

**SHENANDOAH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 27, 2015 – County Government Center, Woodstock, VA

Present: Jennifer George, Darrin Jenkins, Dick Neese, Joe Hinkle. Tyler Hinkle (SJHS representative), Jonathan Fainter, Bob Flanagan, Rick Moomaw and Larry Smith

Absent: Becky Lambert, Sonya William-Giersch, Lisa Currie, Denise Dellinger, Rhonda Lively and Larry Beasley

Staff: Jered Hoover, Brandi Rhinehart and Ben Stine

Welcome/Call to Order

called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. New and current board members introduced themselves.

Introduction of SCPR's new Sports Supervisor Ben Stine, he came from the City of Winchester and lives in Strasburg.

Adoption of Minutes

Bob Flanagan made the motion that the minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting be approved as stated. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report

None

Director's Report

Summer brochure was mailed out on May 13th, with 28 pages and the largest variety of programs ever. Registration is up 15% from last summer.

Jered mention to the board that Seven Bends is looking to join SCPR's department starting July 2016. This idea has been proposed to Marybeth Price and the idea is still floating to see if it would work. Seven Bends is self-sufficient and does that have their own budget to support their employees and programs. Jered mention that this would benefit SCPR because it's a good source for SCPR to get information out about programs/camps. SCPR staff did a county park cleanup day to make the park more attractive and not so secluded. We plan on having another park cleanup day.

Jered asked opinions on the Keister tract located in Strasburg. Bob is concerned about the isolation of the property and access to the property. Bob thinks that the Wagner Property is a property that we should be trying to raise money and put money into. SCPR starting this summer will be responsible for the bushhogging of the property, which Jered stated that we will do as much as we can to keep it bushhogged enough to keep it opened up. Jonathan Fainter questioned what would happen if we if sold the property. We were unsure of the answer to that because it was given to SCPR through a grant.

Wagner Property has been used for our bird watching program and coming up our fishing derby on June 6, and our Intermediate archery camp in August. Bob wanted to make sure that Mr.

Watson was still involved with Parks and Recreation and he and Mr. Dean are very much involved with us and willing to help anyway they can.

Jered informed the board that he was approach to try and start a Youth Sports Coalition within the county. Jered is going to reach out to the presidents of the county little leagues, football, soccer and lacrosse to create a partnership to try and get numbers up if possible. Rick Moomaw was concerned with the access that we get into the school that seems to not exist anymore. Also hoping that maybe by creating the coalition that the Southern end of the county will see an increase in numbers in sports. Jered explained that SCPR does only have access to deliver flyers to the school twice a year at this point, but plans on meeting with Cynthia Paige and maybe even Dr. Raley to see if this is something that we can change. Also the school board have to approve what flyers we send into the schools.

Upcoming Events

Ben will be going to WWR on May 29 to PTO Family/Teacher night to get the word out on our summer camps and also promote our Movie Night

Movie night is May 29, also and starts at 8pm

June 6, we will have our fishing derby at the Wagner Property

Town Reports

New Market – Rebel players will be arriving and play the Shockers on May 30th. The Rebels will be welcoming a new Valley league team this year the Charlottesville Tomsocks. Rebels opening game will be June 6 against Harrisonburg. The first concert at Rebel Park will be bluegrass/country bands and is free to the public.

Woodstock – Added a new concession stand at the Woodstock pool and their sales doubled in two nights. Also, Darla, pool manager would like to do some movie at the pool nights with SCPR. Brandi will get in contact with heron what dates would work. Wine and Trotters Festival will be at the fairground May 30th weekend.

Strasburg – Planning for their July 4th events and the Strasburg Express baseball.

Mt. Jackson – Town Manager is willing to work with SCPR to get more programs in the Southern end of the county.

High Rep. (Tyler Hinkle) – Has created a program through google, so that every student will receive an email that will ask various questions to put the child in the correct age group and from there the child will be asked age appropriate questions as to what they like to do or what they would like to see Parks and Recreation offer. From there Tyler will have a pie chart generated to see what the results are. Tyler is just awaiting approval from the School board to send this email out to every student. Then he will share this with our Central and Strasburg reps.

Committee Reports

- Executive/Capital Improvements (CIP)

Waiting for the Fiscal year to change so that SCPR can purchase a new mower

- Activities and Programs

Jered compliment the staff on all the offerings that we are providing and everything is going good through the whole transitions.

- Partnerships and Public Relations

Nothing

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

Ben Stine hired as Sports Supervisor

To Do's

Nothing

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on July 22, 2015 at 6:30pm, at the County Park, Shelter 1 in Maurertown for a hamburgers/hotdogs/sides cookout. The public is invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: If anyone on the board would like to bring a side dish let Brandi know, please brhinehart@shenandoahcountyva.us

With no further business, Larry Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jonathan Fainter with a unanimous decision to adjourn at 8:13pm.