

Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2018
Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center

The regular monthly meeting of the Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Commission was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Community Activities Center. The meeting was called to order with the following commission members present: James Logan, Kevin Gibson, Daniel Martonik, Brent Holsinger and Chance Ebersold. Absent were commission members: Joseph Riley and Deanna Reed. Present from Parks and Recreation: Luanne Santangelo, Brian Mancini, Erik Dart and Connie Lawson.

1. Meeting Called to Order-The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.
2. Nomination of new Vice Chair- Brent Holsinger nominated Daniel Martonik as new Vice Chair, seconded by Kevin Gibson. Nomination was unanimously approved.
3. Approval of August 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes- The August 20, 2018 meeting minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.
4. Introduction of new Assistant Director, Brian Mancini- Luanne Santangelo introduced the new Assistant Director, Brian Mancini.
5. Project updates and News and Highlights from Parks and Recreation-Luanne Santangelo briefly discussed:
 - a. The resurfacing of the swimming pool. Due to issues with electrical bonding the dive pool opening will be delayed until later in November. Kevin Gibson questioned if there was any consideration for the construction of an indoor pool? Brian Mancini stated that he believes that would be a beneficial addition to the area, possibly as a joint investment for the city, county and colleges/universities in the area.
 - b. The grant from the Department of Conservation and National Resources has been approved, this grant will provide \$370,000 toward the construction of the Cale Trail. Combining the Cale Trail and the Garbers Church Shared Use Path together would connect Westover Park, Thomas Harrison Middle School, Heritage Oaks Golf Course, Harrisonburg High School and Bluestone Elementary. Construction would take place late 2019-early 2020.
 - c. The Dog Park has been reopened. Plans are being considered to renovate current dog park and build a second enclosed area on flat higher ground in same area.
 - d. RFP for Master Plan in works, will be focusing on Purcell Park.
 - e. Build Our Park submitted PPPEA to city council for the downtown park. Urban Land Institute evaluated proposal and downtown area for development. Recommended that footprint for park should be expanded and that North side of Pavilion should be developed first. Waiting for final report.
 - f. Requested that commission members evaluate their role on the board and how they would like to be involved in the future.
 - g. Department brand logos have been developed. Departments have different elements. City seal has been updated. City council has requested some changes before new seal is approved.
6. Question & Comments from Commissioners- Brent Holsinger stated that his term with the school board will be ending this year, a new school board member will be selected in January to serve on the commission. Luanne Santangelo recommended that the November meeting be cancelled because of Thanksgiving, the next meeting would take place January 28, 2019. Luanne Santangelo, Kevin Gibson and Daniel Martonik will meet before the January meeting to talk over ideas for the role of the commission, possibly with a facilitator.
7. Adjourn-Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center.