

MINUTES FROM THE CHRISTIANSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012.

Diane Fenton called meeting to order and took roll call.

Minutes from the last Recreation Commission meeting approved.

No citizen comments.

Diane Fenton turned the meeting over to Brad Epperley.

Brad went over June's Progress Report.

Emergency Preparedness program went very well with lots of participants in this program. Also P90 Rec. class has been a really big hit with lots of participation. Derma Scan Screening had 23 participants for the program, a really good turnout.

Senior Aerobics and Senior Motions are still two programs that are very popular and are doing very well. The Police Department and the Recreation Department came together and did Senior Police Academy. This program had a great turn out and is a wonderful program for each department to reach out to the community. The first Pickleball Tournament was held, not as many turned out as was hoped for, but we have to start somewhere and are looking forward to holding another one in the future.

Adult Church and Coed Volleyball have both finished with their leagues and tournaments. The leagues went very well, there were 15 teams for one and 17 for the other. There was a double elimination tournament that went very well for the Open League Adult Softball with 17 teams in the league. Church Softball has just started and Adult Flag Football will be starting within the next months.

Youth Athletics is very busy, but going very well. There are newly designed All Star helmets that look great with the new uniforms. It is nice for the children to look nice and to represent the Town in a positive manner. The All Star tryouts went very well with lots of positive feedback from the process. Youth football, cheerleading, and fall baseball/softball registration is going on now. Signs are going to be put out to remind parents of registration. Along with that the Cheerleading process will be a little different this year from last year. There is also going to be a Concussion Seminar held at the Recreation Center on August 13, 7:30pm for coaches, trainers, parents, and administration. Brad is working with the area Recreation Departments on an area wide concussion policy.

Brad has worked with Becky Wilburn on a new background screening policy because there was a lot of gray area in the old policy and it is best to have a black/white policy with something like this. The policy outlines exactly what convictions (Barrier Crimes) would disqualify them from being able to coach. This policy helps protect the children and ourselves.

The Western State Tournament was held in Christiansburg, Salem, Covington, and Radford. There were 134 hotel rooms used in a two day period in Christiansburg for this tournament. 'The Thunder' did a fundraising tournament in Christiansburg, there were 70 hotels used in Christiansburg for this tournament.

Preparations for the World Series are going on and everything is coming together. Everything will be held at Harkrader Sports Complex this year. There will be an Information Table this year so that we will be able to inform people if they have any questions about Christiansburg and what is in the area. Mike Harris has the volunteer schedule that has a little more than half of the times filled up. If anyone would like to donate their time see Mike Harris to be added to the schedule. Harkrader is looking really good with lots of work going on out there to get it ready for the World Series.

Some positive notes for this month:

Charlton, Chuck, and Nick have really done a tremendous job working together and filling in for Brian during the All Star tryouts.

With the derecho storms that came through there was a need for an Emergency Shelter. Within ten minutes there were three full time staff members at the Recreation Center ready to help. There were not many people using the cooling shelter, but the people that did use it were very appreciative. This was a great thing that the department was a part of.

Housekeeping staff are also getting lots of great compliments on the cleanliness of the building. Doris Oliver also commented that several people have said to her about how nice and clean the facility is. The little things are important things. Mike Harris commented on how many great compliments he got from Raleigh and from Northern Virginia players and coaches on how great of a facility Harkrader Sports Complex is.

Next month's meeting will be cancelled because we will be in the middle of the Dixie League World Series. Also, September's meeting will be cancelled because it is scheduled for Labor Day, but if a meeting needs to be held it will be held on September 17.

Members Present:

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