

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2017**  
**Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center**

The regular monthly meeting of the Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Community Activities Center. Chair John Marr called the meeting to order with the following commission members present: Ritchie Vaughan, Chance Ebersold, Brent Holsinger and Joseph Riley. Absent were commission members: Deanna Reed, Joshua Humphries and Kevin Gibson. Present from Parks and Recreation: Luanne Santangelo, Brittany Clem and Connie Lawson.

1. Meeting Called to Order-Chair John Marr called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
2. Approval of October 16, 2017 meeting minutes- Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Holiday Parade Float Judging on December 1<sup>st</sup>- Luanne Santangelo asked for volunteers to judge the Holiday Parade Floats. Ritchie Vaughan, John Marr and Chance Ebersold will be judging and an email will be sent out to all commission members to ask for more volunteers.
4. Date Confirmation for January Meeting- Since the third Monday in January falls on the MLK holiday the Commission agreed to meet on January 22, 2018.
5. News and Highlights from Parks and Recreation- Luanne Santangelo discussed the CIP Project at the Pool. Process of preparing The Invitation to Bid for the interior pool resurfacing with two options for the wading pool. 1) Reconfigure the wading pool with spray features. 2) Complete conversion of wading pool into a splash pad. The splash pad would require additional funding.  
Brittany Clem presented an overview of the monthly reports with special highlights on the recent Race to Beat Breast Cancer. The Race was in partnership with the RMH Foundation to keep funds local. JMU Sorority Zeta Tau Alpha volunteered, distributing flyers on campus and turning out to cheer all participants across the finish line. Pale Fire Brewing hosted the After Race social and numerous city businesses donated prizes or held specials for the Pink Out Weekend. The race was a huge success with attendance up 76.4% and funds generated up 188.1%. A check in the amount of \$14,301.96 will be presented to Janet Wendelken, the RMH Foundation representative at the next City Council meeting. All commission members are invited to attend the Check Presentation at 7pm on Tuesday, November 28 at City Hall.
6. Question & Comments from Commissioners- John Marr asked if there had been any interest in the Adopt A Park Program? Brittany was going to check with Jeremy, but did say that they were looking for ways to promote the groups/individuals who did contribute time to the program using signage in the parks. Luanne Santangelo reminded commissioners that the next meeting would not be until January 22, 2018.
7. Adjourn-Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

**The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center.**