

**Town of Seven Devils
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes - Regular Session
October 12, 2023**

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 AM in Town Hall on October 12, 2023. Members present were Kay Lambert, Freddie Blonshine, Rebecca Ryan, Ed Beck and Joe Alfonso. Also in attendance were Jewel McKinney, Parks and Recreation Director, and Johnathan Harris, Town Manager. Members absent were Bob Bridges, Marino Fernandez, Mark Williams and Faye Brock.

Due to the absence of the Chairman, Kay Lambert moved to name Ed Beck Vice Chairman. Joe Alfonso seconded. The motion was approved. Vice-Chairman Ed Beck called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Freddie Blonshine moved to approve the Agenda, and Kay Lambert seconded. The motion was approved.

Rebecca Ryan moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting, and Kay Lambert seconded. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sculpture in the Park at Seven Devils - artist Cindy Michaud gave an update on the piece of art she has donated to the Town. She has concerns that the piece will not hold up to weather conditions, and would like to delay installing it until the spring. She would also like to start construction of another post to be made by the community. This additional project would require funding. The Committee had concerns about how the original post would last and thought it would be best to test it during the upcoming winter. Rebecca Ryan moved to install the current post as soon as possible, and Freddie Blonshine seconded. The motion was approved.
- B. Art Vision Committee - Freddie Blonshine nominated Rebecca Ryan to Chair the Art Vision Committee, and Ed Beck seconded. The motion was approved. Additional members will be added later.
- C. Fall 2023 Events -
 - Jewel McKinney reported that rack cards for Fall went out in the mail and also as a PDF. The events are also listed on the Town Website. There is an effort underway to provide more events for year-round residents. Events that will continue are Chair Yoga, Hikes, Book Club and Ranger Presentations. Fire Chief Matt Millsaps has planned a Fire Wise Class on October 19 for residents to learn how to protect their property from wildfires. There was a suggestion for a Christmas Light Contest, Jewel will look into this.
 - Lite the Night- Lite the Nite this year will be December 8. Due to large attendance, it has been restructured as a cocktail styled party, Charcuterie will be provided. Discussion of the cookie contest will be at the next meeting.
 - Summer 2023 - final attendance numbers for all events were handed out.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Winter 2023-24 Events - Events ongoing are Book Club, Hikes, Chair Yoga and Ranger Workshops. Lite the Nite will be on December 8.

MEMBER COMMENTS -

- A. There was discussion about the success of the Summer Concerts and requests to have an additional concert in August. Freddie Blonshine moved to request money from the TDA for an additional sixth concert next summer, and Rebecca Ryan seconded. The motion was approved.
- B. Rebecca Ryan discussed having a corn hole game for the older kids during the concerts. It was also suggested to have the stage situated so the audience faced Grandfather Mountain. Jewel McKinney reported that if the grant is approved that nothing in the plan can be changed.

Freddie Blonshine moved to adjourn the meeting, and Rebecca Ryan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58.

Submitted by:

Freddie Blonshine
Parks and Recreation Committee Secretary