

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Town Hall – Chamber Room

- I. Call to Order** – Chairman Mr. Pfohl called to order the regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory committee at 9:00am in the Chamber Room at Town Hall. Present were Chairman Mr. Pfohl, and Advisory Committee Members, Ms. Piquet, Mr. Smoot, Ms. Owen, and Mr. Brooks; Mr. Jelinski, Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Scott, Town Planner, and Randy Feierabend, Town Manager were also present.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved from the previous meeting.
- III. Recreation Report -**

 - A. September Recreation Report** – There were a total of 1,734 daily visits to the Recreation Center for the month of September 2009. Forty four (44) Family/Individual Annual Passes were sold/renewed in September 2009. There were ten (10) resident individual passes, twenty eight (28) resident family passes, one (one) nonresident individual pass, four (4) personal training passes, and one (1) tennis ball machine pass sold for the month of September.

During the month of September the Buckeye Recreation Center held various fitness classes and recreation programs. One of the highlights for the month of September was the group hike on Upper and Lower Pond Creek trail. Also close to \$400 was raised on the first annual Murder Mystery Dinner featuring actors from Lees McRae University. We have also had a large turnout for Zumba fitness classes with close to 18 participants in each class, which meets three times per week.
 - B. Outdoor Recreation Report** – Mr. Jelinski told the committee the sledding hill would be ready on November 1, 2009 and officially open on Monday, November 16th. Mr. Jelinski also updated the committee on the work to be done on the Falls Hiking Trail. Mr. Jelinski said stairs will be made on the hiking trail to decrease the slope. A discussion was had about adding recycling bins at the sledding hill and the placement of the warming shed. It was also decided to update the benches and make sure all the plaques are in order.
- IV. Additional Business –**

 - A. Jes Scott, Town Planner** – Mr. Scott, Town Planner, opened the discussion for a master plan for the Buckeye Recreation area. He mentioned that Buckeye has roughly 60 acres of space and an initial survey would be the best

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way to get the plan started. Mr. Scott presented the rough draft of the survey to the committee. It was decided to look over the survey and bring suggestions to the November meeting. A lengthy discussion followed about ideas and projects to incorporate on the action plan for the Buckeye Recreation Center. Ideas included a multipurpose shelter, playground for younger children, access to backside of Buckeye Lake, climbing walls, outdoor kitchen, swimming pool, and solutions for parking. Mr. Scott said he would take the ideas and meet with Mr. Pfohl and Mr. Jelinski to put them together to form an initial action plan for the Buckeye Recreation Center for the November meeting.

B. Update on Lake Coffey and Buckeye Lake Fishing – Mr. Jelinski updated the committee about the meeting with the NC Wildlife Resource Commission. The NC Wildlife Commission believes the weed problem at Lake Coffey would be best served by adding grass eating carp to the lake. Approximately 10 to 15 carp would be added in the spring. Kevin Hining, from the NC Wildlife Commission, will be helping with the permit. They also believe that Lake Coffey would make an excellent lake for the Delayed Harvest program. The delayed harvest program is one of the more popular trout programs in the state. By delaying harvest of trout stocked in certain bodies of water, the Commission provides anglers with high quality, catch-and-release fishing opportunities in the spring and fall. Mr. Jelinski also updated the committee on an opportunity for a Community Fishing Program grant. This grant pays 75% of the cost of a ADA compliant dock and loaner fishing equipment.

C. Fall/Winter Program Guide – Mr. Jelinski presented the Fall/Winter Program Guide to the recreation committee.

V. *Speak Out Session* – Mr. Jelinski informed the committee that Ms. O'Neal has resigned from the Recreation Committee due to time constraints. The committee accepted the resignation of Ms O'Neal. Mr. Pfohl brought up the idea of having a Ski Night event at Buckeye Recreation Center in early November. A new kiosk and overlook map was also discussed for Katz Curve. Trail workdays and updating the website were also discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jelinski