

AMHERST COUNTY, PARKS, RECREATION AND  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
September 21, 2009

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on September 21, 2009, at 6:30 PM in the Board of Supervisors' meeting room in the County Administration Building.

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

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

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

A motion was made by John and seconded by Heather to approve the August minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Vaden Hunt, County Attorney, appeared before the Board to present for review a draft of the County Park Regulations and Rules. He impressed upon the Board the urgency to review, make revisions as deemed appropriate, pass on an approved draft to the Board of Supervisors in order for it to go to public hearing. Park rules and regulations need to be adopted as county ordinance in order to regulate park behavior and activity. The Board will review the draft presented by Mr. Vaden and come to the next Recreation Board meeting prepared to discuss, revise, approve and make recommendations on the park rules and regulations to the Board of Supervisors.

Mac Callaham appeared before the Board to re-address the matter of allowable boat length at the boat dock at Monacan Park. He is advocating a maximum boat length of 20' (with the exception of pontoon boats) be permitted use of the Monacan Park boat dock. He appeared before the board last year seeking this restriction for the boat ramp and is expecting this matter to be resolved soon. Sara Lu will forward (by e-mail) to Mr. Callaham a copy of the draft park rules and regulations as presented by Mr. Hunt.

John Fuqua and Tommy Thacker, president and representative of the Amherst Dixie Youth Baseball Association, appeared before the Board in request of capital improvement funding for parking lot drainage repair work, fencing repair work and press box repair work for the ADYA complex. They provided 3 price quotes for these respective projects.

J.W. Lipscomb, president of the Monelison Bruins Football Association, appeared before the Board in request of capital improvement funding for bleachers for the MHFA complex. Mr. Lipscomb was directed to provide Ms. Christian with 3 price quotes for these structures before further consideration could be made on this request.

Dana Proffitt, president of the Amherst County Dixie Girls Softball Association, appeared before the Board in request of capital improvement funding for bridge and dugout repair work for the ACDGSA complex. Ms. Proffitt was directed to provide Ms. Christian with 3 price quotes for these projects before further consideration could be made on these requests.

After hearing all the requests by the county's youth sports leagues and discussing the matter. It was agreed that the drainage problem on the parking lot at the Amherst Dixie Youth Baseball complex was a pressing safety issue. Added to which, the Board had been provided with 3 cost estimates for the project. Therefore, Gary made a motion that \$4,300.00 (lowest estimate) be allocated for repair work to the drainage system in the parking lot of the Amherst Dixie Youth Baseball complex. Heather seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a public swimming lake in Amherst County with Mr. Michael DeMarco was postponed since Mr. DeMarco was absent. Sara Lu made a recommendation that the Board pursue having a recreational needs assessment done for the county to determine an accurate need for this and other recreational amenities.

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

The Board reviewed the revenue report, senior center reports, and fall programs report. Amherst Live! is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>; Amherst Outdoors! is winding up the 2009 season and a final report will be provided at the next meeting. Sara Lu reported that the Virginia Birding & Wildlife Trail program is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> year and there will be a trail hike and ceremony on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, in Nelson County to honor the occasion. The Virginia Wine & Garlic Festival has submitted its application for that annual event taking place on October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Board briefly discussed plans for the annual fall festival taking place on Saturday, October 24 at Coolwell Park.

The next regularly scheduled ACPRCD Board meeting falls on Columbus Day Holiday. Therefore, Roni made a motion to move October's meeting to Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7PM. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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Date

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Chairman

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Secretary