

May 3 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Fenton calls the meeting to order

Members Present: Diane Fenton, Steve Huppert, Jim Williamson, Brad Epperley, John Neel, Chuck Muncy, Mike Saylor, Charlton McCoy, Kathy Meadows.

Mr. Saylor makes a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes, Ms. Meadows seconded the motion, minutes were unanimously approved.

No citizen comments

Director's report

Director Epperley announces Chuck Muncy, Youth Athletic Supervisor, is retiring at the end of June. Mr. Muncy thanks everyone for their support all these years.

Recreation Center- Numbers are down a bit this month but it's to be expected with the nice weather outside. More people are now exercising on the trail.

Youth Athletics- Spring cheerleading, tackle and flag football seasons have ended. Volleyball is currently going on until the middle of May. Registration has been taken for youth baseball and softball and practice is about to start. We have one team 12u baseball, four teams 10u baseball, one team for 10u softball and one team for 12u softball. T-ball has 63 participants, boys' coach pitch has 57 participants and girls' coach pitch has 16 participants.

Adult Athletics- Church League Volleyball has 16 teams, Open League Volleyball has nine teams, Women's League Volleyball has 3 teams. We are currently taking registration for Adult Softball and Summer Adult Basketball.

Community Programs- Pre-school programs are doing well. We had the maximum of six participants in Book It and Energy Outlet. Adult Programs- We were able to increase numbers in the class from nine to eleven- P90 Rec, Tabata, Core Balance, Dance and Tone and Toning and Conditioning are all full. Zumba has 10 participants. Ripped was split into two classes with nine participants and six participants. Special Interest- Dog Obedience has eight dogs/owners in the novice class; there are nine dogs in Puppy Obedience.

Senior and Special Population Programs- With some of the restrictions lessened, we were able to allow Helping Hands to meet at the recreation center more frequently. We continue to do the meal delivery- 41 meals go out to seniors every Thursday. Wing Drone presentation- A representative from Wing came by and talked to participants about their drone program- how they operate, what they do, what they deliver, there were seven participants for this program. Shred-a-thon-We filled both trucks up-20,000 lbs. of paper were shredded. There were 480 cars that came through. This is done twice a year in the spring and fall.

Farmers Market- Opening on May 20. Have 20 vendors scheduled for the first market.

Food Truck Fridays- These have been put on hold due to the mass Covid vaccinations that we have been giving on Fridays. As the demand for the vaccine lessen, we will look at getting the Food Trucks scheduled again.

Easter Egg Drive-Thru Event – We handed out 1,500 – 1,600 bags on this day. Besides stopping for a bag of goodies there was also a stop to wave to the Easter bunny.

Recycling bags- We have been collecting plastic bags here at the recreation center. In less than a year we have collected over 1,600 lbs. of plastic bags. To encourage participants to come to the Farmers Market, we will start to accept the bags only at the Farmers Market every Thursday. We have enough bags to qualify for three benches.

Outdoor Tournaments- We have been holding baseball tournaments each weekend and they are going well. This past weekend's tournament had 50 teams.

Virginia Tech YMCA is going to be holding a craft fair here on November 12 – 14. We will be shutting down the gym and the track but not the whole facility. Lion's Club craft fair is usually held in December each year.

Outdoor Facilities – Vandalism-Story on the news that the town is offering reward for anyone connected to the vandalism. We haven't had any issues since that was aired on the news.

E-Assist Bikes – These have come in and are in storage while the company prepares them for the public. This will double our bikes available from 75 to 150. We are adding additional hubs for these bikes. We hope to get them out the end of this month or the first of June.

Earth Day- We worked with Corning and Ms. Beeler, an adjunct instructor at New River Community College, to plant trees and have identifiers so that students could come and use them for educational purposes. Boys/Eagle Scouts also came in and helped with identifiers for some trees.

Grand Opening for Park-Email invites were sent out. The event will be on May 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Harkrader Sports Complex – Now that restrictions have lessen, the health district is ok with letting fans come inside the complex to sit or they can continue to sit in the outfield if they prefer.

Beginning job interviews for Youth Athletic Supervisor next week and are currently advertising for the Events Coordinator position.

There was no new business