

**Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development
Board Meeting February 8, 2021**

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on February 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm at the Monroe Community Center.

The following members were present: Heather Follett, Roni Tuggle, John Mann and Jo Jo Allcock. Also in attendance was Brian Thacker.

Chairman Heather Follett called the meeting to order.

There was a motion to accept the agenda made by Roni Tuggle, and seconded by John Mann. Motion carried.

John Mann made a motion to accept the January minutes, and was seconded by Heather Follett. Motion carried.

There was no Director's report since a new Director had not yet been chosen. However, the board did review the calendar, and Night fishing report.

Brian Thacker reported on various projects now underway. Two gazebos have been placed at two parks, new decking and hand rails along with trash cans and picnic tables have been installed. Future projects include additional pavilions at Thrasher's Creek, River Edge and Mill Creek. Mill Creek will also have some new grills and added sand to the beach area.

Brian asked that the Board give some thought to adding a charging station at River Edge.

There was discussion on a donation to the Bike Club for use in doing bridge work and other needed projects. Motion was made by Jo Jo to give the Club \$2,000 for these projects. Second was made by Heather. Motion carried after some discussion.

Old business: Heather asked Brian about a zip line at River Edge. Brian said that is in the works, but will need some engineering study since it will cross the railroad and the river into Lynchburg. Brian also said the county is working with Sweet Briar College's mechanical engineering class to plan future additions to Mill Creek. Also Liberty University will be using the amphitheater at Coolwell Center for a free Brass Quartet concert in April. This will bring public attention to the center as well as bringing traffic into the county. Other old business included an update on the LOVE sign which the Board put a lot of time and money into designing. This project is also in the works for the future. Consideration will be given to the prep work done by the Board.

Discussion was held on the hiring of a new director. Interviews were done on line with 5 candidates in which JoJo represented the Board. In person interviews were held for two final candidates, with Heather representing the Board. No final decision had been made at the time of the meeting. However, the new Director should be in place by the end of February and will attend the March meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by JoJo to adjourn our meeting, seconded by Roni. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting will be March 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm at the Monroe Community Center.

3-8-21

Date

Heather H. Sillars

Chairman

JoJo Allcock

Secretary