



**Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2019
Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center**

The regular monthly meeting of Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Monday, October 21, 2019 p.m. in the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center. Kevin Gibson called the meeting to order with the following commission members present: Sandra Bopp, Chance Ebersold, MuAwia DaMes, Obie Hill, James Logan, Daniel Martonik and Deanna Reed. Present from Parks and Recreation: Gin Chandler, Brittany Clem, Erik Dart, Scott Erickson, Brian Mancini and Luanne Santangelo.

- I. Welcome – Kevin Gibson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
- II. Sandra Bopp was introduced as the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission member.
- III. September Meeting Minutes – Obie Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from September 16, 2019. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. Morrison Park Tennis Court Conversion – Brian Mancini presented the plan to convert the tennis courts located at Morrison Park to pickleball courts. A gift from the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg covers the cost of the conversion. Sandy Bopp made a motion to move forward with the conversion of the tennis ball courts to pickleball courts at Morrison Park. The motion was seconded. Discussion was held and public input was heard. The motion was approved unanimously.
- V. Purcell Park Master Plan – Luanne Santangelo gave an update on the Purcell Park Master Plan. A random survey has been mailed to the community. An open link to the survey will be made available to the public on November 4th.
- VI. Meeting Dates – There will not be an Advisory Commission meeting in November. December's meeting will be held on December 9th at the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center. January's meeting will be held on January 27th, and February's meeting will be held on February 24th.

- VII. Director's Report and Project Updates –
- a. Race to Beat Breast Cancer 5K had 780 participants, which is up 108 participants from last year and raised over \$20K. A check presentation to RMH Foundation will be made in November or December during the City Council meeting.
 - b. Cale Trail final design is close to completion. The project is fully grant-funded through the Recreational Trails Program and is administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
 - c. The cabin at Hillandale Park is being considered for repurposing. Luanne Santangelo met with the builder's son. Repurposing of the wood is under consideration at this time.
 - d. Interviews for the Special Events Manager and Aquatics Manager will take place in November.
- VIII. Event Attendance/Advocacy Opportunities:
- a. MuAwia DaMes commented how well organized and informational the Citizen Academy was.
 - b. Committee members shared their experience at the International Festival. Committee members felt the International Festival has become a signature event for the city.
 - c. November 2nd is the Holiday Craft Show being held at CAC.
 - d. December 6th is the Holiday Parade.
- IX. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Lucy F. Simms Center.

Respectively submitted,
Gin Chandler
Parks and Recreation Administrative Services Manger