

Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2014

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order

In attendance: Mike Saylors, Mike Harris, Doris Oliver, Brad Epperley, Charlton McCoy, Mary Critzer, Brad Mecom, Tonia Winn, Jim Williamson, Logan Atkins, Diane Fenton, Cord Hall

The minutes from the last meeting were approved

No citizen comments

Brad shared the highlights from the February monthly report:

- Active memberships increased this month to 6,190
- Adult League Basketball is finishing up
- Drive, Chip, and Putt in conjunction with Auburn Hills coming up
- Toddler time had 10 participants, 30 minute abs and arms had 25 participants, and Total body cardio had 19 participants; these programs are very popular with great participation
- Channel 10 News came by and did a story on our Car Seat Check program that we do with Carilion and the Fire Department. This is a great service offered monthly to participants
- The blood drive had a great turnout with 28 participants, the Hobo Soup Bingo had 41 participants, and the Sweetheart Dance had 353 participants. These are some really wonderful programs
- Our AARP tax aide program has helped 341 people so far this tax season, and we are booked up through March
- We partnered with the RU Nursing Students for the New River Valley Health Fair and had a great turnout with close to 200 people for this free service
- Youth basketball is finished up and it went well this season. Now taking registration for the spring baseball season
 - The coaching certification clinic is going to be March 13 and placement practices will take place March 17
- The baseball jamboree at Kiwanis went very well
- Nations baseball liked the logo that we have developed for the World Series for this summer. There should be close to 80 teams, one of the largest we have hosted
 - There will be a homerun derby during the World Series. It will cost \$10 for people to participate and the proceeds will go to a great cause, the Wounded Warriors fund
- Once the weather cooperates they will install the new playground equipment at Summit Ridge Park
- Diamond Hill water restoration is still on going and looking very nice. Michael Lancianese and intern is doing his project for school by working on making a loop trail and nature viewing areas around the restoration project

- Huckleberry trail extension going well with all the paving almost complete. The bridge across 114 should be set up by the end of the month and hopefully will be open sometime in November
 - 5k run on the Huckleberry is in the works once the bridge is in place. James DeMarco, who does a lot of races in the area, is more than willing to help with this project. Shane Guynn, the CHS Athletic Director would be another contact person in regards to this race.
- The recreation center will be shut down this weekend for the Annual Home Show
- New floor renovation will be a 3-4 week process from April 28-May 23
 - The recreation center will still be open during this time. The basketball courts/track and the multipurpose rooms will be shut down during this time. There will be a 3 day period where the facility as a whole will be shut down b/c of the fumes from the new floor
 - The same company that did the floors the first time is doing it this time. The last floor was a 10 year floor and lasted us 17 years
- Looking at redoing the lighting in the gym next year for a more energy efficient lighting system with dimmers. This lighting system would pay for itself within 1.5-2 years.
 - Rick Bourne with the Town would like to use the recreation center as a pilot program for the whole Town to see how efficient the lighting will be
 - The Recreation Commission recommended going forward and suggesting to Town Council to have them installed in this year's budget year and have the funds allocated. We will just need to put the presentation together for Council to show them the long term savings and green initiative
- We have some interest in a teen cross fit program to combat the 'couch potato syndrome' over the summer months for kids to help them get out and involved. We currently have a SCAT program with Tech Sports Plex (Strength Conditioning Agility Training) which is similar to the cross fit program just different wording. This is at no cost to us but we have currently not had enough people sign up for the first class. We would need 8 people sign up for the class to go. The Commission decided to distribute information on the class to the High School Athletic Director with hopes that the high school coaches to get the word out to the kids about the program to help boost registration
- The Commission proposed going ahead and becoming more aggressive in developing the new park facility. They would like to develop a plan by the end of the year for the property and a very detailed business plan with a timeline.
- Brad Mecham has had 527 electronic responses with mentioning of more girl sports, dog park, baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, and picnic shelters. Getting some great feedback on the survey. Will have a full presentation for the Commission in May-June.

Next meeting scheduled for April 7, 2014