

## **Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2015**

Diane Fenton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

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

Last month's minutes approved

Diane Fenton turned the meeting over to Brad Epperley

There will be a Shred-A-Thon on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in our parking lot from 3:30pm-6:30pm. This is a partnership between Triad, Montgomery County Parks and Recreation, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Christiansburg Police Department, and the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department. This is a service for individuals and families.

Attendance this month was 6,894. We have had a lot of people using the Huckleberry trail, we currently have trail counters out and we expect that number to be high. On September 11<sup>th</sup> we dedicated the bridge with over 100 people in attendance and on September 12<sup>th</sup> we had the 8-mile bridge walking challenge with 70 participants. Both were very well organized and were great experiences! The Wilderness Trail Festival that we co-sponsor with Kiwanis Club went well; we provided tables, chairs, stage and tents for the event. We also co-sponsored and provide the same things for the Food Truck Rodeo. We had to cancel 5 classes from our Community Programs this past session because our instructor became ill. We didn't want to recruit new instructors because we didn't know exactly when our normal instructor would be able to come back. She is better now and is getting ready to start back and get our classes going again. Novice Dog Obedience had 12 dogs and owners in session 1 and 10 dogs and owners in session 2. The Virginia Fire Arms Safety class had a good turn out with 34 participants. The Hunter's Safety Course also had a good turn out with 50 participants in that class.

Senior Aerobics had 20 participants and Senior Motions had 23 participants in those classes. Bible Study class had 13 participants this past month. The Blood Drive brought in 32 participants. The Eastern Montgomery Museum had 31 participants for that trip. The Vein Screening had 20 participants take advantage of this health screening.

We had our first ever Adult Dodge Ball League and they have started their double elimination tournament with 4 teams participating. Church and Open Volleyball Leagues have started and are going very well. Punt, Pass, and Kick had 23 participants this year, a lot more participants than last year.

Youth basketball sign-ups have begun for all ages. Youth football is in their 3<sup>rd</sup> week of games and it is going well. We will be hosting some of the playoffs for the New River Valley Youth Football Division.

Nations Baseball New River Shootout had 32 teams participate in that tournament. The Relay for Life Tournament had 38 teams involved. We will soon start getting dates for next year's tournament requests. We will select a schedule that is most appealing for New River Valley. We are moving forward with the Kiwanis Small Field lights project, November 2<sup>nd</sup> a contractor is coming in to remove the current light poles and mid-November we will have the Musco Company

install the lights along with AEP. These lights have a 25 year warranty and Musco will honor that warranty. We did have some damage from the flood this past week. Kiwanis field had some damage with the new fencing we had just installed, but the staff did a great job of going out cleaning and getting everything back to where it needed to be. A fencing company will be here next week to repair the rest of the fencing. The Town has now gone from Coke to Pepsi products and that is what we will be selling now at any of our events.

Brad passed around 3 different designs for the Huckleberry Hustle 5K shirt for the Huckleberry Hustle-Getting Scary on the Huckleberry. The shirts will have our logos on them and along with Gay and Neel (they are sponsoring). Brad asked the Recreation Commission for their thoughts on the “No Demon left behind” slogan, the Commissions idea was to use “No Blue Demon left behind” for consistency with the High School. The High School will be handling logistics of the race and we will be helping them. We are also going to have fruits, bagels, and pumpkin pancakes. We will also have a Truck or Treat with a number of different trucks. This will be an event we will be able to grow upon each year.

We did have to have a lock down at the Recreation Center due to the events that happened at the Waffle House because of the proximity. The staff did a great job following the protocols. We had many parents call and thank us for keeping their children safe during that time.

**Update on the Truman Wilson Property:** Brad has been in contact with Trevor Kimzey with Gay and Neel. Trevor sent an email today letting us know that they have completed the market analysis that determines what the market demands for this type of property. This will be applied to customize the plan towards Christiansburg. They have also completed the first part of the traffic study on Rt. 114; this will assist in the signal threshold in conjunction with the Town of Christiansburg and VDOT. They are moving forward with the process and they are doing a good job up to this point.

Meeting adjourned. Next month's meeting will be November 2, 2015.