

AMHERST COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2011

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on December 12, 2011, at 6:45 PM in the School Board public hearing room in the County Administration Building.

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

Sara Lu reported that Heather Follet was absent due to the death of her brother. Deep regrets were expressed by all***.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Roni Tuggle.

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

Gary made a motion to accept the November minutes as presented. Roni seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Lu reported that the total amount of revenue received this fiscal year through November is over \$24,000.00. The projected revenue for FY' 12 is \$25,000.

The Board reviewed the senior centers reports and calendars. The senior centers will be closed the week of Christmas and the week of New Years.

Sara Lu presented the theme park ticket sales report. The only tickets remaining to be sold are for Busch Garden's ChristmasTown.

Sara Lu reported that there was one additional night fishing license sold in November.

Alan gave a report on the youth basketball league. Practices have begun and the first game is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th. There are approximately 40 less players this season compared to last season. This is the first season that the recreation department has sought team sponsorships for the youth basketball league. Alan reported that there was an abundance of sponsors.

Sara Lu reported that the 250th steering committee is finishing up its responsibilities in promoting 2011 as the county's sesqui-bicentennial. The committee participated in the annual Amherst Christmas parade, the theme of which was "Christmas Carols and Candy Canes". There were record breaking numbers of parade spectators. Claudia Tucker was the parade marshal, representing the County's Board of Supervisors, and in honor of the County's sesqui-bicentennial. The 250th anniversary banner was carried behind her vehicle and banners were hung on the Amherst fire trucks, as well. A table of the 250th merchandise for sale was set up on the Museum grounds during the parade.

Sara Lu reported that the fence work on the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail has been completed. There will be a ribbon cutting/grand opening ceremony for this next section of the trail in the spring, 2012, when the hiking season begins again, and the US29 bridgework over the trail has been completed.

Sara Lu reported that the first reading of the draft copy of the County Parks ordinance before the Board of Supervisors took place on December 6th. It now moves to public hearing which is schedule for December 20th. She has talked to Mr. Frank Campbell on the Board, who wants to make sure that the rights of the fishermen at Riveredge Park are protected (i.e. and specifically to be allowed to carry knives that are used in the course of fishing and allowed to wade into the river to fish).

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

Date

Chairman

Secretary