

MINUTES FROM THE CHRISTIANSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012.

Diane Fenton called meeting to order.

Minutes to the last Recreation Commission meeting approved.

Diane Fenton introduced and welcomed Brad Epperley and gave him the floor.

Brad Epperley told the Recreation Commission a little about himself and gave a little information about his background.

Diane Fenton opened the floor to citizen comments.

Sherri Blevins addressed the commission and asked about the progress on Youth Sports Handbook and plan of actions. Diane Fenton directed questions to Charlton McCoy and Chuck Muncy.

Charlton stated that the plan of action was an ongoing document and that they have started the coaches training for baseball /softball they have to wear IDs at every practice. He also talked about other ideas they are thinking about.

Chuck stated that when the coaches meet with the parents and players for the first time they will give them the approved Youth Sports Handbook.

Round table discussion on things being implemented now and what is going to be implemented.

Sherri Blevins also asked about age limit of children allowed in the Recreation Center.

Mike Barber stated that at this time the Recreation Center was not changing the age since the staff at the Recreation Center has not found it to be a major issue at this time.

We checked with a few area Recreation Centers and asked what they do and this will continue to be monitored.

Charlton McCoy reported on what has been happening at the Recreation Center for the past month.

Baseball registration has been ongoing the past month.

Mary Critzer reported on some compliments from county administrators on Darren Graham and how pleasant and friendly he is when they come in the Recreation Center. Very positive comments.

Chuck Muncy reported on the World Series and where that is at.

Mike Harris inquired about the price difference on baseball this year.

Charlton McCoy reported that there were misprints in the books that were not realized until after the books were distributed to the schools. So the Recreation Center decided to honor the prices in the books. But what also lowered the prices were that we were not supplying pants anymore so that we could lower the price for participants.

Mike Harris asked what the hitting policy decision was.

Mike Barber stated that the Town has a lot of confidence in Brad Epperley and that there will be some meeting with other area Recreation Departments to figure this out.

Chuck Muncy stated that we send our helmets out for inspection every year and this year 25 were rejected all the other equipment was good. And out of those 25, 20 of those were rejected because of their age. Helmets can only be in use for 10 years for some companies, they aged out.

Mike Saylor and Mike Barber commented on how many more concussions happen during practice than during games.

Brad Epperley gave his opinion about the study that had been done about this and that it was something to open peoples' minds, not to scare them away. He also stated that he thinks we need to make coaches more aware of what to look for and we need to look into that.

Charlton McCoy stated that in the coaches training there is a video they have to watch that is only about concussions and that they receive a card with the signs and symptoms to take with them after the training.

There was no further business. Diane Fenton adjourned the meeting.

Members Present: Diane Fenton
 Doris Oliver
 Mary Critzer
 Mike Saylor
 Jim Williamson
 Mike Barber
 Mike Harris
 Chuck Muncy, Supervisor of Outdoor Facilities and Parks
 Charlton McCoy, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Center
 Brad Epperley, Director of Parks and Recreation