

THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES - REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11, 2023

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 AM in Town Hall on May 11, 2023.

Town Manager Johnathan Harris called the meeting to order at 9:04 and chaired the meeting until Chairman Bob Bridges arrived. Members present were Marino Fernandez, Rebecca Ryan, Ed Beck, Freddie Blonshine and Joe Alfonso via zoom. Faye Brock, Kay Lambert, and Mark Williams were absent. Town Manager Johnathan Harris also attended.

Marino Fernandez moved to approve the Agenda, and Rebecca Ryan seconded. The motion was approved.

Ed Beck moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting and Rebecca Ryan seconded. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS - Chairman Bob Bridges arrived and took over the Chair at this point in the meeting.

- A. **The Park at Seven Devils Update** - Town Manager Johnathan Harris reported that the landscaping is complete. Three dead trees were removed from the Park. The PARTF grant application was submitted, the results should be available late summer or early fall. The next step will be a site visit. The Committee recommended that the Town Manager get a proposal from Hawk Mountain to create a native garden behind the seating area in the concert area.
- B. **Arbor Day** - There was record attendance at Arbor Day, 83 attendees as opposed to 37 last year. A total of 98 seedlings were distributed.
- C. **Trash Can Update** - Four animal proof trash cans were purchased. One for Otter Falls, one for Black Bear Park, and two for the Park at Seven Devils. They have small openings and will not be able to be used for household trash.
- D. **Summer 2023 Update** The Rack Card is final and has been distributed. There is one addition: Tai Chi was not finalized before the cards were printed. This will be promoted through the internet and posted in the gym and other buildings. Events should be noted by the MC at the opening of the concerts. Town Manager Johnathan Harris will negotiate for a dessert food truck for the first concert.

NEW BUSINESS -

- A. **Volunteer Opportunities** - volunteers are needed to help break down the stage and clean up after the concerts.
- B. **New Title** - Johnathan Harris advised the Committee that Jewel McKinney has a new title, Director of Parks and Recreation.

MEMBER COMMENTS - Marino Fernandez and Ed Beck reported on the effort to clean up trash. It was decided that the MC at the concerts will ask for volunteers to help with this effort. Rebecca Ryan would like for the town to replace the Bradford Pear trees in front of City Hall, as they are invasive, have little to no value to wildlife and displace native trees.

Freddie Blonshine moved to adjourn the meeting and Ed Beck seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Submitted by:

Freddie Blonshine
Parks and Recreation Committee Secretary