

AGENDA

WORK SESSION OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL – 5:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL – 7:00 P.M.
CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL

100 EAST MAIN STREET

APRIL 14, 2015

WORK SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. DISCUSSION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. Proposed storm water fee for FY 2015-2016.

III. ADJOURNMENT

~~ Recess until 7:00 P.M. ~~

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR BARBER

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015.

III. RECOGNITIONS

1. Christiansburg High School diving champion, Ronnie Piemonte.
2. Christiansburg High School wrestling team.

IV. CITIZEN'S HEARING

1. Presentation of the Drive Tourism Program by Randy Rose, Senior Development Specialist for Partnership Marketing for the Virginia Tourism Corporation.
2. Bev Walters, Director of NRV Cares, to address Council in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.
3. Opal Squires, Child Protective Services investigator with Pulaski County Department of Social Services, to address Council in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.
4. Lois Caliri, outreach specialist with Enroll Virginia and Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society, to speak about the Affordable Care Act special enrollment.
5. Chief Joe Coyle to provide an update on the Rescue Squad.
6. Chief Billy Hanks to provide an update on Fire Department.
7. Citizen Comments.

V. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Request by Montgomery County for a boundary line adjustment on Cinnabar Road.

VI. COUNCIL REPORTS

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

1. Progress Reports and Announcements:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A Council work session will be held at Christiansburg Town Hall on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. to discuss aquatic center free passes, and stricter enforcement of Town standards.

The next regular Town Council meeting will be held at Christiansburg Town Hall on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 7:00 P.M.
MARCH 24, 2015**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA, ON MARCH 24 , 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor R. Cord Hall; Samuel M. Bishop; Steve Huppert; Henry D. Showalter; Bradford J. Stipes; James W. Vanhoozier. ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Barry Helms; Assistant Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Acting Clerk of Council Amber Beasley; Town Attorney Jim Guynn; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; Director of Aquatics Terry Caldwell; Planning & Zoning Director Nichole Hair; Planner Missy Martin; Planner Sara Morgan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR BARBER.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution recognizing the Christiansburg High School wrestling team.
2. Resolution recognizing Christiansburg High School student, Ronnie Piemonte.
3. Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015.
4. Monthly Bills.
5. Proclamation in support of the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
6. Proclamation in support of Commit to Graduate (C2G) Week.
7. Proclamation recognizing April 1-7, 2015 as Local Government Education Week.

Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Hall. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

Councilman Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to add the recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Commitment to Graduate Education Week. Councilman Vanhoozier seconded the motion and Council voted as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

III. RECOGNITIONS

IV. CITIZEN'S HEARING

1. Planning Director Nichole Hair presented Council with an update of what the Planning Department does on a daily basis. She explained the types of violations that occur within town limits which ranged from high grass complaints to disabled vehicles and how the department responds to such violations. Ms. Hair advised that the department responds to these violations with a range of enforcement, from warnings to court enforcement and that were approximately 300 violations the past year. Councilman Hall questioned who absorbed court cost in those situations to which she replied that those costs are passed along to the violator. Councilman Bishop questioned what the Planning Department does regarding weekend sale signs to which she responded the Planning Department will take possession of those signs if they are seen or they are notified by a citizen complaint. Mayor asked if that included Yard Sale signs and it does.

Councilman Stipes questioned out of the approximately 300 violations in a year how many were handled within department and Ms. Hair advised that approximately ninety percent of all violations are handled within the department.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

- a. There were no citizens comments.

VI. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. COUNCIL ACTION ON:

- a. Appointment of Planning Commission members - Councilman Hall made a motion to appoint Hil Johnson, Tacy Newell and Virginia Peeples, seconded by Councilman Bishop. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.
- b. Montgomery County Museum support for the Mountains of Music Homecoming Event – Councilman Hall made a motion to approve support up to \$5,000 from the tourism grant to support the Montgomery County Museum during the Mountains of Music Homecoming Event in June. This event will include food truck vendors, live music and is expected to draw people from all over the state. Councilman Stipes asked that this event be placed on the town website and utility bills to notify the public. Councilman Hall suggested that the town invest in banners for this event if it was to become an annual event. Councilman Huppert seconds the motion. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

VI. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Councilman Stipes and Councilman Vanhoozier welcomed the new members of the Planning Commission.
2. Councilman Bishop spoke as a reminder of a blood drive at the Christiansburg Rescue Squad on March 28, 2015.
3. Councilman Huppert commented on an ad that was created by Mrs. Showalter and assisted by several of the town employees and gave his appreciation and congratulations on a job well done.
4. Councilman Hall thanked Council, Town Manager Barry Helms and the town staff for their support of April Child Abuse Prevention Month. Councilman Hall also reported that community speakers have been scheduled for the month of April in honor of Child Abuse Prevention month. Councilman Hall also reported that a lease was sent to Kiwanis.
5. Mayor Barber reported that he was appointed to a committee to help plan the VML meeting on April 17, 2015 in Richmond, VA. He asked Council members for any suggestions in regards to the planning of the meeting.

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. PROGRESS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Requested Work Sessions be scheduled for the Budget, Increased Water/Sewer Fees, Aquatic Free Passes and Stricter Enforcement for Development Codes. Council scheduled a Work Session for the Budget on March 31, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall; a Work Session was scheduled for increased water/sewer fees on April 14, 2015 from 5:30-6:45 pm at the Town Hall; a Work Session was scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall to discuss Aquatic free passes and stricter enforcement of building and site construction.
- Request for a Public Hearing to be set on April 28, 2015 to receive input on increases in Water/Sewer Fees.
- Request for a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit by Billy Massie (agent for Starlight MHP, LLC) for a single family residence on Starlight Drive (Tax Map Parcel 529 – ((A)) – 41) in the B-3 General Business District. Public Hearing was scheduled for the May 12, 2015 council meeting.
- Announced that Gay & Neel had been selected to be lead consultant to develop the Truman Wilson Property Master Plan.
- Reminder that the New River Valley Planning District Commission annual dinner is on May 13th from 6-8 pm at Hotel Floyd.
- Announced that the FY 2015-16 Draft Budget was now available and Ms. Valerie Tweedie, Director Finance/Treasury, handed out copies to members of Council.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before Council, Councilman Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M., seconded by Councilman Bishop. Council voted on the motion as follows: AYES: Bishop, Hall, Huppert, Showalter, Stipes, Vanhoozier. NAYS: None.

Amber S. Beasley, Acting Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber, Mayor

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March 24, 2015



Barry Helms, Town Manager
Town of Christiansburg
100 East Main Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Re: Cinnabar Road – Boundary Line Adjustment

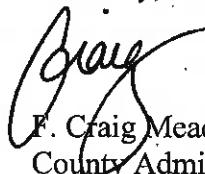
Dear Barry:

As you are aware, the County recently acquired property on Cinnabar Road as the site for the new animal shelter. The planned facility will serve the County and both Towns providing shelter care and adoption services for both dogs and cats. The County also owns the small parcel adjacent to the proposed site that is located in the Town of Christiansburg. The parcel is identified as Tax Map Number 406-A-130, containing 0.67 acres, conveyed to the County in Deed Book 1064, page 577. This letter serves as an official request to the Town for a boundary line adjustment to move this parcel into the County.

Approval of this request would facilitate the construction of the new shelter by allowing this parcel to be joined with the existing parcel on our site. As one site, the regulatory processes including stormwater management (MS4 requirements), erosion and sediment control, building inspection, and zoning changes would be a County responsibility rather than split between the two jurisdictions.

Should the Town be willing to adjust the Town boundary, the County will be responsible for drafting the required Boundary Adjustment Agreement, obtaining the survey showing the boundary change and preparing the Court documents to get Circuit Court approval. The County will likewise be responsible for all costs associated with this request. Thank you for consideration of this request. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at meadowsfc@montgomerycountyva.gov or 382-6954.

Sincerely,



F. Craig Meadows,
County Administrator



EXPRESS



DRIVE Tourism | Overview

Identify and quickly review the **State**, **Appendix** and **Local** sections of the State Tourism Plan

Idea Book = Highlight the first 20 pages

5Ps = Engage the STP's five Ps of product, partnership, policy, pillars and promotion

:30 min **3 Tenants** = Identify your area's – Authenticity ○ Connectivity ○ Visitor Experience



Hub & Spoke

Develop visitor experiences with a hub & spoke design

SPOKE

Utilize your region's primary and secondary product themes

:30 min

Complete Exercise - in groups of 3

:15 min

Report – 1 or more members of each group

SPOKE

SPOKE

HUB



Competition

Choose your TOP 3 out-of-state competitors

How do you measure against them?

:30 min

Complete Exercise - in groups of 3

SPOKE

:15 min

Report – 1 or more members of each group

SPOKE

:15 min **Break**



Hub & Spoke | Development-focused

Use competition data

How do you measure against them?

What is truly unique about your area?

Compare strengths and weaknesses?

What new development product would fill a void in your area?

:30 min

:15 min



Hub & Spoke | Prioritize

Lunch-time discussion

Use the information and competition data above

Narrow-in on what development projects will keep you ahead of the competition

:45 min



Make It Happen

Come to a consensus on priorities and next steps



Enhanced



2-yr



5-yr | Game Changer



Identify the 5Ps
needed to succeed

4.45 hrs

Memo To: Town Manager, Town Council, and Recreation Commission

From: Brad Epperley, Director of Parks and Recreation

Subject: Monthly Report-March 2015

Date: March 31, 2015

March 2015	
Recreation Center Deposits	\$8,839.00
Special Events Deposits	\$0.00
Skate Park Deposits	\$0.00
Armory Deposits	\$0.00
Rec. Center check & refund requests	\$0.00
Special Event check & refund requests	\$0.00
Rental Contract	\$5,870.00
Payroll	\$424.13
Rec. center receipts-materials & supplies	\$103.20
Spec. events receipts-materials & supplies	\$834.00
Total Active Memberships	5,929
Weight Club	107
Attendance	10,815

EVENT/CAMP	2015 Home Expo
Date	March 13, 14, 15
Time	3/13(4-7pm) 3/14(9am-7pm) 3/15(12pm-5pm)
Location	Recreation Center
Participants	Hundreds
Guests	Thousands
Contributors	NRVHBA
Food	They handled the food
Entertainment	N/A
Cost (+-)	Rental Fee \$3700

		COMMUNITY PROGRAMS				
	Program	Starting Date	Days	Weeks	Participants	Attendance
Pre-School						
	Pre-School Play Group	Mar. 10	Tues.	6 weeks	5 children	30
	Pee Wee Aerobics	Jan. 26	Mon.	6 weeks	5 children	30
	Book It	Mar. 12	Thur.	6 weeks	6 children	36
	Diaper Gym	Jan. 26	Mon.	6 weeks	4 children/adult	48
	Galloping Gators	Mar. 3	Tues.	4 weeks	1 child	4
	Bouncing Bunnies	Mar. 5	Thur.	4 weeks	1 child	4
	Energy Outlet	Mar. 27	Fri.	6 weeks	TBA	TBA
	Fun For Tots	Mar. 27	Fri.	6 weeks	TBA	TBA
Youth						
	Horsemanship	Mar.	Wed.	4 weeks	1 child	4
	Martial Arts	Mar.	Mon/Wed	4 weeks	cancelled	0
	Ballet	Jan. 26	Mon.	6 weeks	8 children	48
	MB First Aid	Apr-3	Thur.	1 day	TBA	TBA
Adult						
	Morning Aerobics	Mar. 18	Mon,Wed,Fri	6 weeks	9 adults	108
	Toning and Cond.	Mar. 16	Mon., Wed.	6 weeks	15 adults	180
	Fast Fit	Mar. 10	Tues., Thur.	6 weeks	13 adults	156
	30 Min. Arms/ Abs	Mar. 16	Mon. Wed.	6 weeks	18 adults	216
	Cardio/Weight	Mar. 24	Tues., Thur.	6 weeks	11 adults	132
	Core Balance and Strength	Mar. 10	Tues/Thur.	6 weeks	20 adults	240
	P 90 Early Bird	Mar. 10	Tues, Thur.	6 weeks	26 adults	312
	Afro Rhythmic Cardio Burn	Mar. 24	Tues/Thur.	6 weeks	cancelled	0
	Zumba	Mar. 12	Tues., Thur.	6 weeks	9 adults	108
	Early Morning Yoga	Mar. 23	Mon., Wed.	6 weeks	10 adults	120
	Total Cardio	Mar. 16	Mon/Wed.	6 weeks	19 adults	228
	Beginning Yoga	Mar. 24	Tues./Thur.	6 weeks	17 adults	204
	Intermediate Yoga	Mar. 24	Tues/Thur.	6 weeks	cancelled	0

	Stroller Fitness	Mar. 10	Tues.	6 weeks	5 adults/kids	30
	Stroller Fitness	Mar. 27	Fri.	6 weeks	TBA	TBA
	Beginning Horsemanship	Mar.	Tues.	4 weeks	2 adults	2
	Zumba Toning	Mar. 10	Tues/Thur.	6 weeks	11 adults	132
	Lunchtime Yoga	Jan. 12	Mon/ Wed.	6 weeks	10 adults	120
	Lunchtime Yoga	Mar. 23	Mon/Wed.	6 weeks	9 adults	108
	Boot Camp	Mar. 11	Wed.	6 weeks	cancelled	0
	Martial Arts	Mar. 23	Mon/Wed.	4 weeks	cancelled	0
	Zumba Step	Mar. 11	Wed.	6 weeks	cancelled	0
Special Interest						
	Novice Dog Obedience I	Mar. 25	Wed.	6 weeks	12 dogs/owners	144
	Novice Dog Obedience II	Mar. 25	Wed.	6 weeks	6 dogs/owners	72
	Puppy Obedience	Jan. 22	Thur.	6 weeks	12 dogs/owners	144
	Rally Obedience	Jan. 22	Thur.	6 weeks	9 dogs/owners	108
	Pet Food Drive	Mar.	Mon-Fri	Month	5 participants	5
	Winter Food Drive	Mar.	Mon-Fri	Month	47 items	47
	Home Selling Class	Mar. 24	Tues.	1 day	cancelled	0
	Lunch Bunch-Roanoker	Mar. 26	Tues.	1 day	16 participants	16
	Body Fat Testing	Mar. 31	Tues.	1 day	TBA	TBA
	Photography	Mar. 12	Thur.	4 weeks	15 participants	60
	CPR Certification	Mar. 10	Tues.	1 day	5 participants	5
	Book Swap	Mar. 2	Mon.	1 day	2 participants	2
	Polar Bear Hike	Mar. 4	Wed.	1 day	inlc. weather	0
	Consignment Shopping	Mar. 12	Thur.	1 day	10 participants	10
	VA Firearms Training	Mar. 31	Tues.	1 day	46 participants	46

Senior Progress Report: March 2015					
	Participants	Sessions	Attendance	Starting Date	Days
Programs					
AOA Nutrition Site	11	11	121	ongoing	Tue-Thur
Basket Weavers	4	1	4	ongoing	Monday
Bible Study	12	3	36	ongoing	Thursday
Billiards	10	29	290	ongoing	Sun-Sat.
Card Night-Monday	5	2	10	ongoing	Monday
Coffee Hour	5	1	5	ongoing	Tuesday
Gospel Sing-Tuesday	5	1	5	ongoing	Tues.
Gospel Sing- Thursday	12	3	36	ongoing	Thurs.
Senior Aerobics	12	12	144	ongoing	MWF
Senior Lock box	31	1	31	ongoing	MWF
Senior Motions	17	12	204	ongoing	Wed.
Senior Basketball Night	22	8	176	ongoing	Mon/Wed.
Blood Pressure Screening	11	3	33	ongoing	Wednesday
Blood Drive-America Red Cross	26	1	26	Mar-15	Wednesday
Zumba Gold	20	9	180	Mar. 2-3-	MWF
Medicare Decisions Made Easy	0	0	0	Mar-15	Saturday
AARP Tax Aide	445	15	445	Feb. 28-Mar. 24	M/T/Th/Sat
Polar Bear Hike	cancelled	0	0	Mar-15	Wednesday
CPR/First Aid	5	1	5	Mar-15	Tuesday
Lima Bean Auction	25	1	25	Mar-15	Thursday
Neighborhood Watch Presentation	9	1	9	Feb. 25	Wednesday
Home Fit Workshop	7	1	7	Mar-15	Tuesday
Finding Opportunities in Today's Mkt	nxt mth	1		Mar-15	Tuesday
Trips					
Supper Club-Longhorn Steakhouse	11	1	11	Mar-15	Wednesday
Consignment Shopping	11	1	11	Mar-15	Thursday
Attic Productions: Walking Across Egypt	8	1	8	Mar-15	Thursday
Supper Club: Mt. View Kitchen	inclement weather	1	0	Feb. 26	Thursday

Lunch Bunch- Roanoker	18	1	18	Mar-15	Thursday
Clubs					
Triad S.A.L.T Meeting	25	1	25	Mar-15	Tuesday
Senior Special Events					
St. Patrick's Day Bingo	27	1	27	17-Mar	Tuesday
Easter Craft	cancelled	0	0	31-Mar	Tuesday
Special Populations					

The AARP Tax Aide program is still going strong, we only had one day cancelled due to snow. From February 28 to March 30 volunteers have seen 445 clients in fifteen days. Tax Aide will run thru April 14.

Progress Report March 2015

Adult Athletics

The Adult Basketball Leagues have finished their seasons. This was, by far, the most competitive season for both Slowbreak and Fastbreak Leagues that we have had. This was also the most participation we have ever had. We had 22 total teams, 11 in each league. The winners were: The Express, in the Fast break League and Jacks Team in the Slowbreak. Both were first time winners. Jacks Team went unbeaten on the season at 16-0.

The Adult Volleyball Leagues have already begun their regular season this week.

In Church League, we split the teams into the "A" League and "B" League. "A" League has 6 teams this season while "B" League has 7 teams. This is the same amount of teams that we had last spring.

Open Co-ed League begins on Thursday night. This year we have had an increase to bring our total to 15 teams. This spring is the most that we have had for this league. I expect this league to be very competitive.

Athletic Special Events – These are special events/clinics.

The CHS Baseball Clinic scheduled for March 4 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The RU Baseball Clinic scheduled for March 12 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Dicks Sporting Goods Day on March 21 had 65 coupons redeemed for the 20% discount.

Upcoming Events

RU Softball Clinic – Sunday March 29 – After RU game – Ages 6-18 - Free
Ru Softball Complex

Pitch, Hit, and Run Competition – Monday April 6 - 6pm - Boys/Girls Ages 7-14 - Free
Harkrader Sports Complex

RJ Price Basketball Clinic – Saturday April 18 – 10am – Youths Ages 5-14 - Free
Christiansburg Recreation Center

Christiansburg Clash Doubles Racquetball Tournament – Saturday April 18 – 9am – Ages 18 & over - \$20/person
Christiansburg Recreation Center

Registration is being accepted for the following programs:

Adult Softball

Youth Athletics Progress Report for March 2015

Baseball and Softball sign ups have come to an end.

	2015	Last year
T-ball	7 teams	6 teams
Boy's coach pitch	6 teams	6 teams
Girl's coach pitch	3 teams	1 teams
Boy's 9-10	4 teams	6 teams
Girl's 9-10	2 teams	2 teams
Boys 11-12	3 teams	3 teams
Girl's 11-12	2 teams	1 team

Girl's numbers have increased this season, but the Boys have decreased slightly and this is possibly due to having low sign-up rates for travel baseball players.

Uniforms have been ordered.

All baseballs and softballs are ordered, coaches' background checks are in, and we are still currently having coaches complete the certification process that is necessary in order to coach our teams. Equipment will be distributed this week to all coaches. We were able to complete all drafts for all age groups. The placement practices were a little difficult as the weather would not cooperate. We are currently working on practice schedules for all teams so the coach can give the information to the parents. We will have first aid kits at all field locations.

Next month we will be doing the schedules for these teams and starting games. We will be participating in the Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball leagues that are comprised of Christiansburg, Radford, Pulaski, Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Floyd, and Carroll County.

Progress Report for March 2015

Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks

- We will be hosting 3 World Series starting on Wednesday, July 8th. Nations Baseball asked Randal Morris if they could add the Elite World Series also with the Ultimate and Select World Series. Randal is projecting more teams will be playing in these World Series than last year.
- Virginia Tech Club Softball game with Virginia Club Softball at Harkrader Sports Complex on Sunday, March 1st was postponed to March 22st. The games played on the 22st were very exciting. They split the 2 games with UVA winning the first game 5 to 1 and Va. Tech winning the second game 5 to 2. It was very good fast pitch softball to watch. Virginia Tech loved our facility and our community. We want to continue this relationship in the future.
- Virginia Tech Club Softball had to cancel their games with West Virginia University Club Softball and William and Mary Club Softball on Saturday, March 21st. Due to weather the WVU and William and Mary canceled due to teams not having enough practice time due to weather conditions in their area.
- Nations Baseball - Spring Warm Up - Used Falling Branch Big Field, Kiwanis Park Small and Big Field, Harkrader Sports Complex Fields 1 and 3. This was supposed to be a 2 day tournament to be held March 21th-22th, but due to weather condition it was a 1 day tournament held March 22th. There were 5-10 u teams – Team Va. 10u, New River Thunder, Botetourt Elite and Temperance Tornados. There were 6-11u teams – NRBi Thunder – Blue, Virginia Cobras, Temperance Tornados, Tribe, Botetourt Lightning and NRBi Thunder – Silver. We were the only locality to play on this weekend.
- Nations Baseball – Spring State Qualifier – Used Falling Branch Big Field, Kiwanis Park Small and Big Field, Harkrader Sports Complex Fields 1, 2 and 3. This was supposed to be a 2 day tournament to be held March 28th-29th but due to weather condition it was a 1 day tournament held March 29th. There were 6-10u teams – New River Thunder, Cave Spring Heat, Botetourt Elite, Roanoke Velocity, Grayson County Dare Devils and Yard Dawgs. There were 6-11u teams – NRBi Thunder – Blue, Botetourt Lightning, NRV Tigers, Southside Beavers, and New River Thunder – Silver and the Tribe. There were 5-12u teams – Botetourt Bandits, Madison Heights Mavericks, New River Thunder – Silver, Roanoke Blue Sox and Roanoke Velocity.

• **NEW RIVER VALLEY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

March 2015

1 st	Va. Tech vs UVA Club Softball	Harkrader Sports Complex Field 1
7 th -8 th	Nations Baseball – Team Appreciation Event	Kiwanis Park & Falling Branch
12 th	<i>Christiansburg Recreation/RU Baseball Clinic (FREE)</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex</i>
14 th -15 th	Nations Baseball – Fly Ball	Randolph Park, Kiwanis Park & Falling Branch,
21 st	Va. Tech, WVU, William & Mary Club Softball (Round Robin Format)	Harkrader Sports Complex Field 1
21 st -22 nd	Nations Baseball – Spring Warm Up <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – The End of Winter Bash</i>	Veteran's Park & Harkrader Sports Complex Fields 2 & 3 <i>Kiwanis Park and Falling Branch, New River Sports Complex</i>

28th-29th

Nations Baseball – Spring State Qualifier
Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Spring Tune Up

*Veteran's Park, Harkrader Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park
Randolph Park & Falling Branch, New River Sports Complex*

April 2015

4 th -5 th	Nations Baseball – Spring Blast <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Spring Rally</i>
6 th	<i>Christiansburg Recreation Pitch, Hit & Run (FREE)</i>
11 th -12 th	Nations Baseball – Spring State
18 th	Nations Baseball – Easter Rally (1 Day)
25 th -26 th	Nations Baseball – 8 th Annual Middle School Jamboree <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Spring Blast</i>

*Harkrader Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch
Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex
Harkrader Sports Complex
Harkrader Sports Complex, Randolph Park, Veteran's Park
Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park
Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, Randolph Park
Veteran's Park, Randolph Park*

May 2015

2 nd -3 rd	Nations Baseball – Summer State Qualifier
9 th	Roanoke USSSA Baseball – Mother’s Day (1 Day)
	Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Mother’s Day Clash (1 Day)
16 th -17 th	Nations Baseball – Western Area Summer State
30 th -31 st	Nations Baseball – The Yard Classic
	Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball - Diamond Classic

Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park
Harkrader Sports Complex
Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex
Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park
Veteran's Park, Harkrader Sports Complex
New River Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch

June 2015

6 th -7 th	Nations Baseball – Feeding America Benefit <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – June Early Bird</i>
13 th -14 th	<i>Roanoke USSSA Baseball – Cure for Cancer</i> <i>USSSA Adult Slow Pitch Softball</i>
20 th -21 st	Nations Baseball – Virginia Commonwealth Games
27 th -28 th	<i>Dixie Youth “AAA” Baseball District Tournament</i> <i>Dixie Youth “O Zone” Baseball District Tournament</i>

*Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, Randolph Park
Kiwanis Park, New River Sports Complex, Falling Branch
Harkrader Sports Complex
Veteran's Park
Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, Kiwanis Park,
New River Sports Complex, Falling Branch
Randolph Park
Randolph Park*

July 2015

<i>4th-5th</i>	<i>Nations Baseball – Independence Day Blast Off</i>
<i>8th-12th</i>	<i>Nations Baseball - Ultimate, Select, and Elite</i>
	<i>World Series 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u</i>
<i>18th-19th</i>	<i>USSSA Adult Slow Pitch Softball</i> <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball -</i>

Harkrader Sports Complex
Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park,
Randolph Park, New River Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park
Veteran's Park
Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch, New River Sports Complex

August 2015

8 th -9 th	<i>Roanoke USSSA Baseball – Back to School Bash</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex</i>
15 th -16 th	<i>Nations Baseball – Nations Blast</i> <i>USSSA Adult Slow Pitch Softball</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Randolph Park</i> <i>Veteran's Park</i>
22 nd -23 rd	<i>Adult Slow Pitch Softball – Christiansburg Police Dept. Fallen Officer Tournament</i> <i>Nations Baseball – Cougar Classic</i> <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Heat Wave</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park</i>
29 th -30 th	<i>Rain Date: Christiansburg Police Dept. Fallen Officer</i> <i>Nations Baseball – New River Shoot Out</i> <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Back to School Classic</i>	<i>Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex, Randolph Park</i> <i>Falling Branch, Randolph Park</i> <i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park</i> <i>Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex</i> <i>Falling Branch</i>

September 2015

5 th -6 th	<i>Nations Baseball – Fall State Qualifier</i> <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Labor Day Clash</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, Randolph Park</i> <i>New River Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch</i>
12 th -13 th	<i>Nations Baseball – Relay for Life Benefit</i> <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – New River Bash</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch</i> <i>Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex</i>
19 th -20 th	<i>Nations Baseball – 3 Strike Challenge</i> <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – End of Summer Jamboree</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park</i> <i>New River Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch</i>
26 th -27 th	<i>Nations Baseball – Western Area Fall State</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, Randolph Park</i> <i>New River Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch</i>

October 2015

3 rd -4 th	<i>Nations Baseball - Blue Ridge Mountain Brawl</i> <i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Mountain Brawl</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Randolph Park, Kiwanis Park</i> <i>Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex, Falling Branch</i>
10 th -11 th	<i>Nations Baseball – Fall Nationals</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex</i>
17 th -18 th	<i>Top Gun Fast Pitch Softball – Fall Leaves</i> <i>Nations Baseball – Halloween Howl</i>	<i>Randolph Park, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch</i> <i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, New River Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park</i>
24 th -25 th	<i>Nations Baseball – 5th Annual Cole & Mason Anderson</i>	<i>Harkrader Sports Complex, Veteran's Park, Randolph Park, New River Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch</i>

Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2015

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

In attendance: Tonia Winn, Mary Critzer, Jim Williamson, Brad Epperley, Charlton McCoy, Mike Harris, Diane Fenton

Approved last month's minutes

Brad went over the monthly progress report.

February has been a very busy month with attendance being 10,789 patrons, not including programs.

Community Programs are going well with Core Balance and Strength having 22 participants, P90 has 24 participants, Total Body Cardio also has 24 participants, Beginning Yoga has 22 participants, and our new program Lunchtime Yoga has 10 participants in the class. Our dog obedience programs are doing very well with 14 owners/dogs in the Novice and 15 in the Intermediate classes. We are going to start a 40 minute Lunchtime Walking Club with the employees of Christiansburg as a trial run at the end of March, and then we will expand it to the public in the Summer Brochure. The Engineering Department is getting an updated map of all the sidewalks so that we can use it to explore Christiansburg.

Senior Programs: Senior Aerobics had 14 participants and Senior Motions had 15 participants. Tax Aide has had 289 participants so far, doing very well.

Wolfhart Hart House: Honkey Tonk Angels had 13 participants.

Youth Athletics: Basketball is completed for the season, and baseball/softball sign-ups will end March 6, with the placement practices in the middle of the month.

Adult Athletics: Fastbreak and Slowbreak basketball leagues are still going on, but close to being done with regular season and will go into tournament play. Softball Pitching/catching clinic and a hitting clinic on two separate days ended up having 5 participants in each category (more than last year). We will be having a Pitch/Hit/Run Clinic at Harkrader April 6th for boys and girls ages 7-14.

Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks: Still working on pricing for Playground equipment that is needed for Downtown Park, hope to have this very soon. Nations World Series will be at Harkrader from July 8-12th, they are projecting close to 100 teams.

Brad handed out the draft for the Huckleberry Hustle 5k. Met with Diane and Shane Guynn to get everything together and make it work. Virginia Tech graduation is the same day, but we are going to try to go ahead with the 5k, it could be something that gives everyone to do that morning. We will have a few different awards for the 5k with one being the Queen and the King of the bridge (the first female and male to the bridge). We are also doing the Eight Mile Walk Challenge; Brad has been working with Councilman Steve Hubbert on this program. We are going to take the first 70 walkers that sign up and Blacksburg Transit will have a bus for us that will take everyone from the Recreation Center to Blacksburg Library and everyone will walk back to the Recreation Center to concur the Challenge. We will also have some of our vans along the trail in case we need to shuttle people back to the Recreation Center.

We have a citizen that would like to start a library at Depot Park, love the idea and it would enhance the improvement at Depot Park. She would handle the library and make sure the books were replenished. This is something very neat that could eventually grow around Christiansburg to other parks in our area.

The Recreation Center had a very large water leak that came from our cleaning dispenser water valve that had a malfunction. Both restrooms towards the senior area were filled with water, the multipurpose room 2, water all the way out to Court C and A, all storage closets, and some of the racquetball courts. We did an insurance claim very quickly but our workers jumped on everything and did an excellent job of getting the water cleaned up very swiftly and minimized damage, the insurance agent was very impressed with the small amount of damage from the close to 800 gallons of water. A few tiles have popped up, but for over all very little damage because our workers did so much so fast.

Budget meeting: We have been asked to prioritize our proposed capital budget. We have trail development, athletic field improvements (safety precautions), replacement of tile floor in Recreation Center (17 years old), picnic shelters, design drawing of the Wilson Property, playground equipment for pocket playgrounds, Outdoor fitness equipment on land that was donated for this purpose, paving the parking lots here at the Recreation Center (not been paved since the building was Lowes), and Kiwanis Small Field lights. Also put in capital equipment for Sand Pro Toro field grader for the maintenance of the fields. We will be prioritizing the capital category as far as safety is concerned first and as quickly as possible.

There were 5 different companies/firms that bid and were interviewed on the RFP for the Wilson property. And enjoyable learning experience, we are in negotiations with one firm but cannot release the name of the company at this time. Barry Helms, Town Manager, Nicole Hair, Director of Planning; Wayne Nelson, Director of Engineering; Sarah Morgan, also in the Planning Department; Jim Williamson, Recreation Advisory Board, and Brad Epperley, Director of Parks and Recreation, are the committee members that interviewed them. The Recreation Commission will be a very important part of the Master Plan for the Wilson Property.

Mike Harris brought up the idea of having a Junior Golf League (starter golf) in Youth Sports. We have offered a Youth League in the past, but it has not had enough interest. When Brad was in Salem they offered a program like this for children to get to play, they worked with the Pro-golfer at Hanging Rock learning different aspects of golf. At the completion of the week they would have a small tournament for the children to compete in. Mike has a great idea of getting different courses involved. Some ideas were to have the Pros and some coaches that could teach the children and help them. This idea will definitely be brought up at the next directors meeting to look at and see if we can do it on a regional prospective.

Meeting adjourned

Next Recreation Commission meeting April 6, 2015