

AMHERST COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
June 11, 2012

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on June 11, 2012, at 6:30 PM under the picnic shelter at Coolwell Park.

The following members were present: Chairman Heather Follet, Roni Tuggle, JoJo Allcock and John Mann, and Gary Evans. Also in attendance was Sara Lu Christian.

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

A motion was made by Roni and seconded by Gary to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

JoJo made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as presented. Roni seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Heather made a motion to approve the May bills as presented. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the revenue report and to date, the revenue generated by the Recreation Department exceeds \$46,000.

The Board reviewed the Senior center reports. Sara Lu informed the board that the annual Spring Tea, held at Coolwell Community Center on May 15<sup>th</sup>, was very well attended and went extremely well. Becky Stewart spearheaded the organizing of the event which featured a hat fashion show with prizes. Entertainment was provided by a harpist, Virginia Schweninger. The Wednesday Bingo program is picking up in attendance. Sara Lu reported that Murrell Thomas, who recently lost his wife (and former Senior Center coordinator), Donna, to cancer, is returning as the driver for the department's mini-van. The next special event for the seniors is the Annual Picnic held at Coolwell Community Center and taking place on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed payment for the mini-van driver for the trips that are taken by the senior centers as part of the centers' monthly programming. The discussion was whether or not to pass the cost of the driver (along with the cost of the gas and any admission fees for attractions being visited) on to the passengers going on the trip or for the department/county to continue paying it. Two centers combine schedules to take a trip twice a month together. The cost for the driver averages between \$120-\$150/month. It was acknowledged that adding this fee to the cost of the trip would, in effect, reduce the number of seniors, who are on fixed incomes, the ability to go on these trips. Gary made a motion that the department continue to absorb the cost of the mini-

van driver for the senior center day trips. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and program reports, the theme park tickets sales report and the night fishing license sales report.

Sara Lu reminded the Board that the ground breaking ceremony took place at Riveredge Park on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The park has been closed due to construction; however, it is open this week in order for the bateaux to be launched from there for the Annual James River Bateaux Festival beginning Saturday, June 15-16.

The Board discussed colors for park rules signage. The choices have been narrowed down to brown signs with white lettering on green posts or green signs with white lettering on brown posts. Heather made a motion for the signs to be brown on green posts. Roni seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 in favor 1 (Gary) opposed.

John reported that he and Sara Lu took a field trip to the parks in lower Amherst County – Seminole Park, Riveredge Park, and Monacan Park on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. He elaborated that development of Seminole Park would be a great asset to lower Amherst County, particularly lower Madison Heights. The softball field there is in relatively good shape and currently being used by organized leagues for practices and by the local community residents. When Seminole Elementary School (there) was open, there was an active playground area and outdoor basketball courts. John is seeking to have development of Seminole Park incorporated into the county's 5 and 20 year CIP.

John reported that Monacan Park's parking lot lines need to be repainted, and the playground area needs some ground covering.

John, himself, visited Mill Creek Lake and reported that there are pot holes there that need filling.

The next meeting of the ACPRCD Board is scheduled for Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM at Monacan Park.

There being no further business, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JoJo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary