

AMHERST COUNTY, PARKS, RECREATION AND
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2009

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on June 23, 2009, at 7:00 PM at the Amherst Branch of Central Virginia Community College.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gary Evans.

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

A motion was made by JoJo and seconded by Roni to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Lu presented the administrator's report as follows:

Sara Lu presented the May bills. A motion was made by John and seconded by JoJo to approve the May bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the attendance records and reports of the senior citizen centers. The centers are enjoying the mini-bus and use it to the max in discovering new destinations, as well as visiting familiar and popular locations, as well. Sara Lu extended a personal invitation to the Board members for the Annual Picnic for Seniors taking place on June 30th in the community center at Coolwell Park.

The annual kids day fishing clinic was held at Mill Creek Lake on Saturday, June 6th. The attendance was down considerably from previous years. However, the event introduced over a dozen youth to the sport of fishing.

Sara Lu presented the Amherst Outdoors report. The Department is expanding its offering of nature programs at the county park and trails and attendance is increasing.

The performance of *A Mid Summer Nights' Dream* at Coolwell Park in May had an audience of 75.

The "Areas of Interest" survey mentioned at the last meeting was sent out to all the schools and county employees. There were over 1000 responses. Those who returned a survey with a valid e-mail address will be sent e-mails informing them of upcoming activities and programs in the areas of interest they listed. This marketing tool will be made available to other departments and organizations outside the Recreation Department, as well. (Sheriff's Dept.; Dixie Baseball & Softball Leagues; etc.)

Sara Lu reported that the department is now set up to accept on-line registration for youth sports. There have been 21 on-line registrations for fall youth soccer league, to date.

Sara Lu reported that the county is still awaiting a response from DGIF with regards to the enforcement of county ordinances restricting use of the public boat ramp at Monacan Park.

The VBRRT Foundation is requesting that the ACPRCD Board members write a letter to DEQ regarding the application of sludge on Wesley Wright's property next to the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail ask for a public hearing on this application. This matter was tabled for further investigation.

Under Old Business, the Board addressed the subject of a picnic shelter at Coolwell Park. Virgil Coleman, with Coleman Mays Construction, attended this meeting in order to provide the Recreation Board with information on size, design and costs for said structure. After reviewing the information presented by Mr. Coleman, and exploring the internet for pre-fab shelters on line, the Recreation Board tabled further discussion on the subject until July's Board meeting. It was determined that meeting will take place at the Coolwell Community Center. This will enable board members to be on site to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Kennedy Munro appeared before the board to present her report on the county park signs. She gave a brief overview of the condition of the park signs and reported that she would submit her final report and a power point presentation to the director by the end of the week.

The next ACPRCD Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, beginning at 7:00PM at Coolwell Park.

There being no further business at this time, a motion was made by JoJo and seconded by Roni to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Date

Chairman

Secretary