

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, December 2, 2010
Town Hall Council Chambers – 9:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order* – Chairperson Pfohl called to order the regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Present were Advisory Committee Members Gil Adams, Jim Brooks, Nancy Owen, and John Troxler. Eric Jelinski, Parks and Recreation Director and Cheryl Buchanan, Town of Banner Elk were also present.
- II. Approval of Minutes* – The minutes for the November 4, 2010 meeting were approved.
- III. Recreation Report* –

A. November Recreation Report –

Visitor Usage and Programming Highlights

There were a total of 2,103 daily visits to the Recreation Center for the month of November 2010. Fifty (50) passes were sold/renewed in November 2010. There were two (2) resident individual passes, forty seven (47) resident family passes, one (1) nonresident individual passes, zero (0) personal training passes, and zero (0) tennis ball machine passes sold for the month of November 2010.

During the month of November the Buckeye Recreation Center held various fitness classes and recreation programs. The Buckeye Recreation Center hosted a very well attended Holiday Market. The Holiday Market at 20+ vendors and brought in around 500 people to the rec. center. We also hosted the first annual Buckeye Recreation Center Punt, Pass, and Kick that had close to 30 participants.

Programs offered in November

1. Various Fitness Classes	5. Punt, Pass, and Kick
2. Nutrition Night	6. Group Hikes
3. Holiday Market	7. Beat the Beech
4. Fitness Assessments	8. Kick Off the Ski Season Party

B. Outdoor Recreation Update –

Sled Hill – Mr. Jelinski updated the committee on the progress of the sledding hill for the 2010/11 season. The Sled Hill officially opened on Saturday, November 28th and was packed throughout the Thanksgiving weekend. A big thank you

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goes out to Beech Mountain Resort and Jim Brooks for their help in covering the sledding hill with pristine snow. The sled hill will continue to be open throughout the season, as weather permits.

Group Hikes – Mr. Jelinski told the committee that two group hikes were planned for the month of December.

December 7th – Smoketree to BRC

December 28th – Shawneehaw Overlook

IV. Other Business –

- a. **PARTF Grant for Town of Banner Elk** – Cheryl Buchanan, Town of Banner Elk, presented their 2010 Recreation Master Plan and requested a letter of support on behalf of the Beech Mountain Recreation Committee for their 2011 PARTF grant application. Many of the committee members had positive things to say about the master plan and a letter of support was unanimously approved by the committee.
- b. **Community Garden At Buckeye Recreation Center** – Mr. Jelinski informed the Recreation Committee that some citizens are interested in expanding the community garden at the Buckeye Recreation Center and selling the produce. The Recreation Committee was open to the idea of expanding the garden, but did not feel that selling the produce was a good idea.
- c. **Upcoming Events** – Mr. Jelinski notified the committee of upcoming events for the month of December.
 - Pancake Breakfast with Ms. Claus – December 18th
 - Family New Years Eve Party – December 31st

V. Speak Out Session – A brief discussion was had about proposals for Fireman’s Park. A discussion was also had about a new kiosk at Katz Curve and identifying the mountain ranges. Committee members wanted to thank the staff for taking pride in the recreation center. A discussion was also had about setting up a recreation internship through Appalachian State University.

VI. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am. The January 6, 2010 meeting will be held at the Buckeye Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jelinski