

Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2016
Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Community Activities Center. Chair D. D. Dawson called the meeting to order with the following commission members present: Joe Riley, Ritchie Vaughan, Deanna Reed, and Brent Holsinger. Absent were Abe Shearer, John Marr and Chris Pipkins. Also present were Luanne Santangelo and David Wigginton from Parks & Recreation and Kyle Lawrence with Shenandoah Valley Bike Coalition.

- Welcome – D.D. Dawson welcomed everyone and also welcomed the new Director of Parks & Recreation, Luanne Santangelo. Luanne began work on July 25, 2016.
- Approval of the April, 2016 meeting minutes – Deanne Reed motioned to approve the April meeting minutes, seconded by Joe Riley. Minutes were approved as written.
- Presentation by Kyle Lawrence - SVBC – Kyle is the President of the Shenandoah Valley Bike Coalition- Kyle made a power point presentation from the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition on the Virginia Recreational Trails Program Grant Application for Rocktown Trails at Hillandale Park. Kyle also helps to coordinate the “Connect our Schools” program and “Safe Routes to Schools” program for Rockingham County. The current Rocktown trails consist of approximately 4.5 miles of trails in Hillandale Park. The city Parks & Recreation department has committed to providing time and materials in order to see the project through completion.
- Updates, Comments, Questions – Luanne gave a summary regarding the “Kids Tryathlon” held on Saturday, August 13 at Westover park. The participants age 5 – 17 competed in swimming, biking and running. There were approximately 70 kids participating, many coming from outside the Harrisonburg area.
 - David gave a quick update on upcoming special events & happenings around the area.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center