



**Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2015
6:00pm
Harrisburg Town Hall**

Members Present

Marcus King, Chair
Linda Thurman, Secretary
Mike Gallagher
Jensen Caudle

Others Present

Eric Smallwood, Manager
Shawn Marble, Assistant Manager

Members Absent-Antonio Porretta, Bob Yates, and Van Jaynes
Marcus King called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

I. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes from September 28 meeting. Jensen Caudle made a motion to approve the September 28, 2015 minutes. Mike Gallagher second the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

II. Old Business: (Eric Smallwood reported)

- a. Community Orchard
 - i. Have scouted locations. Limited locations for fruit bearing trees for a variety of reasons such as soil make up and community access and safety.
 - ii. Consider creating an "Arbor" area. Will look at Arbor Day Organization and other associations to try to locate free trees.
- b. *Bags in the Burg* Post Event Evaluation. Rain Location: Hickory Ridge MS-who also won school challenge. Money was successfully raised for Joyful Hearts Charity. Corn Hole Tournament-had many teams, event allowed for public, private and municipality partnerships. Next year- keep the original date just have an inside location for inclement weather.
- c. *Rockin' the Burg* Fall Concert Post Event Evaluation: Triple attendance this year, 3 food trucks, Community Art Canvas went well and will be on display in a few months.
 - i. Five Future Concerts- spring, summer, two at 4th of July, fall
 - ii. Future Community Art Projects- one for younger children, one for older -may consider having it at other events to engage more of the community.
 - iii. Consider starting the event later perhaps 6-9 pm, will discuss further at a later time.
- d. Charlotte Symphony Update
 - i. Comprehensive Sponsorship Opportunities
 1. Eric Smallwood will present to Town Council the benefit of having the Charlotte Symphony in Harrisburg.
- e. Church Hill Farms Greenway Construction Update (Is in implementation stage)

III. **New Business:** (Eric Smallwood)

- a. Harrisburg Parks and Recreation youth sports name change.
 - a. Discussion of proposed name change back to HYA
Eric Smallwood will present to Town Council the reasons why the board does NOT wish to go back and rename or change youth athletics back to HYA. Jensen Caudle made a motion to recommend to Town Council to not change any part of the Harrisburg Parks and Recreation Department Name. Linda Thurman second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Board Member Updates
 - a. Explore the option of bringing back Holiday Home Decorating Contest (Marcus King).
Shawn Marble-explained the process
 - b. Post on website for voting (Mike Gallagher suggested)
 - c. Consider Traveling Trophy- instead of cash prize
- c. Department Updates – Assistant Parks and Recreation Manager (Shawn Marble)
 - a. *Trick or Treat in the Park* (Will be held on 10/30, 24 vendors increase from last year. Booth decorating contest. Kids activities, see flyer).
 - b. Fall Sports Update – Youth and Adult. Wrapping up and tournaments start 1st -2nd week in November. Rain forced rescheduling for many games.
 - c. Winter Sports Update – Youth Basketball, Adult Flag Football. Registration wrapping up, 650 -700 youths.
- d. Manager's Update – Parks and Recreation Manager (Eric Smallwood)
 - a. Calendar year '15 participant totals
 - i. Sports
 - ii. Events
 - iii. Programs
 - iv. Partnerships

IV. **Public Comment:**

Citizens are welcome to share their comments. Anyone wishing to address the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board may do so during the public comment period. Please state your name, be courteous and do not repeat what has already been said. Please keep your comments about the subject and not personal in nature.

V. **Adjournment**

Mike Gallagher made the motion to adjoin meeting, Jensen Caudle second the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjoined at 7:21 pm.

Next Meeting: November 23, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Marcus King, Chair

Linda Thurman, Secretary