

**Town of Seven Devils
Tourism Development Authority Meeting
October 27, 2020**

The Town of Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at New Town Hall. Chair Anne Fontaine, Member Tom Gidley, Member Richard Blonshine, Town Manager Debbie Powers, Finance Officer Helga Sappington and Parks and Rec Tech Jewel McKinney were present. Member Leigh Sasse joined the meeting remotely through <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/353398653>.

Call to Order

Chair Anne Fontaine called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to adopt the agenda and to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting. Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert and Wayne Bonomo were present.

Old Business

- Parks and Rec Tech Jewel McKinney updated the TDA members on the Old Townhall remodel.
- There was a discussion on exercise equipment for the community center. Parks and Rec Tech Jewel McKinney presented quotes on exercise equipment to the TDA members. Some of the TDA members plan to visit the exercise equipment showrooms to compare quality of quoted equipment in Charlotte and then vote on equipment via email. Parks and Rec Tech Jewel McKinney will get more detailed information on discounts, lease vs purchase and maintenance options.
- The TDA members agreed that details on rules and regulations and key fob need to be worked out in writing. They also agreed that the facilities will be open to short term renters to promote tourism in the Town of Seven Devils. The TDA members suggested a Grand Opening for the community center in Spring 2021.

New Business

- Town Manager Debbie Powers suggested a Food Drive to benefit families in Avery County to celebrate "Lite the Nite" on Friday December 4, 2020 due to COVID restrictions. The TDA members agreed to pass out a Seven Devils Christmas ornament as a thank you gift for participants.
- Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to advertise in the Avery Chamber 2021 Relocation Guide (\$ 495.00 half page). Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Email/Invoice Approvals:

Financial Statement

- Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to approve the financial statements. Member Tom Gidley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments

- There was a discussion on plans for a walking trail on the property behind New Townhall. The TDA members plan to walk the property and discuss details at the next meeting.+

Adjourn

At 9.50 am, Member Richard Blonshine made a motion to adjourn. Member Leigh Sasse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.