

Parks and Recreation Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2015
Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center. The following commissioners were present: Chair John Marr, DD Dawson, Joe Riley, Abe Shearer and Ritchie Vaughn. Also present were Lee Foerster and David Wigginton from Parks and Recreation.

1. Welcome – Chair John Marr welcomed all present. John was to introduce new school board representative Dany Fleming, but he was absent.
2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes – With the December meeting being cancelled, and no additions or corrections, the minutes of the November meeting were approved.
3. Consider Election of Officers – It was suggested to wait until February to elect new officers.
4. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget Discussion – The budget process began in mid-December. The City Manager asked that budget request do not exceed the current year's budget. He also requested no capital improvement expenses be included. Four vehicles need to be replaced and we have asked for an increase for water and electricity. Ramblewood will come back on line in July and the dog park will need some additional funds. Other expenses will be computers for the Simms lab, a diving board at Westover pool and increase in credit card fees and services. The budget will be approved by the City Council the second Tuesday in May and final approval will be the fourth Tuesday in May.
5. Proposed CFG/CAC Room Rental Fee Increases – There has been an increase in room rentals (because of the low rental rates) from groups that would normally go elsewhere. City residents are not getting to rent the rooms due to non city use. Ed Steele (center director) has proposed doubling the current fees. All commissioners were in favor of increasing the rates as proposed by Ed.
6. Tree Planting/Riparian Buffer on George's Property – Trey Jerrells, Stream Health Coordinator, coordinated the planting of trees along the George's property. David gave a power point presentation of tree plantings.
7. Executive Session/Real Estate-DD moved that the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Commission enter into a closed meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) under Subsection 3 for a discussion of the disposition of publically held real estate. Motion was seconded by Ritchie and was unanimously voted to go into executive session. Abe motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by John and unanimously approved. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (2) only such public business matters were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
8. Comments, Questions from Commissioners – Will funds be available for the extra field at Smithland? The funds have been approved by City Council, the irrigation system has been installed and will be tested once the weather permits. The field should be ready by the fall of 2015.
9. Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00pm
at the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center.
(The third Monday is a holiday)**