

April 1 Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Fenton called meeting to order.
- Members present: Charlton McCoy, Reba Smart, John Neel, Gracie Conner, Josh Cummins, Jim Williamson, Mike Saylor, Kathy Meadows, Diane Fenton, Brad Epperley
- Ms. Smart made the motion to accept the minutes from February, and Mr. Williamson second. February minutes were approved.
- Mr. Williamson made the motion to accept the minutes from March, and Ms. Meadows second. March minutes were approved.
- No Citizen Comments
- Directors Report- Attendance for the month of March was 5677. We have continued to increase our memberships to 2670.
- Athletic Special Events- We hosted an AAU tournament this past month, that had around 50 teams participating. We also hosted the New River Valley Home Builders Association Expo, we had 1500 participants in attendance. We did have our first outdoor tournament at Harkrader this past weekend. We have scheduled the Mike Young Basketball Camp the last two weeks of June. We did have the Virginia Tech Women's Basketball team schedule to do a clinic but that is up in the air. We are planning to do our Jills Buddy Camp again this year, with multiple field trips. Tony Huddleston Fishing Rodeo date has been set for Oct. 5 at Izaak Walton Park. The Middle School Baseball/Softball Teams have begun their season using Harkrader & Kiwanis. The Special Olympics softball will be using Harkrader April through June.
- Community Programs- Our Youth & Adult Community programs are doing very well. Our Youth Lego Explore got an award at Virginia Tech. We hosted the Christiansburg Elementary School Third Graders for a field trip day. Our dog obedience classes are still going well.
- Senior & Special Population Programs- We have been working with NRV Choral Society to have somewhere for them to practice. Our Senior movement classes are all at their max. In our Special Populations we have started our cooking program.
- Youth Sports- We have started Volleyball and it has grown tremendously. In our baseball program we have 193 participants and softball we have 32 participants. We do get awarded the Cal Ripken Tournament at Harkrader in July. We used to have placement practice back a few years ago. We have changed that up a little bit and changed it in a camp.
- Farmers Market- We have five new vendors, two have confirmed and three new. The market will open in May. Our Market Manager has been going through a certification course. The Community Garden has exploded and is full, with 14 plots, with a waiting list.
- Special Events- Egg-Streme Easter Egg Party was a great event. We had 4700 eggs, and close to 1000 participants. We are going to look at different ideas with next years event. Great Easter Egg Hunt was another successful event for easter. The Kiwanis Club helped sponsor this event with us by providing bikes and helmets. Our next event will be Spring Kickoff April 20, at the Recreation Center. Some of staff will stay over and work the After Prom for Christiansburg High School. In May we will start of the Rockin Main Street Series. We will have our Fourth of July Celebration starting on Main Street then finishing up with Fireworks at the Huckleberry Park. We will have to shut the park down during that time.
- Outdoor Facilities- This is the start of mowing season and getting the field ready for the season. One of our Crew Leaders completed a spray tech recertification course. We have installed an AED box at the fields at park.
- Adult Sports- Church Basketball is coming to an end soon and will be in tournament play. Church League Volleyball have started their season with 24 teams
- Adopted a Street- no changes since last month, we do have two new ones. Moog and Master Sgt. Don Barnes, all signs have been installed.
- 1349 nonperishable items were donated from the weekend events.
- We plan to do Huckleberry Park plaque reveal on May 23 at noon. Everything will be free to the public.
- The Lions Club from Blacksburg has donated 100 trees to be planted on the trail, they are paying for a contractor to do it.
- We are partnering with Downtown Christiansburg Inc for our Sept. Rocking Main and their Food Truck Rodeo. The event will be called Better Together Rockin Food Rodeo. We will have three bands playing that day.
- Student Report- The High School campus is under construction. Prom will be April 20.

- New Business- Back in 2022 we talked about new rental fees for the fields. In the past we had that travel teams could use our fields for free if 60% of the members participated in our programs. But they must live in Town of Christiansburg or School district. In 2023 some of the items come up because of the Huckleberry Park. It was hard to do this for soccer and lacrosse since we don't offer those leagues. We looked in the start fees for both sports, soccer was \$77k to start up and lacrosse was \$78k to start up. Commission voted if a team is 60% town resident and/or live in Christiansburg school district we would work with the team, and they would receive 50% off practices weekdays. We do not have a policy for other fields, and we need one. Mr. Saylor makes the motion to do the same as Christiansburg Huckleberry Park, if a team is 60% town resident and/or live in Christiansburg school district they would receive 50% off practices weekdays at Kiwanis Park, Falling Branch and the Recreation Center, Mr. Neels seconds. Commission votes unanimously. Director Epperley will bring prices back from other locations.
- Meeting Adjourned, next Monday, May 6, 2024.