

## Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2015

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

In Attendance: Mike Harris, Charlton McCoy, Brad Epperley, Jim Williamson, Doris Oliver, Mike Saylor, Diane Fenton

Last month's minutes approved

Diane Fenton turned the meeting over to Brad Epperley

Attendance this month was up to 7,231, as the colder weather comes that number will continue to grow. We are still seeing a lot of people using the Huckleberry Trail, parking here and walking. The New River Commission is doing some trail counting and we are waiting on those numbers from them to know how much it is being used. We had two first time events this weekend, one being the Huckleberry Hustle 5k Getting Scary on the Huckleberry (we partnered with Christiansburg High School on this event) and also the Truck or Treat. There was a charge for the run where the money goes back to the High School but no charge for the Truck or Treat. Both of these events were great and we cannot wait to build upon them both in future years. The staff dressed up in costumes and it was great for everyone involved. We are looking into doing something in the spring like "Hopping Down the Huckleberry Trail" with the High School, maybe even combining the Easter Egg Hunt with it. Zumba and P90 Rec classes went very well this month. We had a Breast Cancer Awareness table and we had 400 participants stop by the table for information and goodies. We had 26 participants involved in the Pipestem Breakfast Trip. We had our Halloween Dance with our Special Populations program and had 260 participants. Halloween Bingo had 28 participants. On October 20<sup>th</sup> we had the Shred-a-thon and 252 vehicles participated and provided 7,221 pounds of paper shredded. This is a great service to our community. The Annual Walk-a-thon raised \$1064 and participants walked 725 laps equaling 90.5 miles.

Our Adult Volleyball leagues have started and they are going very well. The Reels and Gills Trout Rodeo went well with 19 participants; we partnered with Izaak Walton and cannot wait to grow this event every year. Youth Football is ending this week and we will have our Christiansburg teams in the playoffs with other area football teams. Youth Basketball regular sign ups came to an end this past Friday and the placement practices will soon be starting. We want to have all the teams drafted prior to Thanksgiving.

Outdoor Sports Facilities are officially done with all tournaments for the year. We had our deadline for organizations to request dates for 2016 tournaments. Chuck is working closely with Pulaski County and Radford on dates for our area and will be developing the schedule. Kiwanis Park is now closed down, we started the process today of taking down the old lights on the small field. Once this is completed Musco will come in as early as next Monday to start installing the new lights. We are also going to re-lamp the big field, so that both fields will be on the 25 year warranties together.

The parking lot has been repaved and restriped; it didn't interfere with any of our programs and turned out really nice. We still have some work to do on the speed bumps and we are waiting on the new signage. We also added a few more handicap parking spots closer to the front of the building. We also have a new kiosk beside our building at the start of the Huckleberry Trail that Garrett Graham built as his Eagle Scout Project. He did a great job matching it to the Recreation Center and we will be doing a newspaper article with him on this. We are also looking into possibly starting a Bubble Soccer League; you are placed

in a big ball and play soccer. We would like to be the first ones in this area to get it started; we think it would be a great new program that could take off. There is some expense to get the program started, but it could be worth it to get the community involved.

Meeting adjourned. Next month's meeting will be December 7, 2015.