

Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2019

- Diane Fenton called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- In Attendance: John Neel, Jim Williamson, Cord Hall, Brad Epperley, Charlton McCoy, Harry Collins, Diane Fenton, Mike Saylor
- Minutes from January were approved.
- No citizen comments
- Directors Report:
 - Cord Hall mentions there is a lot of interest from Council to have a 5K race that would go through downtown Christiansburg. Cord has been reading about some proposals in the county about building a new park in Shawsville. Cord thinks the Commission should let Council know that citizens are wanting the North Regional Park soon and are asking questions about it. With the PPEAs the town is going to have to move fast and be aggressive with the park. Brad Epperley has spoken with Randy Wingfield, the Town Manager, about having a representative from Commission involved with some of the breakdowns of the proposals. We do have a company who is also looking at and breaking down the proposals. Brad would like to recommend Cord Hall as the representative for this. Unanimously the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission voted in favor of Cord Hall being their representative.
 - Attendance for the month of January was 8,789, these number are down due to Planet Fitness opening. We do have in the budget for a face lift of the recreation center whether it be this year or within the next few years. The Rock Star Invitational Gymnastic Event was another great success, we had 851 gymnast. There were over 200 hotels booked in our area for this event.
 - Community Programs: There are eight children in Toddler Time. There are 17 participants in Zumba Toning and 18 participants in Toning & Conditioning. Our dog obedience classes continue to do well at the May Flower Building, we had 24 dogs/owners for the novice class and 12 dogs/owners for the puppy class. We attended the Virginia Tech Employee Health Fair again this year. We had over 1,750 people come by the booth. All of our employees have been re-certified for CPR.
 - Athletic Special Events & Outdoor Facilities: We have the baseball/softball tournament schedule done for the spring, summer & fall. We will be working closely with Radford City, Radford University, and Virginia Tech. The organizations that we will be working with are Southwest Virginia Elite, USSSA Baseball, and Mountain Top Sports. We held a Radford University Softball Clinic and had a great turnout with 60 participants. This was the biggest clinic we have ever had. We did have some vandalism at Kiwanis Park this past weekend but we have gotten it all cleaned up now. The Eagle Scout project on the trail is complete. We have been working with a professor at NRCC who is a master gardener. They have planted some trees on the trail. Gibson Graham made pedestals for the trees to identify them. He also made one for the history of the trail as well as prints of the different animals that could be seen along the trail. He also built two blue bird houses and two owl houses that were hung.
 - Senior & Special Populations Programs: Senior Aerobics has 24 participants and Senior Motions is doing extremely well with 35 participants. We work with RSVP to do the program Supplies for Seniors and stuff bags full of toiletries for home bound seniors and veterans. Our staff helps stuff the bags as well as helps raise money with the pancake breakfast. There were 18 participants in attendance for the Triad Salt Meeting.
 - Adult Athletics: Our Fast Break League has nine teams. We are going to have a Church Basketball League this season and we also have five teams signed up for the High School League. We plan to start the Slow Break League after the Fast Break season has ended. Adult Volleyball Leagues have come to an end and everything went well with their season.
 - Youth Athletics: We have finished Mite and Pee Wee Basketball Leagues. After next week we will be down to two leagues left playing. All leagues should be complete by the beginning of March. We are now accepting baseball and softball registration. We have decided not to offer spring volleyball this year to help with the softball numbers. Chuck is working with the younger leagues and travel coaches to get the baseball numbers up.
- New Business: We have received three PPEAs for the North Regional Park. Once the time is right we will meet with Town Council on this. Brad sent an email out about the passing of a longtime employee of the recreation center, Angie Bowles. We have three interns this semester, one of the interns, Caleb, has over 400 hours. He has been working with Chuck on youth athletics and has helped him a lot. We do have a Commission vacancy with Tonia Winn stepping down. We did have it advertised on the website and here at the recreation center. We received a letter of interest from Ms. Reba Smart. She does a lot of programs here at the recreation center. She also has volunteered her time for the Teen and Senior Police Academy. John Neel makes a notion to recommend Ms. Smart for the Parks & Recreation Commission, Mike Saylor seconds that notion.
 - Diane Fenton Yes
 - John Neel Yes

- Jim Williamson Yes
- Harry Collins Yes
- Mike Saylor Yes

We plan to recognize Ashlyn Poole on March 9 at the softball field, we will install the bench in her honor prior to this. Richard Polikoff has taken a new job and will be moving, next month will be his last meeting.

- Meeting adjourned, next meeting Monday, March 4.