

BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 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 Calder Smoot. Brad Mettee arrived at 10:12 a.m. Also present were Mayor Rick Owen, Town Manager Michael Boaz, Recreation Director Rosemary Burnett, Recreation Committee Chairman Fred Pfohl and Councilman Pete Chamberlin arrived at 10:28 a.m.

II. Consideration of Minutes – February 1, 2006

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2006 as submitted. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Recreation Center – Michael Boaz – Mr. Boaz reported that the Recreation Center should be ready in two to three weeks. The contractor is working out some imperfections in the flooring that should be finished soon.

IV. Sledding Hill Committee Report – Mr. Brooks reported that the sledding hill employee had recently quit, noting that there were some responsibility issues that the next employee would have more defined. Mr. Brooks asked that money be appropriated for proper signs for the sledding hill in the upcoming budget year. Mr. Brooks indicated that the ski resort had allowed the Town to use their water supply when we were having problems with the water supply. Mr. Brooks expressed his appreciation for Mr. Hatch working on the busy Saturday. Mr. Brooks noted that he would like to see the Town take more responsibility for the operation of the sledding hill. Mayor Owen responded that the Town actively runs the sledding hill and the TDA does fund some of the operation. Mrs. Coscia indicated that most of the winter calls to the Chamber office were regarding the sledding hill. Mr. Smoot indicated that it was important to keep the phone call centralized and felt they should be going to the Chamber. Mr. Boaz noted that the Town was in the process of looking for a trail maintenance employee.

V. Other Business

- a.* Mr. Pfohl reported that trail hikes had been scheduled for the following dates: April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, June 20th, July 4th, July 18th, August 1st, August 15th, September 5th and October 3rd. Mr. Pfohl further noted that the earlier hikes allowed the volunteers to get the trails maintained after the winter.
- b.* Mr. Brooks asked about camping at Buckeye Lake and amending the Ordinance to allow for camp fires. Chairman Mooradian expressed concern with individuals being to build campfires. Mr. Pfohl noted that the floods had washed out the area designated at Buckeye Lake for campfires; Mayor Owen indicated that he would talk with Mr. Hatch about the necessary repairs. Mr. Pfohl indicated that he would take care of plaques for the donated benches.

- c.* Mr. Smoot noted that he would organize the volunteers to take down the timers and extension cords from the Christmas decorations.
- d.* Mr. Smoot indicated that the flower planting would be discussed at the TDA meeting and Mr. Brooks asked that the Chamber invited the volunteers who participate in the flower project to the meeting on March
- e.* 29th.
- f.* Mr. Brooks brought up the hiking trail behind the Beech Alpin Inn and after a brief discussion the Committee agreed a 'field trip' be planned as part of the April 5th meeting.
- g.* Mayor Owen did not have any new news with regard to the DOT plans for Beech Mountain Parkway.

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