

Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2018

- Brad Epperley called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- In Attendance: Brad Epperley, Charlton McCoy, John Neel, Harry Collins, Tonia Winn, Robin Boyd, Cord Hall, Jim Williamson
- Minutes from November were approved.
- No citizen comments
- Directors Report: The youth sports scholarship policy was approved last month, we had nine applications for this years' basketball season. Seven were approved and two were declined because they lived outside of Christiansburg and did not live in the Christiansburg school district. Active memberships for the month of November was 5,844, and attendance was 6,582. We did help with the Veteran Day Parade, we had 200 participants.
- Athletic Special Events: We hosted the Tony L. Huddleston Trout Fishing Rodeo, we had 45 participants. We had to reschedule this event due to the weather. The participants caught some big fish at this event, the biggest was 4.6 lbs. We had some great giveaways including Virginia Tech football tickets, Radford University basketball tickets, etc. We hosted a free clinic with Radford University Women's Basketball team, there were 38 participants. We have a great relationship with Radford University's Athletic Program.
- Community Program: Toning and Conditioning had 18 participants, Tabata had 17 participants, and Abs and Arms had 15 participants. Brad looks for these numbers to increase at the beginning of the year like they do every year. The one consistent class we have had is our Dog Obedience classes, they have done great. We have added an additional class for show dogs that has seven dogs/ owners. Fall Prevention Fair had 68 participants that attended this event. This event helps participants understand falls, broken hip and other types of items.
- Senior & Special Population Programs: Senior Motions & Aerobics continues to do well, each class averages 33 participants. We offered a class called Quilting Treasures, which had 28 participant attend. This past Friday we did the Only Place to Know, Christiansburg, VA program. This is the third time we have done this program. It consists of touring the Parks and Recreation Department and the Aquatic Center and then heading to Town Hall. There they meet the Mayor, Town Manager, and Department Heads. Each Department Head then goes over the logistics of each of their departments. The Thanksgiving Luncheon had 65 participants. We also did an Honoring our Veterans program that had 36 participants. We held a program called Walk in my Shoes, this program's purpose is to help caregivers that take care of someone with dementia. It is designed to help them understand what the person with dementia is going through. Special Population: The weekly craft class is still going on. This past week the class took a field trip to Paint and Fun in the mall and painted Christmas ornaments.
- Adult Athletics: We are wrapping up Adult Volleyball League, playoffs should start at the end of this month. We tried to start our Fastbreak Basketball League earlier this year but it didn't go as planned. We are doing normal sign ups now and currently have teams signing up for the league.
- Youth Athletics: Flag Football season came to end November 5. We offered a new league this year for the Flag League for second and third graders. We had four to five teams in that age group. It did not interfere with tackle football. The numbers in football remained steady this year. Tackle Football finished up November 5, we did have one senior team make it to the Superbowl but they

came up short. They represented Christiansburg very well, Corey Dow coached that team. Youth Volleyball had eight total teams, four in each age division. Youth Basketball has started, we have over 300 participants registered for this season.

- Brad made everyone aware at the last meeting about the PPEA that had been submitted in regards to the Truman Wilson Property. That PPEA was set up to be closed on December 19 for completed proposals. That has been extended at Town Council's request to January 22, 2019. The timing for the grant for the playground equipment was not right. Council made the decision not to rush into it and have playground equipment sitting around. The grant was done away with. The playground equipment has been placed in the PPEA. There was nothing negative about declining the grant, it was just too tight of a timeframe. Robin Boyd asked what the timeframe was for the park. Right now we are in negotiations for the PPEA which ends January 22. A PPEA is designed to be a quick turnaround. Once they are submitted they will be evaluated by the Town and Owners Group then the best option will be selected.
- Casey Jenkins, Events Coordinator and Farmers' Market Manager is now a part of our department. He will be in charge of the Christmas at the Market and Charlton will be handling the Christmas Parade. There are over 70 entries for the parade this year. The Christmas Market will run from 4 - 8 p.m. that night. We are getting a sound system that will play Christmas music throughout the events. This will run down Main Street all the way to Dollar General. Marty Gordon will be announcing the market and the parade participants. Santa will make a surprise visit on top of the antique store before the tree lighting. A spot light will be used to make sure everyone is able to see him.
- Brad submitted another proposal to the NRPA to speak again this year on Jill's Buddy Camp. This will cover how to recruit and train people for the program. This year Brad Epperley, Tommy Barber, and Kathleen Wright will be presenting the program. The bench to be dedicated to Ashlyn Poole has arrived and is in storage. Tim Cromer is going to let us know when it can be installed.
- Meeting adjourned, next meeting Monday, January 7, 2019.