

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes—Regular Session
April 12, 2018**

AGENDA ITEM 9)E,

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on April 12, 2018. Members present were Bob Bridges (by telephone), Ed Beck, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Martha Stearns, and Skip Watts. Brad Lambert, Larry Fontaine, Debbie Powers, and Abby Cockerham were also present.

Kay Lambert made a motion that we accept the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the February 15, 2018, regular meeting. Ed Beck seconded the motion, and the agenda and the minutes were approved.

Ed Beck and Skip Watts gave an update on The Hawk, which is scheduled for September 15. Skip is working on a Facebook page. He is also exploring various designs for the shirt. Ed reported that he has contacted 8 potential sponsors, and 12 people have registered for The Hawk. Starbucks will again provide coffee. Debbie Powers said that The Blue Ridge Conservancy was very happy to be connected with The Hawk. The next special meeting about The Hawk will follow the Recreation Commission's regular meeting on May 10.

There are many planned activities for summer of 2018. There will be rack cards listing summer activities. The Music on the Lawn group for June 8 will be Wayne Henderson, Helen White, and Herb Key. On July 20, The Jeff Little Trio will perform. On August 10, Amantha Mill will perform, and on September 7, Presley Barker and his band, ShadowGrass, will perform. All performances are from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Seven Devils Resort Club.

Andy Sicard, Grandfather Mountain State Park ranger, will hold three summer workshops—"Things We See and Things to Leave Be" on June 15, "Treasure Hunt" on July 13, and "Amphibian Crawl" on August 17. All workshops will be at 4:00 pm at Otter Falls.

Group hikes will be as follows:

June 15—Mountain to Sea Trail—Price Lake to Shulls Mill Road

July 27—Appalachian Trail—Roan Balds, Roan Mountain

August 24—Tanawha Trail—Linn Cove Viaduct to Beacon Heights

September 28—Laurel Fork Falls—Appalachian Trail—Hampton, TN

Hikers will meet at 9:00 am at Town Hall for each hike.

Skip Watts will offer junior tennis clinics at the tennis courts at 5:30 on June 13, June 20, and July 11. Beth Watts will offer Dance Aerobics at 10:00 am at Town Hall on June 16 and July 14. A CPR course will be offered from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm on June 14 at Town Hall, with lunch. Paige Patterson from the North Carolina Cooperative Extension will lead landscaping workshops at 11:00 on June 22 and August 3. Art and craft shows will be held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on July 21 and August 18 at Town Hall.

The Arbor Day celebration will be April 27, 2018, starting at 11:30 am. There will be a brief program, and lunch will be served. A Japanese maple will be planted, and 100 red maple seedlings will be given away. Dignitaries will be invited, and tours of the town, including Otter Falls, will be offered for dignitaries.

The Recreation Needs Survey has been sent to all property owners who receive a water bill. Helga Sappington will process the data contained in surveys that are returned by the deadline.

Sue McBean, Supervisor at Grandfather Mountain State Park, has asked for volunteers to help with a vehicle count that they will be doing this summer.

Anne Fontaine will check the playground to determine if we need to schedule a cleanup day.

Our next regular Recreation Commission meeting will be May 10, 2018.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns