

Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2014

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved

No citizen comments

Brad shared the highlights from the April monthly report:

- There was an increase in active memberships and attendance this month
- Easter Egg hunt, a free program for our citizens, had over 200 participants
- Adult League Church and Open Volleyball each have 13 teams
- We are having Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Softball camps this summer. We are currently working on getting together Basketball, Baseball, and Youth Sports Conditioning camps also
- Our new Adult Kickball League is going to start registration on June 23
- Community Program Highlights: Toddler time had 10 children with their parents, 30 minute Arms and Abs had 25 participants, Total Body Cardio had 19 participants, and VA Fire Arm Safety had 19 participants
- Story Walk Grand Opening had a good turnout with 40-50 children. This is a wonderful partnership with the Public Library that we have gotten some great feedback on
- Senior Program Highlights: Senior Aerobics had 23 participants, Birthday Bingo had 20 participants, AARP tax aide program helped 1,074 people and filed 907 e-file taxes
- The Special Populations Spring Dance had 207 people participants
- Youth Baseball and Softball has started and the game have begun and all-star tryouts will start in June
- Over 200 football helmets were sent in for reconditioning and 40 of those were sent back to the manufacture to be revitalized
- Nations World Series is getting lots of interest, they are thinking they should have around 80 teams
- Field maintenance crews are very busy working on all the parks getting ready for the summer weather
- New light installation is complete in the gym. Brad passed around a picture of before and after to show the huge difference in the new lighting
 - AEP is setting up a scaler to see the difference in the electricity that will be used, showing how much money these lights will save us. Ricky Bourne will be using the lights as a pilot program for the town
- Floor renovations are currently going on. Friday they will be spraying the floors in the gym and the lines on the floors will be next

- They fixed all the cracks and divots in the floors before spraying them
- Pedestrian bridge on 114 arches were set two weekends ago, Brad passed around a picture.
- Brad discussed an altercation that occurred during an Adult Basketball game.
 - The participant in the altercation was issued a one year suspension for disorderly conduct (as stated in our rules)
 - The Recreation Commission will be made aware of any suspensions of significance.
- Shane Guynn, AD at CHS is going to organize the 5k run, as he is a great resource with the running community
 - ‘Getting Scary on the Huckleberry’ was one of the great ideas, but the timing of the race won’t work this year, may use this idea next year
 - In the future we may do a trick or treat trail for Halloween on the Huckleberry and get area businesses involved
 - ‘Huckleberry Hustle’ is the name of our 5k run/walk this year and it will take place the second Saturday in November
 - Possibly have people dress up in 70’s/disco attire
 - We are going to reach out to Captain Ramsey to block off the road where the Huckleberry crosses over Cambria so that our runners/walkers can cross safely
 - There will be a Race Committee to be able to get everything taken care of and move forward with this wonderful race/walk
- Brad Mecham passed around a copy of the Master Plan draft
 - Chapter 1 is the Executive Summery
 - Page 12 is the baseline conditions of our current parks/facilities
 - A few more will be added to that list
 - Chapter 4 is a demographic of Christiansburg
 - Chapter 6 are recommendations for the future
 - It will line out different items for each park/facility and will also be adding cost for these items
 - Page 25 is the Truman/Wilson Property
 - Lists of what peoples visions were and the public feedback for the future park
 - Music Venue (Amphitheater)
 - Rectangular Fields (Soccer, Football, Lacrosse)
 - Wagon wheel softball and baseball park
 - Supporting girls sports
 - Dog park
 - Connecting it to the Huckleberry
 - Senior outdoor facilities
 - Outdoor volleyball court
 - Signature playground and open green space
 - This will be a playground for children of all abilities to meet their Recreational needs

- Page 27 recommendations for East and West sides of Christiansburg
- Also on peoples want lists were more outdoor themed programs, incorporate downtown, and organization of a 5k race (which is already being worked on)
 - Also accessibility and connectivity with trails and sidewalks
 - This may take a while with the expense and making safe crossing over major roadways. Brad Mecom handed out a town property and right away map with potential sidewalk and trail map
- Additional Recreation Commission work session was scheduled for May 15 at 6pm to discuss specifically the Master Plan
- Public Meeting will be June 2 at 6pm for the citizens to give their input on the Master Plan
- Also need to get the Master Plan on Town Council's schedule
- Cord Hall let the Commission know what the Town Council has been discussing that deals with the Recreation Department
 - The Truman/Wilson Property has been shown as a level of importance during the 2020 discussions for future recreational use.
 - Will provide council of the picture of the before and after of the new lighting to put on the big screen and show Town Council. Also will talk about the savings of the lights themselves and the electricity savings
 - The Town is looking at viable options to put in place a Farmers Market and this may fall under the umbrella of the Recreation Department
 - Mentioned an idea about doing a 'Downtown Treat Trail' for Halloween this year
 - It will cost nothing to do this and would be great for the downtown area of Christiansburg (40+ businesses)
 - Go from the Police Department all the way down to the Family Dollar on both side of the street with the 8 foot sidewalks

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is work session to discuss the Master Plan will be May 15 at 6pm

June meeting will coincide with a Public meeting to review the Master Plan will be June 2 at 6pm