

**Town of Seven Devils  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes—Regular Session  
September 12, 2019**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on September 12, 2019. Members present were Bob Bridges, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Lee Metzger, and Martha Stearns. Faye Brock was absent. Debbie Powers, Brad Lambert, and Larry Fontaine were also present.

Lee Metzger made a motion to accept the amended agenda for today's meeting. Ed Beck seconded the motion, and it passed.

Bob Bridges made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2019, meeting. Kay Lambert seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**Old Business**

There was a discussion about whether or not to hold a 2020 Hawk road race. We decided that it would not be worth the effort at this time, but it might be considered in the future.

Debbie Powers reported on attendance at all the events sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Some were very well attended while others did not have many participants.

Many of the 2019 activities will continue in 2020. Music concerts will continue, although they will not be at the resort club because of ABC policies. Possible locations are Hawksnest and the Foscoe Community Center. Eventually they could be held on the property adjoining the new Town Hall. Bob Bridges, Lee Metzger, and Ed Beck will form a committee to plan the concerts and choose the performers. A town employee assigned to Parks and Recreation activities would also be on the committee.

There will be a bear decorating contest in 2020 with a new theme. Participants can use existing bear cutouts. New bear cutouts may be available for purchase at Town Hall.

Bob Bridges will plan group hikes for June, July, August, and September. Ed and Beth Beck will host ranger workshops led by Grandfather Mountain State Park ranger Andy Sicard.

Lee Metzger will organize pickleball games on Thursday mornings. Lee reported that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, and participation in Seven Devils has increased throughout the summer.

Martha Stearns will schedule and host landscaping/gardening workshops led by Paige Patterson of the NC Cooperative Extension.

Bob Bridges will plan and host a moonlight canoe trip open to ten participants. He will also plan and host a white water rafting trip on the Nolichucky River.

Lee Metzger will organize and host a Virginia Creeper bicycle ride to be held on a weekday.

SafetyFest will be Saturday, June 27, 2020, and we will have a children's booth similar to the 2019 children's booth.

### **New Business**

There will be an Arbor Day celebration on April 24, 2020. Lite the Nite will probably be held on Friday, December 6, 2019.

Anne Fontaine announced that she is forming a Planning Committee to explore ideas about how to use space in the old Town Hall and how to use outdoor space at the new Town Hall. The old Town Hall will become a community center. Anne and Lee Metzger will be on this committee along with members of the community. Anne hopes to include some members who have young children.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Martha Stearns seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns, Secretary