

**Town of Seven Devils  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes—Regular Session  
April 11, 2019**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on April 11, 2019. Members present were Ed Beck, Bob Bridges (by telephone), Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, and Martha Stearns. Faye Brock and Lee Metzger were absent. Debbie Powers and Larry Fontaine were also present.

Ed Beck made a motion to accept the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes from the February 14, 2019, meeting. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and the agenda and the minutes were approved.

We decided to have a bear decorating contest starting June 1, with judging taking place on July 10. The theme will be "Summer in the Mountains." Participants may decorate a bear they own or may purchase plywood cutouts (an adult bear and a cub) from the town for \$20.00. Hardware to attach the bears to the ground will be provided. All participants must register, and the town will provide a "View the Bears" tour guide map. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded to be displayed on the winning bears. Winners may also be given a picture of a Seven Devils scene. Winners will be announced at Music by the Lake on July 12. Larry Fontaine will make the cutouts, possibly with helpers. Bears entered in the contest must be visible from the road, and a turnaround for cars is required. Bears and items attached to the bears must be firmly anchored. Bob Bridges suggested that Jim and/or Marsha Jones should be on the judging panel.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission are responsible for hosting summer activities. Bob Bridges and Anne are mainly responsible for Music by the Lake concerts but will be helped by others. Anne Fontaine and Debbie Powers will handle promotions. The Seven Devils Resort Club will be responsible for limiting access to the resort club. Ed Beck will help Bob move equipment and chairs before and after the concerts. Larry Fontaine will help with electricity and lighting. There will be police presence at every concert.

Ed and Beth Beck will host the three ranger workshops. Two are at Otter Falls, and the last one is at Town Hall. Anne Fontaine and Martha Stearns will be in charge of the Parks and Recreation Commission children's booth at SafetyFest. Bob Bridges will organize and host four hikes. Lee Metzger will be in charge of pickle ball. Martha Stearns, Anne Fontaine, and Faye Brock will host Dance Aerobics. Martha Stearns will host landscape talks. Kay Lambert will purchase water for all the activities.

We decided to add to our sponsored activities a Virginia Creeper Trail bike ride on Tuesday, August 6. Anne Fontaine will organize it, and Bob Bridges will host it.

The Arbor Day celebration will be held on Friday, April 26. If weather permits, five tents, each with two tables, will be set up outside, which will provide seating for sixty people. Fifty dogwood trees have been purchased to give to participants. Anne Fontaine will purchase three to six plants for door prizes. We will meet at 9:00 on that morning to prepare for the celebration and lunch.

Kay Lambert made a motion to adjourn. Ed Beck seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns, Secretary