

April 4 Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Fenton called meeting to order
- Members present: Kathy Meadows, Reba Smart, Charlton McCoy, Lawson Mecon, Jim Williamson, Brad Epperley, Diane Fenton, Henry Showalter
- Ms. Smart makes a motion to approve the minutes from March. Members unanimously vote to approve minutes from March.
- Directors Report- Recreation- Active member is up to 3200 and attendance was a little over 6000.
- Youth Sports- Volleyball is doing very well with over 100 participants. Youth Baseball & Softball have started practicing and our numbers are terrific. Tball-73, Boys Coach Pitch-67, 10u Cal Ripken Baseball-72, 12u Cal Ripken Baseball-12, Girls Coach Pitch-16, 10u Babe Ruth Softball-27, & 12u Babe Ruth Softball-15. Normally we do a placement practice, we tried a different approach this year. We did a camp with coaches & our staff, there was 250 children that attended.
- Athletic Special Event- Happy to announce we will be having Jills Buddy Camp. In the past we have done two weeks and this year we will be doing one week with 10-12 campers. We will focus a little bit more on communication items. Tony L Huddleston Trout Rodeo will be held October 8.
- Special Events & Farmers Market- We held the Spring Kickoff Festival here at the Recreation Center. It was a great event and very well attended. Our next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt at Kiwanis Park. Farmers Market will begin in May, we are working on securing some vendors. Community Garden we have looked at current available properties within the town. We have taken soil samples of those locations to Virginia Tech and waiting for results. Rockin' Main is coming up in May & June. We are changing our location closer to town hall on East Main Street & corner of Roanoke Street. Our headliner for May is Jared Stout Band and for June is Lyn Avenue. We have two local bands opening for them, Jimothy (May) and Barren Minds (June). Marty Gordon Farmers Market Manager went and talked to the primary school children about growing plants.
- Adult Sports- Church Basketball is coming to an end with five teams. We have Volleyball going on now with Church League having 20 teams, Open League-9, Women's Open-5, & Men's Open -4. This is the first time ever having a men's team.
- Outdoor Facilities- They are working to get the fields ready for the season. They did put down mulch at Kiwanis Parks & Harkrader Sports Complex. We did the monthly Emergency Call Tower testing, and all are working properly. We worked with Public Works to get the culvert fixed at Kiwanis Park.
- Community Programs- Toddler Time has seven children and parents, Book it has six children, & Lego has six children. Adult exercise programs are doing well, Zumba – 20 participants, Dance & Tone-18 participants, Core Balance-16 participants, Toning & Conditioning – 17 participants, & Evening Yoga-16 participants. We held a Firearm Safety Training with 14 participants.
- Senior & Special Populations- We had some bingos that did very well this month. We held a Lunch & Learn Total Joint Replacement that had 11 participants. Through the end of March, we have schedule 775 tax appointments.
- Student Report-Lawson Mecom- All the spring sports have started are going well. They have set Prom for April 30 and Graduation for May 21.
- Old Business- The discussion of name selection for the new park. We placed boxes out at the Recreation Center, Aquatic Center and Town Hall. The top three that the public voted on, Huckleberry Park, Turman Wilson Park, Christiansburg Signature Park. Other suggestions that came in were Panoramic Park, Friendship Park. There were a few votes that came in that were out of town and we did not honor those votes as it was for Town of Christiansburg residents. We are not set in stone to use the public selected names; we can tweak it and make it our own. After discussion of the names, it was decided that the commission would make a recommendation of three park names to council. Ms. Smart made the motion, Ms. Meadows seconds, members unanimously voted on the following park names, Huckleberry Park, Huckleberry Park at 114, & Christiansburg Signature Park. These names will now go to council for their decision.
- Meeting adjourned, next meeting Monday, May 2.