

Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2019

- Diane Fenton called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- In Attendance: Mike Saylor, John Neel, Richard Polikoff, Brad Epperley, Cord Hall, Charlton McCoy, Harry Collins, Diane Fenton, Robin Boyd, Kendall Lewis
- Minutes from February were approved.
- No citizen comments
- Directors Report:
 - This past month our recreation deposits were \$3,382.55, total active membership was 5,484, and attendance was 7,976. Special events wise Casey Jenkins is working on getting things going for the Farmer's Market, the season opens May 2. He has vendor applications out and posted. He is also working on rolling out some spring street artwork projects that will be in the Cambria and downtown area. The applications for the artist are being look at through the Central Business Committee.
 - Community Program: We have eight children in Toddler Time, we have 17 participants in Zumba, and 18 participants in Toning & Conditioning. Yoga, Core Balance & Strength, and Zumba Toning are all doing very well. Dog Obedience continues to do very well, we are housing them at the May Flower Building. We also worked with Radford University this past week on a Health Fair, there were 138 participants that came out for that event.
 - Senior Programs: We have 35 participants that join us for Senior Motions. We also did a Lunch & Learn with Leon Martin who works for the Town of Christiansburg in the Water Department, we had 10 residents that came out to this program. We had a Birthday Bingo program that had 25 participants. We also did a Hearts Matter program in conjunction with the Holiday Inn Christiansburg that provided a heart healthy lunch. With Special Populations, we had a Sweetheart Dance that had 158 participants in attendance.
 - Outdoor Facilities & Athletic Special Events: Middle School baseball and softball are beginning to use our fields. Harkrader is still unplayable. We have done some work to it where two of the fields were limited and couldn't play with 60 foot bases. This year we went forward and cut the sod in so we would be able to have 60 foot bases on all three fields. This will make it more versatile for our programs. From a tournament perspective we could try to host more softball events, since we can accommodate 60 foot bases on those fields. We do have a number of clinics that we have setup, Archery Clinic, Football Clinics, Volleyball Clinic, and Nick is working on getting more. We have had an interest in starting a Nerf League, we are hosting a tournament for kids as a trial run. We did have a softball clinic on the January 27, which had 60 participants. Nick has started getting the field trips for Jill's Buddy Camp in June.
 - Youth Athletics: Our basketball season went very well. Baseball and softball registration has been going on and we have begun our two week late registration. We have 205 signed up so far, we should exceed the 240 from last year after late registration. We have decided to do a summer Volleyball League, we did a spring one last year but we felt that it took away from some of the kids who also wanted to play softball.
 - Adult Athletics: All leagues are going well. There are nine Fastbreak teams that are in playoffs, five High School teams and four Church League teams. High School and Church Basketball Leagues haven't had much interest in a few years and we are glad to get them back going. We do have signups going on for Spring Volleyball and Softball.
- New Business: We are hosting the Home Expo Show this weekend March 8-10, we will shut down the entire recreation center Friday at 2 p.m. The Ashley Poole bench dedication scheduled for March 9 has been postponed. We have received three PPEA proposals for the North Regional Park. With the direction of Council, there will be a committee that will evaluate the proposals with a consultant that has been hired by the town. The committee is made up of Cord Hall, the representative from the Recreation Commission, Council Collins, Council Showalter, Brad Epperley, Randy Wingfield, Val Tweedie, Andrew Warren and Wayne Nelson. In the past we have always run the concession stand at Harkrader Sports Complex, we have decided to bid out the concessions. We did an RFP and had a proposal come in that we are evaluating. We won't have anything invested in this process. We will be offering the facility and we will receive a percentage of their gross sales for concessions. As part of the proposal, the concessions will be open during the week days as well as weekends. We hope to have the decision by the end of next week. Brad Epperley met with a gentlemen about Meals for Vets. Meals for Vets raises funds to help pay for groceries for veterans and their families that can't do so on their own. Brad mentions that they could possibly do a kickball tournament and a festival at Kiwanis Park to help support this cause. A number of members with Kiwanis Club are veterans and that could help spread the word about this new organization. March is a busy weekend month for the recreation

center with the Home Show and AAU Tournaments. The Recreation Commission thanked Richard Polikoff for all his services with the Commission and the Town of Christiansburg.

- Meeting adjourned, next meeting Monday, April 1.