

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 3rd, 2011

Town Hall – 9:00 a.m.

- I. *Call to Order* – Chairman Pfohl called to order the regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee at 9:00 am at Town Hall. Present were Advisory Committee Members, Jim Brooks, Calder Smoot, John Troxler, Gil Adams, and Nancy Owen. Daniel Scagnelli, Recreation Director, was present as well.
- II. *Approval of Minutes* – The minutes for the October, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion from Mr. Brooks and a second from Mrs. Owen.
- III. *Recreation & Fitness Report* – Mr. Scagnelli presented the committee with the October Recreation and Fitness reports, which had been reviewed in advance of the meeting. There were no questions or comments from the committee regarding the reports; however, there was discussion regarding a review of the October Halloween event. Many committee members including Mrs. Owen, Mr. Adams, Mr. Troxler, and Mr. Pfohl provided positive feedback and constructive criticisms for the event. It was discussed that a list of all of the businesses to be visited for trick-or-treating should be compiled in advance and provided to the Chamber of Commerce and Town Hall. It was also noted that a Parks & Recreation staff member should be present on the trick-or-treating bus in addition to a volunteer staff member. Other open feedback from the group included notes about making the font on the posters a bit easier to read, working to resolve any miscommunications with businesses involved with the trick-or-treating, donating left over candy to the Buckeye Recreation Center immediately after the trick-or-treating for use during the remainder of the night's events, and the possibility of securing another bus for transportation. Overall, the feedback regarding the event was positive.
- IV. *Old Business:*
 - *Recreation Master Plan:*
 - Mr. Scagnelli provided the committee with the final dates and locations of the recreation master plan public forum dates and locations and Mr. Pfohl encouraged the Recreation Committee to make a presence at these meetings.
 - *Fall/Winter Program Guide:*
 - Mr. Scagnelli informed the committee that the Fall/Winter program guide had been finished and sent to print. The guide should be delivered and ready for distribution by the first of November.

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- *Dog Park:*
 - Mr. Scagnelli provided an update on the status of the dog park fundraising and noted that he hoped to begin construction on the park during the month of November.
 - Mr. Pfohl mentioned that we should continue to look into the possibility of forming a 501(c)(3) organization for the purposes of accumulating recreation related funds for future projects including the Bark Park.

- *Winter Operations:*
 - Mr. Scagnelli reminded the committee of the coming change in operating hours for the Buckeye Recreation Center and Community Sledding Hill.
 - Mr. Brooks asked if Theresa Shadowin had been contacted to solicit volunteer support from the Key Club, to which Mr. Scagnelli responded that he had left a message for Ms. Shadowin, but had not heard from her. Mr. Scagnelli said he would try to contact her again.
 - Mr. Pfohl asked Mr. Scagnelli if the signs on and around the sledding hill could be straightened and Mr. Scagnelli said he would have the parks staff straighten the signs as needed while sledding hill construction was underway.

VI. *New Business:*

- *Outdoor Recreation Projects:*
 - Mr. Scagnelli informed the committee that the parks staff had been working diligently on a number of projects including a new viewing platform at Sunset Park, a new picnic area and fence at the Buckeye Lake Picnic Pavilion, pressure washing park facilities, maintenance and repairs at Perry Park, and materials had been purchased to complete a boat rack for canoes and kayaks at Buckeye Lake.

- *Snowshoe Tours & Rentals:*
 - Mr. Scagnelli told the committee that a fleet of snowshoes had been purchased to offer group snowshoe tours, private tours, and rentals from the Buckeye Recreation Center.

- *A Cool 5:*
 - Mr. Scagnelli updated the committee on the progress with the construction of the new A Cool 5 website, which would be launched by Thanksgiving along with early registration incentives

VII. Speak Out Session:

- Mr. Pfohl spoke to the committee about meeting with wildlife representatives to get clarification on the rules and regulations for the delayed harvest and catch and release fishing. He said he planned to meet with officials soon and would keep the committee abreast of those meeting notes
- Mr. Adams discussed the discontinuation of the Adventure Trail Park phases II and III and recommended that the Chairs of the Recreation Committee and the TDA should approach the Town Council and Manager to strongly encourage that they continue to invest in the trail system and further development of the park once elections have been completed. The committee was in agreement.
- Mr. Troxler addressed the committee for feedback regarding banners to welcome recreationists as they come to Beech Mountain. The committee liked the idea of the banners and suggested they be made for “Welcome Skiers”, “Welcome Bikers”, and so on and so forth to include many different outdoors enthusiasts.

VIII. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am with a motion from Gil Adams and a second from Jim Brooks.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Scagnelli