

October 4 Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Fenton calls meeting to order
- Members present: Jim Williamson, Brad Epperley, Mike Saylor, Robin Boyd, Rachel Vinson, Caleb Dunlea, Charlton McCoy, Reba Smart, Kathy Meadows, Diane Fenton, Jordin Harris
- Mr. Saylor makes a motion to approve the minutes from August. Ms. Smart seconds the motion. Members unanimously vote to approve minutes from last month
- Director's Report
- Attendance for September was 3900, and our total active membership was up over 100 from last month.
- Youth Athletics: We have four coach pitch teams, two 10u baseball teams, one 12u baseball team, and we had 12 participants signed up for 14u baseball but had no other local teams to play. We had one team in 10u softball and one team in 12u softball. In Mini Flag we had five teams and Mite Flag we had three teams. In tackle football, we had one team in mite division, two teams in junior division, and one team in senior division. We were able to have a team in each division of cheerleading. Fall volleyball is underway, we have 31 participants in the junior division and 45 participants in senior division with four teams in each.
- Athletic Special Events: This past weekend we had the 6th Annual Tony Huddleston Fishing Rodeo. We had close to 100 children with their families. We are working with the Radford University on a women's basketball clinic.
- Adult Athletics: We have our fall volleyball leagues going on now. We have 11 Church A League teams, and eight Church B League teams. In the Co-ed Open League we have eight teams. We are working with NRCC to get two women's teams for the Women's League. Adult Men's Softball League has five teams.
- Outdoor Facilities: The jobs that this crew does are very important to our department and sometimes get overlooked. We purchased some used artificial turf at a cheap price and renovated our batting cages. We worked on treatments for our fields at Harkrader Sports Complex and Kiwanis Park. We have monthly testing on the Emergency Call Towers, the last check we did we had three out and by the next morning they were working properly. Harkrader Sports Complex & Kiwanis Park have been busy with baseball tournaments all season.
- Senior Events & Farmers Market: Rachel is working with CHS sports marketing classes on a Tailgate at the CHS on Oct. 22. We will have an inflatable rock-climbing wall, t-shirts, and food. Getting Scary on the Huckleberry and Truck or Treat will be on Oct. 30. We will be working on that with CHS Cross Country Team. We had two very successful Rockin Main Street events this fall. We helped with Wilderness Trail Festival as well this fall.
- Senior & Special Population Programs: Senior Aerobics has 25 participants and billiards is staying popular. We also have a Virtual Leave the Driving to Us program that had 15 participants this past month.
- Community Programs: Lego Explore had six children participate in this class. Our of the more popular exercise programs were Zumba with 20 participants, Ripped had 19 participants, Dance & Tone had 14 participants. We are continuing to do meal delivery each week with 41 participants. This continues to be paid for through the grant. Dog obedience classes are becoming popular again. Firearm Safety had 10 participants.
- Update on the park: They have moved over 150 thousand cubic feet of dirt. They are working a storm drain item under the railroad.
- Director Epperley talked to Dr. Bissell about winter sports, they had a good conversation about having them this year.
- New Employees: Caleb Dunlea is the new Youth Athletics Supervisor. Caleb worked with Chuck Muncy previously and has done a great job. Caleb interned with us four years ago and was hired in as a recreation assistant. Caleb wants to build a connection along the schools and keep children active. Rachel Vinson is our Special Events Coordinator. Rachel is very excited for all things coming up and for the opportunity.

- Student Report: Thanksgiving food drive is going on now to give back to the community. Our department is working on this as well, and we will be a drop off site.
- Old Business: At our last meeting we talked about issues of traffic flow near the playgrounds at Harkrader. We have temporarily put barricades up to keep cars out of there. Once the season is over, we are going to add additional ADA parking, two parking spots for staff and two for concessions. We will have bollards put up that will be removable for maintenance.
- Last meeting, we also talked about naming something after Chuck Muncy, but Director Epperley mentions we should table this item since all members are not present. Chairperson Fenton mentions that Depot Park looks so good and it's great that it's always busy. Director Epperley mentions that we have ordered new basketball rims for that park as well.
- Meeting adjourned, next meeting Monday, Nov. 1.