

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Buckeye Recreation Center – 9:00 AM

- 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, Ms. Usedom, Mr. Brooks, and Mr. Smoot; Mr. Jelinski, Parks and Recreation Director, was also present.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were looked over from the previous meeting and approved.
- III. Recreation Report -**
 - A. February Recreation Report** – There were a total of 960 daily visits to the Recreation Center for the month of February 2010. Eighteen (18) Family/Individual Annual Passes were sold/renewed in February 2010. There were five (5) resident individual passes, thirteen (13) resident family passes, zero (0) nonresident individual pass, zero (0) personal training pass, and zero (0) tennis ball machine passes sold for the month of February 2010.

During the month of February the Buckeye Recreation Center held various fitness classes and recreation programs. The Buckeye Recreation Center, along with Appalachian Cloggers, hosted a Community Potluck on Tuesday, February 23rd.
 - B. Outdoor Recreation Report** – Mr. Jelinski updated the Recreation Committee on the sledding hill. Mr. Jelinski said the turnout has been great at the sledding hill. Mr. Jelinski updated the committee on the snow gun repairs. Mr. Jelinski stated that Banner Elk Electrical has repaired the electrical issues with the snow gun. The snow gun was tested and is now working properly. It was decided to keep the sled hill open until April 1st or as long as the weather allows.
- IV. Additional Business –**
 - A. 2010 Spring/Summer Recreation Program Overview** – Mr. Jelinski presented the final draft of the 2010 Spring and Summer Program Guide. A discussion followed about some of the programs and distributing the materials. It was decided to have a meeting with the businesses to discuss the

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programs being offered in the spring and summer and give an update on other parks and recreation projects that are taking place.

- B. Request for funds from Watauga County** – Mr. Jelinski handed out the request for funds submitted to Watauga County for approval.

Thank you for your consideration of the following budget request. The Town of Beech Mountain Parks and Recreation Department is currently upgrading 10 miles of public access hiking, mountain biking, and cross country skiing trails. The modifications of the trail system will improve the overall safety of the trails and make them more “family friendly”. In today’s economy, finding sporting activities that are inexpensive can be difficult. Hiking has numerous benefits and it is an inexpensive activity that many families in Watauga County can enjoy.

We are requesting \$5,000 from Watauga County to improve Upper Pond Creek, Wild Iris, and Falls hiking trails. The improvements will include the widening of portions of the trails, construction of stairs and bridges, and easier walking terrain. These hiking trails are widely utilized and the Town of Beech Mountain has made it an effort to promote the trails as a family hiking adventure. The requested funds will go a long way in promoting family hiking within the Town of Beech Mountain and help strengthen the sense of community.

Item	Cost
3/4-minus rock gravel	\$2,500
Stairs and Bridges Materials	\$1,500
Landscaping and Sign Materials	\$1,000

- C. A Cool 5 Update** – Mr. Jelinski briefly updated the Recreation Committee on A Cool 5 2010. Mr. Jelinski stated that Daniel Scagnelli was doing an excellent job organizing the event. Mr. Jelinski also stated that sponsorships were starting to come in along with race registrations. He told the committee that they are still looking for a keynote motivational speaker for the pasta dinner.

V. *Speak Out Session* – None

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jelinski