

Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2018

- Mike Saylor called the recreation commission meeting to order and welcomed everyone
- In Attendance: Jim Williamson, Charlton McCoy, John Neel, Nicole Diloia, Harry Collins, Tonia Winn, Richard Polikoff, Robin Boyd, Mike Saylor
- Minutes from the work session and December minutes were approved.
- Assistant Directors Report: On January 19-21 we held a gymnastics event at the recreation center through Virginia Techniques, it had over 900 participants, and 800 of them were out town participants. The next big event at the recreation center is the New River Valley Home Expo Show. It will be held the second weekend in March. Brad Epperley has been selected to speak about the Jill's Buddy Camp on March 8 in Richmond at the State Special Education Advisory Council. That is a big honor to be asked to speak, top special education professionals in the state will be there. He will also be speaking at the National Parks & Recreation Association Convention in September. Top recreational professional in the nation will be at this event.
- Recreation Monthly Report: Rental contracts this month was \$6,420, overall attendance was 10,588.
- Senior & Special Populations: Lunch and Learn had 15 participants and Emergency Preparedness class had 29 participants.
- Community Programs: We had six participants in our Pre-School Play Group, Ballet had eight children and one of the growing programs is Lunchtime Yoga it had 16 participants. Our Beginning Evening Yoga had 21 participants. All of our Dog Obedience Class are full. They are held at the Mayflower Building on Cambria St. We attended the Virginia Tech Health Fair on January 10 handing out promotional items for our department. Enjoying Healthy Foods is part of a workshop with Carilion that was held on January 4, it had 17 participants.
- Athletic Special Events: All baseball tournament dates are now run through SWVA. Mountain Top Sports will now focus on Softball (NSA). We will be holding Jill's Buddy Camp again this summer. We are currently working on the field trips the kids will be taking that week. We have confirmed the NRV Superbowl, 5J Ranch Farm, and the Trout Fishing Trip. We are building some horseshoe pits at Kiwanis Park that will be used for the Senior Olympics. After they are used for the Olympics we plan on keeping them for the general public to use. We just held the RU Softball Clinic and it had 50 participants. A new thing we are going to hold this year will be an Opening Day for Baseball/Softball. It will be April 21, there will be games, an introduction of the teams, and Pitch Hit & Run. It will be held at Harkrader Sports Complex, the festival will start around 9 a.m. and games will start at 11 a.m.
- Adult Athletics: Adult Basketball will start this week. There are eight teams in Slowbreak, eight teams in Fastbreak.
- Youth Athletics: Basketball games are going on now, regular games will run through mid-February. We are hoping to finish up with make-ups games by the end of February/ beginning of March. Right now, registration is going on for youth baseball/softball.
- Charlton McCoy introduced Harry Collins as the Town Council Representative for the Recreation Advisory Commission.
- Student Report: The boys' basketball team had their last home game tonight which is Senior Night, the girls Senior Night was last week. Spring sports start this month. Matthew Davidson had some parents approach him about the recreation center adding lacrosse as a sport since it is now offered at the high school level. Charlton said this is something we currently don't offer but something that could be discussed. Mike Saylor mentions this is like soccer, it's a club sport but if there was enough interest it could be something to look at offering.
- New Business: There was a work session with town council for the Truman Wilson Park, during that session it was voted to go ahead and start the process to move on with option 1 for the athletic fields, open park, passive recreation area, dog park, and inclusive playground. The playground at the time will not have the splash pad, it would just be a small restroom facility. Another thing Charlton wanted to mention was that during the weekend of the gymnastic meet they went in and touched up the weight room and cardio room. The rooms have been repainted and they will be putting new vinyl motivational quotes on the wall towards the end of the week. Mike Saylor mentions that yellow helps brighten the room up. All the lights have been changed to LED lights in those rooms and we are planning on changing to LED lights throughout the recreation center.
- Old Business: The part of the trail going towards Food Lion is still closed and they are still working with contractors. Mike Saylor mentioned that he had read in the paper about the bike stations, he asked if we were still getting one at the recreation center. Charlton said we are still getting one here at the recreation center and it should be fairly soon. Jim Williamson asked who would maintain the bikes. A company will come in and service them and balance the bikes through the area. John Neel mentions that he had to miss some meetings in the fall due to his daughter participating in the recreation volleyball league. He said this league has been such a success and year after year and has continued to grow.
- Meeting adjourned, next meeting March 5, 2018.