

**Town of Seven Devils
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes—Regular Session
June 10, 2021**

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on June 10, 2021.

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

Anne Fontaine made a motion to approve the agenda. Martha Stearns seconded the motion, and it passed. Faye Brock made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021, meeting. Ed Beck seconded the motion, and it passed.

Citizen Comments

Larry Fontaine announced that there would be a meeting with a landscape architect on Thursday, June 17, to discuss a plan for the area surrounding Town Hall. He recommended that a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee should attend the meeting.

Old Business

Jewel McKinney reported that there were eight attendees at the Ranger Workshop about black bears on June 3. Attendance at the Saturday morning Yoga classes has been good. Lee Metzger said that four people had attended the beginner pickleball clinic. Jewel is going to send out a weekly reminder about recreation activities. Jewel reported that more than 200 key fobs for the Community Center have been distributed, and more have been ordered.

Bob Bridges suggested having a representative from the exercise equipment company come to give a class on the most effective way to use the equipment. Jewel will contact the company to see if this is possible. Anne Fontaine mentioned that there seem to be more children in town now, and perhaps we need to provide more activities for them. She suggested that we might have a community meeting to ask for recreation ideas. Jewel McKinney said that there might be a need for a new survey about recreation needs and desires. This would make it easier to receive grants.

There was a discussion about skateboarding at the Seven Devils Community Center. There may need to be a sign stating “Skateboard at your own risk” or “Outdoor activities at your own risk.”

Faye Brock reported that there are weeds growing in the playground. They will be removed, and the equipment will be checked for loose screws and rust.

Bob Bridges reported that the next group hike will be on June 18. Hikers will meet at the Community Center at 9:00 and will hike to Laurel Falls.

Ed Beck will lead a group walk on June 16. Participants will meet at the Community Center at 10:00.

New Business

Faye Brock made a motion to appoint Bob Bridges to represent the Parks and Recreation Committee at the meeting with the landscape architect who will give advice about developing the property around the Seven Devils Community Center on Thursday, June 17. Ed Beck seconded the motion, and Bob Bridges was appointed.

Debbie Powers gave us information about the Community Day Celebration to be held on August 13. There will be an Arbor Day Celebration in the morning, followed by a community lunch catered by Carolina Barbecue. There will be a concert on the lawn that evening with the Mountain Home Blue Grass Boys.

Lee Metzger suggested that future Arbor Day Celebrations, which will take place in April, might include a "Green Thumb" event where there are plants for sale by individuals or nurseries.

Debbie Powers reported that a bill has passed the North Carolina House which would prohibit municipalities from having a tree ordinance unless it was approved by the General Assembly. The Senate has not yet passed the bill. The Town of Seven Devils has applied for approval. If we do not have a tree ordinance, we will lose our Tree City designation.

Debbie Powers presented information about a proposal for signs at the Seven Devils Community Center. A sign at the entrance to the building would be 12 inches by 55 inches, and the sign on the side of the building would be 36 inches by 120 inches. Both signs would be black with gold lettering. The committee voiced approval of these signs. Anne Fontaine suggested that perhaps the informal Seven Devils logo could be displayed on a separate sign.

Faye Brock made a motion to adjourn. Lee Metzger seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Martha Stearns, Secretary