

Amherst County Recreation, Tourism and Cultural Development
Board Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2022

The Amherst County Recreation, Tourism and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 12:30 pm at the Monroe Community Center. The meeting was a work session to create a Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan.

The members present: Heather Follett, Roni Tuggle, Bailey Angus and Sara Lu Christian. Also in attendance was Randy Nixon, Director and Elizabeth Parr, Recreation Specialist.

The meeting was called to order by Heather Follett, Chairman.

Chairman, Heather Follett made two amendments to the agenda to add an Administrators Report and a Public Comment period and a motion was made by Bailey Angus to approve the agenda with the amendments and Roni Tuggle seconded it. Motion carried.

Heather Follett made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting and Bailey Angus seconded it. Motion carried.

Randy Nixon gave the Administrators Report:

1. The board was presented and reviewed the Night Fishing License Report, Theme Park Tickets Report, Senior Center Reports (Monroe and Amherst Sites), the Coolwell Community Center Report and the Senior Calendar.
2. Halloween Event- last year it was a drive through event in conjunction with the Town of Amherst Police Department, 4H, Girl Scouts, Library and the Museum. Heather Follett suggested we table any discussion on this year's event until the August Board meeting.
3. The Amherst County Fair is Thursday, October 20th-Sunday, October 23rd.

Public Comments:

1. Katherine C. Montemurro of 1506 Wagon Trail Road, Monroe, VA 24572 came and spoke to the board saying the following activities and areas to do them was needed near Route 130:
 - Some type of pool or water feature
 - A place for children to roller blade or ride their bikes
 - A place to ride ATV's and Dirt Bikes

She also liked the beach area and the swimming area at Mill Creek Lake Park but felt without a life guard that some type of life saving ring should be on site.

Elizabeth Parr explained that the County was looking at putting up a life Jacket Station for folks to check out life jackets.

Heather Follett pointed out that there was a pool in Elon and Sara Lu Christian said there was a pool at Silk Farm in Madison Heights.

Mrs. Montemurro said she would like to volunteer for activities and events that the Recreation Department had since she was recently retired.

The Board then began its Work Session by riding the County bus to the local parks and lakes. They brainstormed on each park on possible upgrades and new amenities, as well as, new program ideas to be put into a Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan. A report and plan of these ideas will be put together for the Advisory Board to proof and approve at a later meeting.

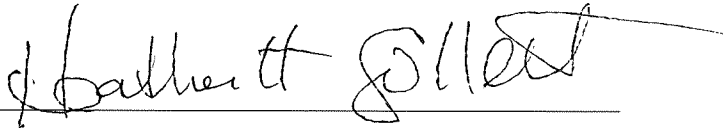
The next meeting will be held August 8, 2022, at 6 pm at the Monroe Community Center.

The meeting and Work Session ended at 4:30 pm.

Date

8-8-22

Chairman



Secretary

