

**Town of Seven Devils
Tourism Development Authority Meeting
May 04, 2023**

The Town of Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, May 04, 2023, at Town Hall. This meeting was originally scheduled for April 25, 2023, but was postponed to May 4, 2023. Chair Anne Fontaine, Member Leigh Sasse, Member Alejandra Fernandez and Member Rick Blonshine attended in person. Town Manager Johnathan Harris, Finance Officer Helga Sappington and Parks & Recreation Program Tech Jewel McKinney were present.

Call to Order

Chair Anne Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

Special Olympics Sponsorship and Contribution to the Town for the Parks and Rec and Public Works department were added to the agenda. Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to adopt the agenda; motion was seconded by Member Leigh Sasse; the motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2023, meeting was made by Member Rick Blonshine and seconded by Member Leigh Sasse; all approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Parks & Recreation Program Tech Jewel McKinney updated the TDA Members on the process of the PARTF Grant and the landscaping for the Park at Seven Devils.
- Parks & Recreation Program Tech Jewel McKinney presented the Rack Card for the 2023 Summer Events to the TDA Members. The Rack Card will be mailed out with the May 2023 water bill.
- Town Manager Johnathan Harris updated the TDA members on the completed work of Blue Ridge Energy to bury overhead electric lines underground at the Park at Seven Devils. He also updated the TDA members on landscaping maintenance by Hawk Mountain Garden Center for the Park at Seven Devils.

New Business

- Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to approve funding for dead tree removal at the Park at Seven Devils (\$1,000.00) to promote tourism in the Town of Seven Devils; motion was seconded by Member Alejandra Fernandez; the motion passed.
- There was a discussion about the need for trash cans at Otter Falls, Black Bear Family Park and The Park at Seven Devils. Member Leigh Sasse made a motion to approve funding for four trash cans (\$4,000.00); motion was seconded by Member Alejandra Fernandez; the motion passed.
- Member Leigh Sasse made a motion to approve the May 2023 Seven Devils Photography Invoice (\$350.00); motion was seconded by Member Alejandra Fernandez; the motion passed.
- Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to approve an Invoice for BPI Enterprises, Inc for gravel at The Park at Seven Devils (\$415.40); motion was seconded by Member Alejandra Fernandez; the motion passed.
- Member Alejandra Fernandez made a motion to sponsor the Special Olympics for the Police Department (\$1,000.00); motion was seconded by Member Rick Blonshine; the motion passed.

Financial Statement

Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to approve the financial statements; Alejandra Fernandez seconded; all approved. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

Larry Fontaine voiced concerns about TDA funds covered by FDIC.

Board Comments

The TDA Members went into closed session to discuss contributions to the Town for the Parks and Rec and Public Works department.

Adjourn

At 9:50 am, Member Rick Blonshine made a motion to adjourn; Member Leigh Sasse seconded; all approved. Motion carried.