

Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2015

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

In attendance: Diane Fenton, Tonia Winn, Doris Oliver, Mary Critzer, Jim Williamson, Cord Hall, Brad Epperley, Mike Saylor

Approved last month's minutes

No citizen comments

Diane Fenton turned meeting over to Brad. We had 7,237 people in attendance this month, up from last year's numbers. Community Programs: we partnered with the Library and had National Backyard Games Day we had 16 children involved, P90 has 26 participants, Beginning Yoga has 16 participants, Employee walking club has had 31 participants. The tourism booth at the FAM Tour (tour went around to different tourism spots in the county) had 30 participants on the tour. Senior Programs: the Lazy Ranch trip had 13 participants, Zumba Gold had 23 participants, the RSVP Celebration had 25 participants, the Senior Care Fair had a little more than 40 booths and 164 participants, and the Mother's and Father's Day Luncheon had 65 participants good turnout for that program. Adult Athletics: Adult volleyball and Church Softball is currently ongoing, the Co-ed volleyball has 15 teams in that league which makes for really good competition, and Adult Church Softball has 9 teams this season. We went with the ASA organization bat list this season to help cut down on the confusion of bats allowed and people's safety is most important. Youth Sports: baseball and softball are getting close to wrapping up, Brian is gathering votes from the AAA players for All Stars, hopefully we will have enough numbers for the Ozone, Angels and Ponytail leagues to have All Stars. Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks: Western Area Southern State Tournament had over 40 teams for that, Top Guns Softball had a great start for this new tournament, the Top Guns Baseball had 15 teams. Kurt Goodson is running the Top Guns and we look forward to continuing working with him. The Feed America Tournament will be held this upcoming weekend and as of today we had 42 teams signed up for it.

We are winding down into our fiscal year, we need to get some capital improvements we have to finalize and finish up. In the next few weeks we will be putting in new playground equipment and swing sets at Downtown Park. We are going to start looking to get new playground and outdoor fitness equipment for our pocket parks.

The 4th of July Celebration will be new this year with a Downtown Festival with vendors, bike rodeo and bands, then fireworks at the High School at dark. This will help bring people into the Downtown area and also give us the opportunity to do something new.

Jill's Buddy Camp is happening this year with our partnership with Montgomery County Schools (Kathleen Wright, Pat Jones and Brie Hall have been the contacts). With our partnership we are actually going to get to do 2 weeks instead of just 1 week and this will tie into their extended school year they have to provide, which is great! The camp is going to be June 22-25th and June 29-July 2nd, the camp will be 8:30am-12:30pm every day. We are going to have 18 campers each week (from Pre-K to 2nd grade) and we are looking for some great teenagers to be their buddies, great resume builder for the buddies. We will be splitting them up into 3 groups of 6 doing different activities at the beginning of the day and then we will have field trips for them every day. Some of our trips are NRV Superbowl, the Fire and Police Departments, Virginia Tech Castle Coliseum, 5J Ranch which has a petting zoo, Cox's putt-putt, the Wall Dairy Farm to

fish at their pond (Walmart donated fishing poles for each child to take home with them), and the Aquatics Center. This is a very beneficial program for all involved.

World Series is moving forward and as of right now we have 52 teams registered. There are teams from Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina and we have even gotten a call from New Hampshire. We will be using Radford and Pulaski fields also to help with the World Series.

Cord Hall let everyone know that the meeting with Gay and Neel and the Town Council went really well. They are all very excited to see open green space parks and the development of the Truman Wilson Property.

Update on the bridge: the one side does have all the rails up and there are other railings waiting to be set. There is not yet a date for the bridge to be open. Right now it is out of our control but hopefully we will know something very soon. Also the Huckleberry Trail is closed for the next 3 days from 8am-5pm to cut down trees that had a danger of falling onto the trail. We hate to close it down for the inconvenience but we do this for citizen's safety.

Next meeting will be August 3, 2015