

Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2014

Mike Harris called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

In attendance: Charlton McCoy, Brad Epperley, Cord Hall, Jim Williamson, Doris Oliver, Mary Critzer, Mike Harris

Minutes from last meeting approved

No citizen's comments

Mike Harris turned the meeting over to Brad Epperley

Brad shared the highlights from the April monthly report:

- Attendance 6,970, lots of use of Huckleberry Trail. Maybe try to put some kind of counter so that we could know how many people are using the trail
- July 4th festivities/fireworks went really well, great community event
- Adult Athletics finished up softball league, Belmont Christian Church was the winner of the league
- Cheerleading Camp-33 youth participants, CHS Softball Camp-20 youth participants, Volleyball Camp-30 youth participants, RU Women's basketball Clinic-25 youth participants. Great turn out for these camps.
- Youth Athletics- 3 baseball/softball divisions that had all-star teams this season
 - AAA, Ozone Baseball both teams won district championships and went on to play in South Boston, VA for the state championship. Ozone Baseball won the state championship and they are leaving to go to the Dixie League World Series in Lexington, SC
- Youth football sign ups in first week of late registration going on right now, starting to hand out equipment. Cheerleading also in their second week of late registration
 - August 17 we are hosting a Coaching Concussion Seminar with Mike Goforth to let them know what to look for with concussions. "When in doubt, sit out"
- Community Programs-started Youth P90 had 9 participants, good start to this new program. P90 early bird had 20 adult participants, Zumba toning had 17 participants, Novice Dog Obedience had 9 dogs and their owners
- Senior Programs-Blood drive had 27 participants, Senior Aerobics had 38 participants, Ice Cream Social had 40 participants
- Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks-all playground equipment is completed at Summit Ridge/Town and Country Park. Fencing repairs at Kiwanis and Falling Branch, will do outfield fence on this year's budget
- Hosted two Dixie Youth District Tournaments, things went wonderful. We had requests to host this tournament every year

- Hosted Nations Baseball World Series and it went very well. Had the state director ask for us to host it again (used somewhere close to 800 hotel rooms)
- We will be a site for the Virginia Department of Health and Agency on Aging to have Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. They will be doing classes here on Fridays, great partnership
- Chef Ed (Edward McClain) certified instructor and he is going to start teaching some cooking classes here with emphasis in easy, affordable, and healthy meals
- One of the popular classes we have recently added was the Spin Class with Tech Sports Plex, but TSP will be closing down and selling some of their equipment. We were able to get their spin bikes that are worth around \$1000 each for \$300 each. We got 15 bikes for \$4,500 (would have cost \$15,000). Looking at turning the big storage closet behind the front desk into the spin room, have had the inspectors up to see what we need to do
- Working with Lowes to get a Community Grant. They have \$1,200 in the Grant, and we would like to build a kiosk at the entrance of the Recreation Center Huckleberry Trail for information for the Huckleberry (maps, etc.)
- Brad passed around approved budget sheets for the 2014-2015 budget year and went over the high points
- Some of Town Council have talked and would like the Truman-Wilson property to be used in part for the 4th of July celebration, which means developing some parts sooner than later (maybe to set the fireworks off from there, people parking in the mall parking lot). Doing so would jump start the development of the property
 - Brad and Charlton will go out to the property and look at what would all be needed to host it out there
 - Charlton had some ideas about doing a downtown festival with vendors and music for the 4th of July this year
- Kiwanis Park lease is up for renewal (used to be just a ‘handshake’ agreement), Town Council is looking at the terms of the contract. Cord Hall also wants the Recreation Commission to look at it because there are things on there that will bind the Recreation Department and the budget
 - Fields at Kiwanis are very crucial and beneficial to the Recreation Department. We don’t want to jeopardize our wonderful relationship with them, but we have to look out for the best interest of the Town
 - Having the lease on a year to year basis would make it difficult to plan for events, not knowing if the lease would be renewed or not. Also have to look out for our investment into the fields (lighting, fencing, etc.) and the maintenance of the property
 - Need to also consider the rent for the fields, which seems a little high (rent is supposed to cover Kiwanis scholarships they do for the Recreation Department youth athletics)

- When the Truman/Wilson property is developed there will be a lesser need for these fields, but right now they are vital for the Recreation Department
- Gave a copy to the Recreation Commission to look over for the next meeting b/c it directly impacts the Recreation Department

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for September 8, 2014