

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes - Regular Session
June 16, 2022**

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 AM in Town Hall on June 16, 2022.

Chairman Bob Bridges called the meeting to order. Members present were Bob Bridges, Faye Brock, Ed Beck, Anne Fontaine, Marino Fernandez, Stu Ryan, Kay Lambert, and Freddie Blonshine. Mark Williams was absent. Debbie Powers, Jewel McKinney, and Wayne Bonomo also attended.

Faye Brock moved to approve the Agenda and Marino Fernandez seconded. The motion was approved.

Anne Fontaine moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Faye Brock seconded. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Park at Seven Devils Update

- Debbie Powers gave an update on The Park at Seven Devils. She shared that the septic is in, and that we are waiting for the well. Electric should be hooked up next week. We have received an estimate for landscaping. The architect for the restrooms should be sending plans by the end of the month. The consensus is to wait until spring for construction of the restrooms as costs should be lower and construction schedules more open.

B. Summer Programs 2022 - Update

- Chair Yoga - There was a lack of attendance the the first Chair Yoga session. The Committee feels that this is an important program and would like to promote it heavily. The next classes will be June 21 and August 19. Jewel McKinney also presented information on a Fall Prevention Class held in Boone.
- Group Walks - There was also a lack of attendance at the Group Walk perhaps due to a late start in our summer season. In an effort to provide a more enjoyable walk through the woods, Jewel McKinney is going to contact the Blue Ridge Conservancy for permission for a group walk on their property.
- Seven Devils Independence Day Celebration - There will be a costumed dog parade with prizes in several categories. The registration will be at 10:30 AM with the contest held from 11:00 to 12:00, and will be lunch provided by Carolina Bar-B-Que. The day will conclude with a concert at The Park at Seven Devils with Chatham Rabbits. There will also be some really nice give aways.
- Bear Decorating Contest - registration for the Bear Decorating Contest is underway with judging on July 6.
- Farmers Market - The weather was beautiful and 41 people attended. There was difficulty in getting vendors to attend. Advance planning will be needed, probably starting in November. A suggestion was made to have Committee members visit local vendors in an effort to boost participation.

- Promotion of Food Drive - Jewel McKinney presented the new flyer for our ongoing Food Drive. It was decided that Hospitality House will receive all donations. Attendees at our concerts will be asked to bring donations.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Volunteer Opportunities

- Music on the Lawn - sign-up sheets were provided for Committee members to help with clean up after concerts.
- Exercise Equipment Tutorial - the Tutorial will be held on July 16. Bob Bridges, Ed Beck and Stu Ryan volunteered to lead the training that day. Police Chief Johnathan Harris will contact all for training on the equipment in preparation for the event.
- Volunteer Appreciation - all members received a letter from the Town Council expressing their appreciation for service. The Committee members also received an insulated beverage container, and a brunch was served.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

B. Ping Pong Table for the Community Center - Marino Fernandez revisited the previous discussion of acquiring a folding ping pong table for the Community Center. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and should be researched in regard to costs and and to submit a formal request to TDA for funding.

C. Practice Wall for Pickleball - Stu Ryan suggested that a practice wall for Pickleball would be helpful. Additional discussion will be needed relating to cost and wind effect on the chain link fencing.

Anne Fontaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Faye Brock seconded. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Submitted by,

Freddie Blonshine
Parks and Recreation Committee Secretary