archaeology Adventures program 5/17
 - Family Recess program 5/18
 - teambuilding activity using kayaks at Lake Curtis for Commissioner of the Revenue Department 5/29
 - Kayaking/Outdoor Training for camp staff 5/30
 - Sunset Paddle 5/31
 - Gym Center
 - Set up/take down chairs in the back gym for a Developmental meet on Saturday, 5/18
 - Grass Cutting
 - Litter control around the site
 - Other sites
 - Lined Gayle Middle School for school softball game
 - Litter control at Lake Mooney, Gateway signs, Hartwood Elementary, Lake Curtis, & Lake Abel
 - Open, close, and clean restrooms at Lake Mooney
 - Grass cutting at Lake Mooney, Hartwood Elementary
 - Transported kayaks for activities at Crow's Nest, 5/3 and Mott's Run, 5/21
- Duff Park District
 - Duff Park
 - Kept all ballfields in game ready condition.
 - Cut grass
 - Maintained Duff's 3 dog parks
 - Aquia Landing
 - Litter control

- Cleaned and tilled beach for Memorial Day
- Installed buoys for the summer
- Kept grass and surrounding areas cut
- Cut roadside brush back from roadway
- Installed new grills at pavilions

- Civil War Park
 - Litter control
 - Kept trails clear of overgrowth
 - Cut grass
 - Opened new restrooms

- Crow's Nest
 - Deliver, set up/ take down, all items needed for dedication ceremony

- Other Sites
 - Maintained all ball fields in game-ready condition at Dixon Smith, Conway, and Ferry Farm Elementary; maintained grass in these areas and provided litter control. Kept the Rappahannock Regional Jail crew working 5 days a week with cutting and cleaning the County gateways. They also help with cutting in the Civil War Park, Aquia Landing, and Duff Park.

- Embrey Mill Park District
 - Mowed school sites
 - Performed equipment maintenance and repairs
 - Inspected and maintained synthetic fields (swept and raked all synthetic fields)
 - Repaired nets and goals on all sport goals (**photo below**)
 - Regularly maintained park building and restrooms
 - Continued grooming offsite baseball fields three times a week
 - Maintained off sites, garbage cans and de-littering as needed
 - Maintained park playground (daily at Embrey Mill and Autumn Ridge)
 - Continue to line fields for school site softball games (RTMS won championship)
 - Continued repair work at Woodlands Pool to prepare for opening
 - Assembled new picnic tables
 - Continue to repaired several more irrigation valves and zones
 - Extended one irrigation zone for better coverage (**photo below**)
 - Installed a French drain system behind bleachers at Autumn Ridge
 - Continued bluebird monitoring (we have several boxes with nests)
 - Trimmed the bushes in front of Autumn Ridge
 - Contracted the painting of the parking lot per fire marshal
 - Hired new staff person
 - Removed downed tree from neighbor's lawn (tree blown down by storm)



Goals repaired by Embrey Mill Park District Staff



Irrigation Repairs

- Smith Lake Park District
 - Groomed diamond fields at all sites
 - Mowed athletic fields and common ground at all sites
 - Inspected bridges at Government Island
 - Cut and removed tree laying across bridge at Government Island
 - Took water sample at Patawomeck
 - Rebuilt back flow preventer at Smith Lake
 - Applied grub control at Patawomeck softball field
 - Provided paddleboards for photo shoot at Widewater State Park
 - Fertilized Bermuda fields with 21-0-0 at Patawomeck
 - Inspected AEDs at all sites
 - Mulched trees at Smith Lake Park
 - Prepared for Warriors' baseball tournament at Smith Lake Park

- Willowmere Park District
 - Regularly cleaned and maintained park restrooms
 - Regular mowing at park and off sites
 - Performed daily playground maintenance
 - Regularly groomed baseball infields
 - Changed oil and blades on turf tigers
 - Repaired spindle on pull behind mower
 - Replaced Auto flush valves on toilets
 - Added clay to field 1 pitching mound
 - Replaced home plate on field 2 and cut out lip
 - Cut out lip around home plate @ AG Wright
 - Added mulch to retention pond
 - Greg Thornton attended Virginia Sports Turf Managers' Association's field day at Liberty University
 - Hosted SBL warriors tournament
 - Sprayed week killer in park

Sports and Facilities

- Adult Coed Softball games started 5/1
- Adult Coed Volleyball Championship was held 5/21; the Serv-Ivors were the champs!
- Multi-Sport Development was held May 2, 9, 16, 23 with 7 participants, ages 3-5, who were taught basic fundamentals in baseball, basketball, flag football, and soccer

- Youth Flag Football Playoffs started 5/28
- Seasonal Summer Camp training began 5/20 with staff orientation
- Youth Volleyball regular season concluded 5/23



Youth Volleyball Teams