

Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes – Regular Session
May 10, 2018

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00am in Town Hall on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Members present were Anne Fontaine, Bob Bridges, Ed Beck, Skip Watts, Kay Lambert; also, in attendance was Town Manager, Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Hillary Gropp.

Skip Watts made a motion to accept the agenda for today's meeting and approve the minutes of the Recreation Commission meeting of April 12, 2018. Ed Beck seconded the motion; the members agreed unanimously.

Citizens Comments – NONE

An update on the Recreational Needs Survey was provided by Town Manager Powers. This survey was mailed in April, with a June 1st deadline for reply. To date, 106 of 575 surveys have been returned. The top requested recreational activity at this date is additional hiking trails. The survey will be added to the 7D website with a request for participation.

Manager Powers also gave an update on the grants: RTP passed the 1st step, next step is due July. PARTF was submitted on April 30th.

Due diligence is still occurring on the Otter Falls parking lot expansion. Additional survey work is scheduled; depending on the findings the expansion could allow for double the parking space.

The Arbor Day celebration occurred at Town Hall on Friday, April 27th, and although it was held inside due to inclement weather, overall it was an event enjoyed by 47 attendees. Kay Lambert and Council Member Tina Bailey, along with Town Staff were instrumental in preparations & clean up; Extra food from the event was donated to the Hospitality House in Boone.

The rack card featuring the Summer 2018 activities planned by the committee was mailed in the May 1st water billing, as well as to residents of the Woodwinds community. This rack card will be distributed within the region and is located at the Town Clerk's desk.

The Summer Activities have been added to the 7D website and will be featured in the next Echo newsletter.

Not included on the rack card, but 2 additional workshops will be planned by Ginger Irving that will include: Advanced Directives & Living Wills on June 21st at 11:00am; another workshop will feature Signs of Stroke with the date TBD.

The members of the Recreation Committee chose their preferred volunteer obligation with the following:

Music on the Lawn – Bob Bridges; Jr. Tennis Clinics – Skip Watts; CPR Classes – Anne Fontaine & Bob Bridges; Ranger Workshops – Ed Beck; Dance Aerobics- Martha Stearns & Anne Fontaine; Landscape Lectures – Martha Stearns; Celebration of Art – Debra McKinley, Bernie Byrnes & Anne Fontaine; SafetyFest Booth and The Hawk - All Recreation Commission members.

Discussion occurred as to the best way to let the public know about the activities, over and above what is already being done. Signs for Music on the Lawn will be displayed within the Town and cross advertising at different events will feature future activities such as The Hawk.

TDA will provide H2O, snacks for the group hikes, ranger workshops, lectures, and the performers of Music on the Lawn. Kay Lambert will acquire the variety of items needed.

Larry Fontaine stated the Resort Club will keep the lawn mowed, with maintenance mowing as needed prior to Music on the Lawn events. The performance stage will be stored at the facility, instead of being constructed for each event.

A review of the Summer activities includes:

Group Hikes – 9am @ Town Hall

1. June 15th – Mountain-to-Sea Trail – Price Lake to Shull Mills Road
2. July 27th – Appalachian Trail – Roan Balds, Roan Mountain
3. August 24th – Tanawha Trail – Linn Cove Viaduct to Beacon Heights
4. September 28th – Laurel Forks Falls – Appalachian Trail, Hampton, TN

Music on the Lawn:

1. June 15th – Wayne Henderson
2. July 20th – Jeff Little Trio
3. August 10th – Amantha Mill
4. September 7th – Presley Barker & ShadowGrass

Ranger Workshops:

1. June 15th – “Things We See & Things to Leave Be”
2. July 13th – “Treasure Hunt”
3. August 17th – “Amphibian Crawl”

All remaining summer activities were reviewed, and it was noted the CPR class on June 14th is free to attendees.

Member Comments – Anne Fontaine reports that the playground within the Town will be cleaned up by the Public Works Department.

She also stated the Grandfather Mountain Parking needed volunteers for counting cars at the parking lot; Anne and Ed Beck have already signed up for the duty, but others are needed. Following the Recreation Commission meeting, there will be a special planning meeting for The Hawk.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn the Recreation Commission meeting; Skip Watts seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

Next Recreation Commission meeting is June 14, 2018.

Minutes submitted by:

Hillary Gropp
Town Clerk