

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 6, 2010**

**Buckeye Recreation Center – 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 Buckeye Recreation Center. Present were Advisory Committee Members Barbara Piquet, Calder Smoot and Danielle Usedom. Parks and Recreation Director Eric Jelinski and Fitness/Wellness Coordinator Daniel Scagnelli were also present.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – Mrs. Piquet moved to approve the Minutes of April 1, 2010 as presented. Mr. Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- III. Recreation Report** –
- a. April Recreation Report** – Mr. Jelinski reported that there were a total of 1515 daily visits to the Recreation Center for the month of April 2010; 43 family/individual annual passes were sold/renewed; 5 resident individual passes, 35 resident family passes, and 1 personal training pass. The Center did not sell any nonresident individual or tennis ball machine passes. The Center hosted a very successful family Easter Egg Hunt.
- The Spring & Summer Program Guide for 2010 is available to view online at [www.townofbeechmountain.com](http://www.townofbeechmountain.com).
- b. Outdoor Recreation Projects and Cleanup** –
- i.** Mr. Jelinski reported that the Carp Permit should be approved this week. The 'Beat the Beech' program, hiking from the Center to Fred's, is doing very well. Mr. Jelinski reported that the staff had completed the sledding hill clean up as well as the new parking area and trail down to the lake, signs are also in place. The staff has started mowing.
- ii. Picnic Shelter** – Mr. Jelinski reported that the contract to do the repairs at the picnic shelter had been awarded to Dave Garris Construction. Ricky Hodge, Town Maintenance, is supposed to install a new urinal in the bathroom by the shelter. The fence repair is also on the schedule.
- iii. Beech Mountain Bike Club** – Mr. Scagnelli reported that an additional 5 miles of bike trails would be added in Emerald Mountain Development and should be completed by the end of the month. In addition, 2.2 miles would be added from the West Bowl to Westerly Hills. Mr. Scagnelli noted that he was working with

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Jes Scott, Town Planner, on the new maps. Chairperson Pfohl indicated that he felt biking should not be permitted on the Grassy Gap Creek Trail or the Pond Creek Trails. Mr. Scagnelli noted that he did understand the concerns with biking and hiking on the same trails, and indicated that the Town had 25 miles of hiking trails.

**IV. Other Business –**

- a. **Lobby television for program and Town information** – Mr. Jelinski indicated that Tim Fox had donated a television for the Centers lobby. The plan was to show information in a scrolling format and to add channel 2. A usage pass had been donated to Mr. Fox for his contribution.
- b. **Beech Mountain Fishing Tackle Loaner MOA** – Mr. Jelinski gave a brief overview of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Fishing Tackle Loaner Program. The Center would receive loaner identification cards and program registrations forms at no cost, and rod and reel combos and supplies for fishing at a 25% cost. The program as presented would continue in effect until June 30, 2011.
- c. **Beech Manor Condo Association – Timeshare passes** – Mr. Jelinski reported that Mrs. Elaine Smoot, manager for the timeshare condo association, had requested to purchase 4 passes for the Beech Manor Condo Association. The building has 4 units. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Piquet moved to allow Beech Manor to purchase 4 passes for the timeshare use. Ms. Usedom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- d. **A Cool 5 Update** – Chairperson Pfohl reported that Ray Russell of Ray's Weather had agreed to be the key note speaker for the event. Mrs. Piquet noted that the event signs should be put up by the recycling center and in Banner Elk. The Volunteers will hold an organizational meeting on June 8, 2010. Mr. Scagnelli indicated that they had 6 vendors, a bounce house, music and the fire department bucket ladder truck. Dara Barnes would be taking photos from the ground and Donald Mullaney would be in the bucket truck taking pictures.
- e. **Fit Town USA** – Mr. Scagnelli reported on a grant program to improve life styles, designation by the Governor, would give the Town an increase in marketing exposure. If the Committee approved the grant request a committee would be formed and the Council would be approached for their approval. The applications for the grant were due in January 2011. Mr. Smoot moved to apply for the Fit Town USA. Mrs. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Scagnelli noted that should the Town receive the designation, it would be the 1<sup>st</sup> in the High Country.

- V. Speak Out Session** – Mr. Smoot asked for a discussion on the reprinting of the Spring Summer Program Guide. Mr. Jelinski indicated the 3,000 cost \$2,200.

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Chairperson Pfohl indicated that more copies were needed as asked the Mr. Jelinski try to negotiate a better price for 1,000 copies.

- VI. Adjourn* – Mr. Smoot moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Mrs. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba Greene