

Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2013

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order

In attendance: Tonia Winn, Jim Williamson, Mike Barber, Mary Critzer, Doris Oliver, Mike Harris, Mike Saylors, Diane Fenton, Brad Epperley, Charlton McCoy, Chuck Muncy

The minutes from the last meeting were approved

Brad shared the highlights from the September monthly report:

- * Active memberships this month: 5904
- * Helped with Wilderness Trail Festival and it had a great turnout

Adult Athletics:

- * Flag Football, Church and Open Volleyball are underway
- * The free Volleyball Clinic we had with Radford University went well with 15 participants
- * Radford University men's basketball having a clinic Thursday

Youth Athletics:

- * Starting sign-ups for youth volleyball and there has been a lot of interest
- * Football and Cheerleading are underway and going very well with numbers increased this year
- * Had cheer clinics this year with Morgan Reed to help all cheerleaders learn the cheers

Community Programs:

- * Preschool Playgroup continues to fill up
- * 30 minute Abs and Arms along with P90 Rec classes doing very well
- * The previous Jazzercise instructor has opened up her own studio, so right now we do not have a new instructor for this class. We have reached out to Tech Sports Plex and started a Spin Class with them, great resource to have

Senior Programs:

- * This month's Blood Drive has 24 participants
- * Financial Planning had 64 participants
- * The Zumba Gold class continues to do very well

Outdoor Parks:

- * In the process of getting bids for playground equipment for Summit Ridge Park
- * Nations State Tournament went well with 63 teams
- * Depot Park is close to completion and has turned out very nice
- * The bridge for the Huckleberry Trail will be completed within the next year. Within the next month the portion of the Huckleberry close to the Recreation Center should be paved
- * None of our area parks are marked with their names; we have designed new 3ft x 2ft signs for each park to show the names, hours, etc... The Recreation Commission approved the design of the signs and is looking forward to placing them in the parks.
- * Two interns will be starting in January from Radford University. One is focusing on the outdoor side of recreation and the other is focused on the therapeutic side of recreation in community programs. They both will complete 560 hours a piece with their internships running from Jan-May
- * We have been approached about an organization wanting to adopt a park. Brad was thinking maybe Depot Park because the hillside can be a battle to keep trash off of it. This will be a good trial to see if we will let others adopt parks.
- * Venco Business Solutions has also come forward wanting to put ATM machines at the Recreation Center and at Harkrader. We would have no responsibility for the machines and we would receive a .50 cent transaction fee per use. They normally do a 5 year contract, but for us they would do a 1 year and would wrap the machines with our logo or Harkrader logo. Brad will discuss this item with Barry and Val to determine the best interest for the Town of Christiansburg
- * Brad Mecham spoke about where the Master Plan was at this point. He gave a hand out on the Inventory of Christiansburg. There are two kinds of standards looked at: Small town recommendations and National recommendations.
- * He showed a coverage map that labeled parks into regional or neighborhood parks based on acres.
- * Talked about a survey for the town residents and their opinion on the recreation in the area. There will be a breakdown of the demographic for the survey. The first draft of the survey will be brought to the next recreation commission meeting for approval

Next Recreation Commission Meeting will be held November 4, 2013