

BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2006

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Reub Mooradian called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other members present were Gil Adams, Jim Brooks and Brad Mettee. Gayle Cooper arrived at 10:10 a.m. Also present were Mayor Rick Owen, Councilman Paul Piquet, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Outdoor Recreation employee Thomas Brown, Recreation Director Rosemary Burnett and Recreation Committee Chairman Fred Pfohl.

II. Consideration of Minutes – January 4, 2006

Mr. Adams moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2006 as submitted. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Recreation Center – Rosemary Burnett – Ms. Burnett reported that the sport flooring in Recreation Center was being installed and could not be walked on for two weeks after completion, this would move the grand opening to early April. Mayor Owen noted that the architect would determine when the building was complete and could be turned over to the Town.

IV. Sledding Hill Committee Report – Mr. Brown noted that there had not been any problems at the sledding hill and that the fencing had helped with crowd control. Mr. Brooks asked that money be appropriated for proper signs for the sledding hill in the upcoming budget year.

V. Staff Report – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown indicated that he had updated the sign at Kats overlook and repaired the vandalism at Buckeye Lake. Chairman Mooradian expressed his continued concern over the locals from the Old Beech Mountain community that seem to hang out at the picnic shelter. Mr. Adams, referring to Mr. Brown's report, noted that he like the idea of camping by the lake. Mr. Hatch indicated that the Town Ordinance would have to be changed before camping could be considered. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

VI. Other Business

a. Mr. Hatch asked if the rental companies anticipated a large crowd for President's weekend and asked if the chamber would have the restrooms open. Mr. Brooks indicated that he would make the necessary arrangements with regards to the restrooms and also indicated that his units were not completely booked at this time.

b. Mayor Owen asked if the organized hikes would be continued again this summer, noting that he felt it was a good idea. After a brief discussion, Mr. Pfohl indicated that he would once again volunteer to organize the hikes.

c. Mr. Brooks asked for an update on the DOT plan for the Parkway to which Mayor Owen indicated that he had no new news on the project and would continue to check on the progress with the project coordinator.

d. Mr. Brooks indicated that he had talked with the owner of the property behind the Beech Alpen Inn and he was very interested in having the walking trail. Mr. Brooks noted that he had not yet walked the property.

VII. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Mettee, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Greene
Town Clerk