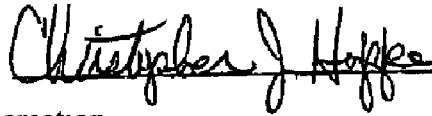


**ACTION ITEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE: December 16, 2008

TO Board of Supervisors

FROM Chris Hoppe
Director of Parks and Recreation




ISSUE Authorize a Public Hearing to Revise Certain Parks and Recreation Fees

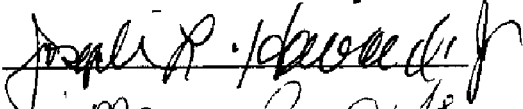
STAFF RECOMMENDATION Approval


BUDGET IMPACT Increased yearly revenue of \$200,000

ATTACHMENTS (4)

- [1] Background Report [4] **Reso/Ord/Proc #** R08-548
- [2] Current/Proposed Fee Schedule [] **Reso/Ord/Proc #**
- [3] Proposed Ordinance 009-01 [] **Reso/Ord/Proc #**

REVIEW [X] County Administrator's Office 

[X] Legal 

[X] Finance and Budget 

- [X] **Consent Agenda** [] **Other Business** [] **Public Hearing**
- [] **Discussion Item** [] **Presentation** [] **Unfinished Business**
- [] **New Business**

PRESENTATION BY N/A

ELECTION DISTRICT N/A

BACKGROUND REPORT

User fees represent important sources of revenue to cover the cost of park and facility operations. It is necessary to periodically review these fees to offset increasing operating costs. While facility rental fees were last reviewed and revised in 2007, reduced revenues and increased operating costs have necessitated fee increases.

Attached are the existing and proposed fee schedules. Staff recommends endorsement of these fees.

Major changes include

- Charging the American Youth Football League the same field rental rates as the Stafford Area Soccer Association and Stafford Lacrosse Association
- Implementing a \$5 per person field use fee for co-sponsored groups
- Increasing pool admission fees by \$1
- Increasing yearly swim pass fees
- Charging lane fees for high school swim teams when school is in session
- Increasing picnic shelter rental fees
- Implementing a synthetic field rental fee

At a meeting on November 20, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed these changes and unanimously endorsed the revised fee structure.

The proposed fees would take effect February 2, 2009, with all previously arranged rentals, etc., being grandfathered in using the existing rates. These fee changes would generate approximately \$200,000 in additional annual revenue to offset the department's operational costs.

PARKS & RECREATION FEES

Description	Proposed Changes	Current Rates	
		Resident	Non-Res
FACILITY RENTALS			
Kitchen - Galley	Charge flat rate of \$10, \$20	\$10/hr	\$20/hr
Kitchen Commercial	Charge flat rate of \$30 \$60	\$30/hr	\$60/hr
FIELDS			
Football/Soccer/Baseball Field	*American Football League \$25	\$12.50/hr	n/a
Open Field/Grass	* American Football League \$15	\$7.50/hr	n/a
Fee per person	P&R co-sponsored groups only \$5	n/a	n/a
Synthetic Fields	New category, field with lights \$100 per hour	n/a	n/a
Synthetic Fields	New category field without lights \$70 per hour	n/a	n/a
POOLS			
Pool General Admission- Adult	\$5 \$7	\$4	\$6
Pool General Admission- Youth	\$4 \$5.50	\$3	\$4.50
Pool General Admission- Senior	\$4 \$5.50	\$3	\$4.50
Pool Year Pass Adult	\$150	\$110	n/a
Pool Year Pass - Youth	\$110	\$75	n/a
Pool Year Pass - Senior	\$110	\$75	n/a
Pool Year Pass Family of 4	\$350	\$275	n/a
Lane rental fees High School Teams**	Per lane/hr school in session \$6.50	n/a	n/a
PICNIC SHELTERS			
X Small (Curtis) capacity 12	New category \$25 \$50	n/a	n/a
Small capacity 25	\$50 \$100	\$25	\$50
Medium - capacity 50	\$75 \$150	\$50	\$100
Large - capacity 150	\$125 \$250	\$100	\$250

* Return AYF field rental rates to the same rates as others (SASA and SLA travel Stafford LaCrosse Assn)

** High School swim teams do not pay lane rental fees for practices when school is in session, propose charging \$6.50/lane/hour when school is in session (they currently pay \$13/lane/hr when school is not in session)

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PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 20th day of January, 2009

MEMBERS

M S "Joe" Brito
Harry E Crisp II
Mark Dudenhefer
Paul V Milde III
George H Schwartz
Cord A Sterling
Robert "Bob" Woodson

VOTE

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
TO REVISE CERTAIN PARKS AND RECREATION FEES

WHEREAS, user fees are necessary to represent a fair and equitable method to finance the cost of operations and maintenance of park facilities, and

WHEREAS, increasing costs of providing services create a periodic need to increase the related fees, and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the fees and recommended increases be considered at this time, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting on November 20, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended approval of the new fees, and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the recommendation of staff and the testimony at the public hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 20th day of January 2009 that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to implement the following Parks and Recreation fees

		Rates	
		Resident	Non-Res
FACILITY RENTALS			
Kitchen - Galley	Flat Rate	\$10	\$20
Kitchen - Commercial	Flat Rate	\$30	\$60
FIELDS			
Fee per person	P&R co sponsored groups only	\$5	n/a
Synthetic Fields	Per hour with lights	\$100	n/a
Synthetic Fields	Per hour without lights	\$70	n/a
Football/Soccer/Baseball Field	American Football League	\$25	n/a
Open Field/Grass	American Football League	\$15	n/a
POOLS			
Pool General Admission- Adult		\$5	\$7
Pool General Admission- Youth		\$4	\$5 50
Pool General Admission- Senior		\$4	\$5 50
Pool Year Pass - Adult		\$150	n/a
Pool Year Pass Youth		\$110	n/a
Pool Year Pass Senior		\$110	n/a
Pool Year Pass Family of 4		\$350	n/a
Lane rental fees High School Teams	Per lane/hour school in session	\$6 50	n/a
SHELTERS			
X Small (Curtis) - capacity 12		\$25	\$50
Small capacity 25		\$50	\$100
Medium capacity 50		\$75	\$150
Large - capacity 150		\$125	\$250 00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the proposed fees would take effect February 2, 2009, with all previously arranged rentals, etc , being grandfathered in using the existing rates,

AJR CJH jls

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 16th day of December, 2008

MEMBERS

VOTE

George H. Schwartz, Chairman
M. S. "Joe" Brito, Vice Chairman
Harry E. Crisp II
Mark Dudenhefer
Paul V. Milde III
Cord A. Sterling
Robert "Bob" Woodson

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVISE CERTAIN PARKS
AND RECREATION FEES**

WHEREAS, user fees are necessary to represent a fair and equitable method to finance the cost of operations and maintenance of park facilities, and

WHEREAS, increasing costs of providing services create a periodic need to increase the related fees, and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the fees and recommended increases be considered at this time, and

WHEREAS, at a meeting on November 20, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended approval of the new fees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of December 2008, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to advertise a public hearing to revise certain Parks and Recreation fees

AJR CJH jls