

**Town of Seven Devils  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes—Regular Session  
July 15, 2021**

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on July 15, 2021.

Bob Bridges called the meeting to order and called the roll. Members present were Bob Bridges, Faye Brock, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Martha Stearns, and Mark Williams. Ed Beck and Lee Metzger were absent. Larry Fontaine, Wayne Bonomo, Jewel McKinney, and Debbie Powers also attended.

Anne Fontaine made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the June 10, 2021, meeting. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and it passed.

**Citizen Comments**

Larry Fontaine thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for all the work done to offer a successful recreation program. Wayne Bonomo also expressed his appreciation. Kay Lambert thanked TDA and the town staff for all their support.

**Old Business**

Jewel McKinney reported on attendance at recreation activities. The activities have been well attended with a few exceptions. The acrylic pour class scheduled for June 25 was cancelled due to lack of interest. Attendance at dance aerobics has not been sufficient to conduct the class. The beginner pickleball clinic was held, but the advanced pickleball clinic was cancelled due to lack of interest. Attendance in yoga and pickleball is increasing. Eleven people went on the group walk. Fourteen people participated in the first hike, and ten people (the maximum allowed) went on the moonlight canoe trip. One ranger workshop was rained out, but the other one was well attended. Book club attendance has increased quite a bit over last year. Four people participated in the photography workshop. Attendance at Exercise for Mature Ladies has ranged from three to eleven. The beginner pickleball clinic scheduled for August 11 has been rescheduled for August 18. Bob Bridges will announce this at the concert on July 16, and it will be on the town website.

The concert on July 16 will feature Jeff Little. The platform will be set up in front of the handicap ramp behind the Community Center. Spectators will sit on the paved area and grassy areas behind the Community Center. Parking will be available in the front parking lot, the outer condo lots, and the grass parking area across the road. Town police will direct parking. Trash cans will be provided, and restrooms inside the Community Center will be available. Bob Bridges will be the emcee.

Debbie Powers discussed plans for the August 13 Community Celebration. The Arbor Day celebration will be held from 11:00 to 11:30 at the Community Center. Mayor Larry Fontaine will make remarks, and Debbie will read a poem about

trees. Lunch catered by Carolina Barbecue will be served following the celebration. Lunch seating will be available in the fire bay and outside if weather permits. The town has ordered 250 lunch plates. At 6:00 the Mountain Home Bluegrass Boys will perform at the Community Center.

Jewel McKinney reported that the tennis/pickleball court repaving, originally scheduled for the last week of July, will be done during the week of August 9.

Bob Bridges gave a report on the June 19 meeting of the New Town Hall Advisors' meeting. A preliminary plan sketch has been developed. The Town Council has approved funding for Phase 1, which involves clearing stumps, grading, and seeding. Phase 2 will include construction of infrastructure—wells, septic system, electrical, etc. Phase 3 will include park amenities. The restrooms will be a distance from the stage area so that traffic to them will not distract performers. The health department will determine placement of the septic system. A one-third mile walking trail was planned originally, but the committee discussed extending it to one-half mile. Conducting a survey about residents' wants would probably aid in getting grants. Town Council has asked the Parks and Recreation Committee to choose a name for the 'park. Bob Bridges suggested that as soon as a name is chosen, a sign announcing it should be installed.

### **New Business**

David Failing and Rosalyn Thorpe, 194 Woodwinds Circle, won the Yard of the Month award for June. Their prize was a beautiful photograph by Helga Kleinert. We were provided a copy of the appreciative email that Rosalyn Thorpe sent to Debbie Powers. Bob Bridges suggested that the Yard of the Month prize might include a photo of the recipients' yard. This may take a few weeks to produce, but the winners could be told that it would be arriving. It was suggested that the winner of the first Yard of the Month award each year be asked to join the judging team for the remainder of the months.

Jewel McKinney reported that there are eleven entries in the bear decorating contest. The town will provide a list of participating addresses so residents can drive around and look at them. There are three judges. Gift cards and a trophy or medal will be awarded for first, second, third, and people's choice prizes. A ballot box for people's choice votes will be placed at the Community Center.

Debbie Powers said that the signs for the Community Center have been ordered.

We discussed the need for a mini-split system for the exercise room in the Community Center. The temperature in the room seems to increase in the afternoon. Anne Fontaine said that the issue was tabled at the last TDA meeting but that they would discuss it again at the next meeting.

Bob Bridges is encouraging attendance at the CPR Lunch & Learn class to be held at 11:00 on August 10 at the Community Center. Wayne Bonomo commented that there is a reduced incidence of deaths caused by heart attacks in communities where lots of residents are familiar with CPR techniques.

Faye Brock made a motion to adjourn. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by  
Martha Stearns, Secretary