

AMHERST COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
May 9, 2011

The Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board held its monthly meeting on May 9, 2011, at 6:45 PM in the Board of Supervisors room in the County Administration Building.

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

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

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

John made a motion to accept the April minutes as presented. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Lu provided a report on the county's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Festival that took place on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at Amherst County High School. The event went well, the 2PM ceremony had local as well as state dignitaries in attendance. The weather was made to order. Music and dance performances took place throughout the entire event. Everyone was well pleased with the fireworks finale. The event generated over \$3,200.00 in revenue through sponsorships and vendor fees.

Next, Sara Lu provided the revenue report, as well as the senior centers reports. She informed the Recreation Board that Murrell Thomas has chosen to continue driving the mini-bus on a limited basis. Therefore, the department continues to seek additional drivers with a CDL license.

Sara Lu and Roni reported on the Annual Eggstravaganza that took place on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Due to the weather, the event was relocated and held at the Amherst Public Library (Main Branch, Amherst). The attendance may have been smaller with regards to being held at Thrashers Lake, however, it was such that the library could not have held any more. The plastic eggs were placed on all the book shelves, as well as on the floor throughout the entire library. The added benefit to the event being held at the library is that there were several first-time library cards issued to eggstravaganza attendees. There were comments requesting the eggstravaganza continue to be held at the library, and other comments in favor of it being held at Thrashers Lake Park.

The Board reviewed the sports report as provided by Alan.

The Board was reminded of the following upcoming special events:

- Annual Spring Tea will be taking place at Coolwell Park at 2PM on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Lynchburg Regional Air Show will be taking place at Lynchburg Airport on Saturday & Sunday, May 21-22.
- National Trails Day event on the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

The Board discussed park signage at the county parks. Sara Lu reported that there is an excess of over \$8,000 in projected \$40,000 in revenue for FY'11 deposited in the county's general fund through fees and charges collected by the Recreation Department. Gary Evans made a motion to seek having this revenue rolled over into the FY'12 County Budget for the purpose of establishing a master sign design and material details for entrance signs and regulatory signs at the county parks and initiating replacing county park entrance and regulatory signs. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, Sara Lu reported that the subject of a public swimming facility in the county, specifically at Mill Creek Lake, has been set aside at this time due to the state of the local and state and federal budget.

She also reported that she and the county attorney are still working on the parks and trails ordinances.

The next meeting for the ACPRCD Board is scheduled for Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45PM.

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

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Date

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Chairman

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Secretary