

**Town of Seven Devils
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes—Regular Session
September 16, 2021**

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on August 16, 2021.

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

Faye Brock made a motion to approve the agenda. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and it passed. Anne Fontaine made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021, meeting. Faye Brock seconded the motion, and it passed.

Citizen Comments

Larry Fontaine said that Phase Two of the development of the land adjoining Town Hall is underway, and a lot of progress has been made.

Old Business

Jewel McKinney reported that attendance at town-sponsored events has been good. She specifically mentioned averages for the following activities:

Group hikes	14	
Book Club	11	Big increase over last year
Yoga	5	
Pickleball	13	
Exercise for Mature Ladies	8	51 classes so far

Jewel reported that the resurfacing of the tennis/pickleball courts is complete. It was scheduled to take two weeks, but it took three weeks because of the aftereffects of a hurricane coming through Seven Devils. The additional pickleball courts have allowed all pickleball participants to play at once. Helen Dorman remarked that the new courts are a vast improvement over the old courts.

Bob Bridges thanked Jewel McKinney for all her work making the summer activities a success. He said that she deserves a tremendous amount of credit.

Debbie Powers said that the Community Celebration of August 13 was a success. An Arbor Day program was held in the morning, followed by a barbecues lunch and an evening concert. The chosen Arbor Day tree this year was a Honeycrisp apple tree. Residents were given a Seven Devils goodie bag, and leftover bags are being given to new Seven Devils residents. We hope to hold the Arbor Day celebration at the usual time in April in 2022 and continue to have a separate Community Celebration every year.

Debbie reported that the town is waiting for well and septic permits for the property adjoining the town hall. Bob Bridges said that we will make recommendations for a name for the newly developed area, and Town Council will choose the name. Suggestions so far are:

- Seven Devils Community Park
- Seven Devils Family Park
- Seven Devils TDA Park
- Seven Devils Friendship Park

Additional suggestions may be sent to Jewel McKinney, and we will discuss them at our October meeting.

New Business

Bob Bridges reported that there have been discussions about the possibility of continuing to hold concerts at the Community Center rather than developing a venue in the area next to Town Hall. Larry Fontaine provided information about how the discussion started. There are pros and cons to each option. The Community Center would be quieter without highway noise, and there would be manageable crowds, mostly local people. However, the parking situation there is unstable, and Porta Johns have to be rented. Town Hall will have a stable parking situation with permanent restrooms, but there could be highway noise, and there may be overcrowding at concerts.

Anne Fontaine made a motion to recommend increasing the number of concerts in 2022 to five, with three being held at the Community Center and two being held in the new area next to Town Hall. Faye Brock seconded the motion and it passed. This will provide a "test" to see how having concerts at Town Hall works.

There was a discussion about Otter Falls Parking. Several options are being considered to increase parking.

Terms on the Parks and Recreation Committee are ending for Ed Beck, Kay Lambert, Lee Metzger, and Martha Stearns. Ed Beck and Kay Lambert are applying for another term, but Lee Metzger and Martha Stearns are not.

Seven Devils is holding a Halloween Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 in the parking lot at the Community Center. Participants will bring individually wrapped candy to pass out, and the town will provide treat bags and extra candy. Children under the age of 16 and their parents and grandparents may participate.

We are planning to celebrate Lite the Nite on Friday, December 3 in the Community Center. We will follow whatever COVID-19 restrictions are in place. This will be discussed further at our October and November meetings.

Debbie Powers reported that the heat/air conditioning system in the Community Center is not working, but it has been inspected and will be repaired on Friday, September 17.

Kay Lambert thanked Bobby Powell for installing the emergency telephone in the Community Center. She suggested adding a sign explaining that if the receiver is picked up, 911 is automatically called. The street address of the Community Center should also be added to the sign.

Faye Brock made a motion to adjourn. Mark Williams seconded the motion, and it passed.

Submitted by
Martha Stearns, Secretary