

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2016**  
**Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center**

The regular monthly meeting of the Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Monday, November 21, 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: John Marr, Joseph Riley, and Ritchie Vaughan. Also present were Luanne Santangelo, David Wigginton, and Connie Lawson from Parks & Recreation. Absent were commission members: Brent Holsinger, Abe Shearer, Deanna Reed, and Chris Pipkin. Observing the meeting were Bucky and Brent Berry.

1. Welcome- Chair D. D. Dawson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. Approval of the October 17, 2016 meeting minutes- Since there was not a quorum present, the minutes from the October 17, 2016 Commission meeting were deferred to the next meeting.
3. Role of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission- Luanne Santangelo distributed the city ordinance on the Park & Recreation Advisory Commission. With the ordinance written in 1973 it was noted that the language needs to be updated to reflect the current function of the board, serving in an advisory capacity. It was decided that the Commission members would be emailed a link to the Ordinance to review and submit suggestions for changes. John Marr suggested modeling the changes after other boards or commissions that have recently been updated. Any changes would then be sent to the City Council for discussion, approval and amending.
4. Events and News updates around the City and Parks and Recreation- David Wigginton discussed the changes being made to the entrance of the Heritage Oaks Golf Course and the new planting plan to replace plantings damaged by construction. The upcoming Blue Crew Dance workshop to be held in December. And the staff changes within the Park and Recreation department which include.
  - a) Special Events Coordinator, Matt Little has taken a job as the Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department in Winchester, VA.
  - b) They are currently conducting interviews to fill a full time Recreation Specialist position and 2 part time Recreational Instructor positions.
5. Comments, questions from Commissioners- None
6. Commission meeting in December and potential date changes for January and February- It was decided that there would be no meeting in December and that the meetings to be held in January and February would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, January 23, 2017 and February 27, 2017.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

**The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center.**