

## **February 7 Meeting Minutes**

- Ms. Fenton calls meeting to order
- Members present Kathy Meadows, Reba Smart, Charlton McCoy, Jordin Harris, Lawson Mecon, Robin Boyd, Brad Epperley, John Neel, Diane Fenton
- Mr. Boyd makes a motion to approve the minutes from December. Members unanimously vote to approve minutes from last month.
- Citizen Comments, Chris Waltz- Talks about the job shortages that all departments in the town is having, he mentions that Roanoke is paying more to employees. He mentions that we do not have any sponsorships for new park, Director Epperley commented that we are working on different packages and different levels of sponsorship. Mr. Waltz mentions that out of the planning commission meeting that the owner of the marketplace wants to decrease their green space and was asking about getting green space at the new park, that could be possible sponsorship.
- Directors Report, this past month's attendance was 5199.
- Senior Programs, we are averaging 25 participants for our Senior Aerobics, and 17 participants for Senior Motions. We worked with RSVP on the Supplies for Seniors Bagging over 100 packages.
- Community Program, we have maxed out on our participants for Book It and Energy Outlet. Adult exercise classes have been busy, Zumba had 15 participants, Dance & Tone had 17 participants, Toning & Conditioning had 15 participants, & Evening Yoga had 13 participants.
- Special Events & Farmers' Market, we are working on our Rockin' Main Events downtown. We are also going to do another event in our parking lot on April 2. We will have two craft breweries in Christiansburg (Iron Tree & Bull n Bones), we planned to have them in attendance with some food trucks. The goal is to have an evening full of games for adults and a DJ. We are working to have an axe throwing mobile unit. Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 16 at Kiwanis Park, we will work with Kiwanis again. The two spring dates for Rockin Main Street, is May 14 & June 11. The opening day of the Market is May 19, it will be held here at the Recreation Center. Marty has been meeting with POP to get children involved with the farmers' market. We were giving \$1000 for snap money grant this year.
- Athletic Special Events, we are working with Christiansburg High School about getting some clinics here this summer. We are doing our archery clinic again this year. We are still working with some college to get clinics with them.
- Adult Athletics, we are currently taking registration for Softball, Volleyball, & Basketball
- Youth Athletics, this is a busy time with youth basketball going on. We got our younger age group completed before the holiday. We are currently taking Youth Baseball & Softball. This year for Youth Volleyball we plan to do two age divisions, 8-10 & 11-13.
- Outdoor Maintenance, our staff has worked very hard this winter during the storms, we generally handle our facilities then help public works out with snow removal. The snow removal of the trail is completed once the roads are cleared. We held a gymnastic meet Jan. 21-23 and worked with Virginia Techniques. We will host another meet in May. We have started repairing backstop netting at Harkrader Sports complex.
- Director Epperley is working with a group from Brazil about soccer camps in Christiansburg.
- Student Report, the high school is celebrating Black History Month. They are also starting spring sports.
- New business, the commission will choose eight names for the new park from the list. Then there will be boxes at Rec. Center, Aquatic Center & Town Hall for the public to vote for the name. There are a few members not present, and they will announce the top eight names at the March meeting

- Old Business, we mentioned about doing something honor Chuck Muncy last month we talked about a scholarship to graduating senior. Director Epperley use to help with the Chance Crawford scholarship and thought the commission could look those guidelines. Director Epperley would need to meet with our Finance Director and Mr. Deibler at Christiansburg High School to discuss these items. The commission would need to come up with some criteria and a selection committee. If we were able to do two scholarships that would be best so that we could do one female one male.
- Meeting adjourned, next meeting Monday, March 7.