

Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2013

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved

Brad shared the highlights from the October monthly report:

- Stroller Fitness class got some great publicity in the News Messenger
- Attendance was 8786 people this past month in the Recreation Center
- Ghouls Gathering had 100 people in attendance
- Youth football has come to an end this year and basketball placement practices are starting next week
- New adjustable basketball goals for this year that won't tip over and are much more safe for the children
- Church volleyball has 12 teams this year and they will play every Tuesday until Christmas then will have a double elimination tournament
- Had 39 participants for the free basketball clinic that we did in conjunction with RU Men's basketball
 - Lots of positive feedback
- Health and Wellness Fair had close to 200 people
- Special Populations had a Halloween Dance with 235 participants
- Five different organizations requesting tournament dates for our Outdoor Parks and Facilities
- Huckleberry trail is making big headways in getting paved and is looking really nice
 - Opens Blacksburg up to us here in Christiansburg
- Tommy Barber has come to Brad wanting to bring Buddy Camp to Christiansburg
 - Amazing opportunity teaming high school age children with younger (pre-school/Kindergarten) developmentally delayed children for one week during the camp
 - It is a half day camp with each day having classes with the children and then a field trip (Chuck E Cheese, Mill Mountain Zoo, etc.)
 - This is a way for us to reach out to children outside of sports
 - Brad showed video about the camp
 - Looking at dates for next summer to start this camp here in Christiansburg
- Brad Mecom brought in the rough draft of the survey for the Master Plan
 - Get an understanding of people within the town's recreation use

- Possibly using 'Survey Monkey' to have the survey online, putting a paper survey in the utility bills, in high traffic areas around the town, and in our next brochure
- New River Valley Community Services have contacted us asking us to use our facility one to two times a week. They would like us to wave all fees for their staff who are not town residents anytime they would like to come with the clients.
 - This would be 6-12 individuals along with their staff members
 - In the past this has not worked out because the staff member would not always stay with the client and work with them only while in the recreation center
 - The board recommended at this time to not wave the fees
- Mike Barbers last meeting will be in December and after that Cord Hall will be the liaison for the Town Council
- Meeting adjourned
- Next meeting December 2, 2013