

**Mathews County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Agenda Wednesday 5:00 pm September 3, 2025
Historic Courthouse, Mathews, VA.**

Call to Order, Roll Call for quorum

Approval of July meeting and August working session Minutes, Approval of Agenda

Welcome Guests

Public comment period

Discussion of:

- ✓ South Bay Haven update
- ✓ Port Fun Family Day – reschedule
- ✓ YMCA
- ✓ Mathews Outdoor Club

Subcommittee reports

Comments from Commission members

Public Comment Period 2

Next meeting November 6 at 5pm Historic Courthouse

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Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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Call to Order 5:00 PM

- **Present: Nick Koch, Amber Moore, Sharon Frye, Jan Towne, Earl Byrum, Dan Reno, Tom Bowen (BOS), Tim Tillage Absent: Justin Garcia, Terry Dixon, Christine Johnson, Amy O'Neill**
- **Motion- Approve July minutes- Earl Byrum. Second- Dan Reno. Approved 6-0**
- **Motion- Approve Agenda- Jan Towne, Second- Sharon Frye. Approved 6-0**

Public Comment Period #1

- **consulting with lawyer to form property owners association**
- **concerns about tidal pond, vegetation, run-off, kayak launch viability, traffic, water depth**
- **two documents submitted to committee**
- **11 citizens in attendance**

Discussion- Acquisition of end of road from VDOT. Investigation needed.

Discussion -Tidal pond, upland run-off. John Hall added that vegetation is needed to control run-off.

Discussion- will increase in foot traffic impact property? Kayak loading/unloading impact shoreline and vegetation. Note that people are already using the property at end of road.

Discussion- Concern from citizens regarding illegal (drug?) activity.

Discussion- ADA handicap launch needs more information.

Comment from citizen- Edwards landing needs attention.

Discussion- Parking location considered near existing driveway. More information needed.

Discussion- Pier proposed by county. Location same as previous pier.

Discussion- Wetland and Oyster leases.

Discussion- Maintenance, screening and security needs addressing and county commitment.

Request from Tom Bowen for documents to upload document to county website.

**Motion: Postpone Port Fun Family Day until spring- Earl Byrum. Second-Jan Towne,
Approved 6-0**

Discussion- Haven Beach. Dumpsters and Porta-potty need more frequent attention. Tim Tillage stated that both are already emptied twice a week. Need for more parking.

Adjourned at 6:08