

Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2019

- Diane Fenton called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- In Attendance: Kendall Lewis, Cord Hall, Jim Williamson, Diane Fenton, Kathy Meadows, Robin Boyd, Reba Smart, Harry Collins, Brad Epperley, MJ Hunter
- Minutes from August were approved, we did not have meeting in September.
- Citizens Comment
- Directors Report: We had 64 registered participants for our Eight Mile Bridge Challenge Walk, this walk promotes connectivity between Blacksburg and Christiansburg. We set up the stage for the Food Truck Rodeo and Kiwanis Wilderness Day Festival. Both of these events were well attended. A new event we had in September was Christiansburg Top Talent, we had good acts with winners walking away with cash prizes.
 - Community Programs: Zumba had 20 participants for this month, Ripped had 17 participants, Butts & Guts and P90 have nine participants. Our Novice Dog Obedience has 19 dogs and owners in attendance for this class.
 - Senior & Special Population Programs: We had a Fall Prevention and Safety Day that had 71 participants. We had a Patriot Day breakfast on September 11 for First Responders that had 95 participants.
 - Athletic Special Events: We hosted the Tony L. Huddleston Trout Rodeo this past weekend, we had great weather and 137 participants. We are offering a Nerf Challenge program this month for children grades 3-12. We did some more stage training for additional staff to be able to work with the stage, we have four from Recreation and three from Public Works that are certified.
 - Youth Athletics: The fall season is extremely busy for us, and everything is underway. Youth Volleyball Program has 76 participants registered, this league has continued to grow, we have a Spring and Fall League. In our Youth Flag Football Program we have 56 participants and Youth Tackle Football Program we have 105. Our numbers have increased for tackle football while other localities numbers have decreased. Youth Cheerleading has 42 participants for the program this year. We have 88 participants in our Fall Baseball/Softball Program.
 - Old Business: We ran into a little issue with getting the Emergency Call Towers up and running, but things are now on track. Brad Epperley is meeting with Chief Sisson and they are coordinating with the 911 center to do GIS coordination's and hopefully within a week they will be up and running. We will do a press release once they go live. We will have three parks that have the call towers: Depot Park, Downtown Park Dedicated to our Fallen Officers, and Harkrader Sports Complex. We have some new events coming up this fall, Rockin' Main Street Friday, October 11, Shred A Thon Tuesday, October 15, Nerf Challenge Thursday, October 24, Getting Scary on the Huckleberry and Truck or Treat Saturday, October 26, and Tech Tailgate Saturday, November 2. Brad Epperley congratulated Kendall Lewis for committing to Radford University for Track & Field. The new student representative for commission is MJ Hunter, he is a junior at Christiansburg High School and plays three sports football, basketball and baseball. He as well will be playing baseball at Radford University.
 - New Business: Greg Krystyniak the Project Manager with Faulconer Construction presented to the Recreation Advisory Commission the design of the Future North Regional Park.
 - Meet adjourned, next meeting Monday, November 4.