

Amherst County Recreation, Tourism and Cultural Development

Board Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2022

The Amherst County Recreation, Tourism and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Monroe Community Center

The members present: Heather Follett, Bailey Angus, John Mann and Tom Martin. Also in attendance was Randy Nixon, Director

The meeting was called to order by Heather Follett, Chairman

A motion was made by John Mann to accept the Agenda with amendments and Heather Follett seconded it

Bailey Angus made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 14, 2022 meeting and John Mann seconded it

Randy Nixon gave the Administrators Report:

1. It was reported Randy started as Director on Monday, May 9th and that Patrick Nalley's last day was Friday, May 6th
2. Reviewed the Night Fishing Report, Fishing License Report, Theme Park Tickets Report, Coolwell Community Center Bingo Report, Monroe Community Center Seniors Report, Youth Athletic Participation Report and the Monthly Activities Calendar. Tom Martin asked how are the monthly activities calendar distributed and Heather Follett suggested it should be put out on facebook.
3. Randy reported that the Amherst Senior Center site in Amherst was going to reopen at Second Stage on Mondays and Wednesdays starting June 1st
4. The Amherst Senior Luncheon was to be held Tuesday, May 17th
5. The Recreation Specialist position had been advertised and over 40 people had applied and a panel was set up of staff to review, interview and hire someone
6. Mackenzie Pigg a UVA Doctoral student at UVA was organizing and coordinating a new program for special needs children- she was creating a soccer program and calling it the Amherst Challengers. It was an 8 week program starting in September through October on Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Coolwell Park.
7. A Tourism Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce offices will be held on Monday, June 6th at 3:30 pm to discuss the Tourism Plan.

Old Business:

1. LWCF Grant- New Playground Equipment is to be delivered on June 6th and construction is planned to start October 1st at Seminole Park. Trails at Mill Creek Lake Park will hopefully be started soon after H&P finishes marking the county boundary around the

lake and the BOS gives approval to start. A phased plan needs to be created for the grant. A site visit with Kellie Seaton with DCR took place on Tuesday, May 10th.

2. Easter Egg Hunt- about 70 children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt held out at Poplar Grove Golf Course. The issue would have been parking if more children had showed up and participated overall it was a great event.

New Business:

1. Ad in New Era Progress was put out for a Public Comment Period on the LWCF Grant for Seminole and Mill Creek Lake Parks. The 30 day comment period ended on May 15th.
2. An Ad was placed in the Washington Nationals Media Guide which was purchased through the County Tourism budget and Poplar Grove Golf Course.
3. Tom Martin suggested to Heather Follett to investigate getting a youth member onto the Advisory Board as this is in the Boards Charter.
4. The Departments Annual Report was scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the Tuesday, June 21st meeting but Heather could not present the report she was going to be out of town. Randy suggested he would get with Kristen at the County Administrators office and have it presented at the July 19th meeting.
5. Sara Lu Christian had applied to be on the Advisory Board to replace the vacant seat and was to be voted on at the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, May, 17th.

The next Advisory Board meeting will be held Monday, June 13th at 6:00 pm at the Monroe Community Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Heather Follett and seconded by John Mann. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

6-13-22
Date

Heather Follett
Chairman

Randy A. Ry
Secretary