

Agenda

Parks & Recreation Committee – Organizational Meeting

January 11, 2024

9:00am – Town Hall

- I. Call to Order – Town Manager
- II. Roll Call
- III. Nominate Chair
- IV. Nominate Committee Secretary
- V. Approve Agenda
- VI. Approve Minutes – November 16, 2023
- VII. Old Business
 - A. PARTF – Grant for The Park at Seven Devils
 - B. Lite the Nite 2023 Update
 - C. Tee Shirt Update
 - D. Lecture Series
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Arbor Day Celebration – April 28th
 - B. Summer 2024
 - 1. Music on the Lawn
 - 2. Bear Decorating Contest
 - 3. Yard of the Month
 - 4. Farmers Market
 - 5. Dog Costume Contest
 - 6. Independence Day Celebration
 - 7. Ranger Workshops
 - 8. Group Hikes
 - 9. Group Walks
 - 10. Summer Book Club
 - 11. Pickleball
 - 12. Moonlight Canoe Trip
 - 13. Art Classes
 - 14. Yoga
 - 15. Exercise for Mature Ladies

16. CPR Lunch and Learn

17. Blood Drive

18. New Ideas

IX. Citizen Comments

X. Member Comments

XI. Adjourn

**Town of Seven Devils
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes - Regular Session
November 16, 2023**

The Town of Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Committee met at 9:00 AM in Town Hall on November 16, 2023. Members present were: Bob Bridges, Marino Fernandez, Freddie Blonshine, Faye Brock, Rebecca Ryan, Ed Beck, Kay Lambert and Joe Alfonso. Also in attendance were Jewel McKinney, Parks and Recreation Director, and Johnathan Harris, Town Manager. Mark Williams was absent.

Freddie Blonshine moved to approve the Agenda, and Rebecca Ryan seconded. The motion was approved.

Marino Fernandez moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting, and Kay Lambert seconded. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sculpture in the Park at Seven Devils Update - The placement of the donated sculpture is complete and has already received several compliments.
- B. Art Vision Committee - Rebecca Ryan has been named Chair of the Art Vision Committee. The Committee is looking for additional members. The purpose of this Committee is to present design ideas and vision for art and design in the park to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- C. PARTF Grant - The PARTF grant has been approved. The attached handout explains the grant and projected costs. Town Manager Harris explained the timeline for spending. Planning will start after December.
- D. Fall 2023 Events Recap - Attendance at fall events was presented. The numbers are very positive. Chairman Bridges suggested a review of last year's attendance to make sure all events presented are worth the time and effort.
- E. Lite the Nite - Jewel McKinney presented the flyer for Lite the Nite. Reservations are at 50 right now with more expected.
- F. Winter Hikes - Unfortunately the first two hikes were cancelled due to inclement weather. The Committee decided that there was sufficient interest to continue hikes in the winter. Having "theme" hikes or hikes tied in to holidays were suggested.
- G. Blood Drive - the Committee decided it would be worth the time and effort to hold our own Blood Drive here at Seven Devils. It would be held sometime during the spring/summer season.
- H. CPR Rescheduling - The first two CPR classes were very successful. The third class had to be rescheduled. The Committee decided to continue offering CPR classes. It was suggested to add an evening class.
- I. T-Shirts - Joe Alfonso presented his research on selling Seven Devils t-shirts to benefit and promote the Town. Joe presented several types of shirts to the Committee. Joe will continue his work over the winter and will have some options for the Committee around February/March.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lecture Series - It was suggested having an evening lecture series at Seven Devils with history as a topic, possibly local history. The idea was extremely well received. Marino Fernandez will investigate this and bring information back to the Committee.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Stu Ryan has offered to donate a woodworking item for raffle at one of the summer concerts. The proceeds would go to a charity. The Committee approved this request, thanked the Ryans and will look for details in the coming months.
- B. Joe Alfonso discussed a Field Day in conjunction with the Olympic Games in Paris in July. The location of this event will depend on construction occurring in the Park.
- C. Marino Fernandez resigned after two years of being in charge of the town-sponsored Pickleball events. He nominated Freddie Blonshine to replace him, and the Committee approved.
- D. There will not be a meeting in December. The Committee will meet in January, along with new members, to elect a Chairman.
- E. Chairman Bob Bridges' membership on the Committee will end in December. The Committee thanked him for his many years of vision and leadership.

Freddie Blonshine moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 and Marino Fernandez seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Freddie Blonshine
Parks and Recreation Committee Secretary

Last 3 Summers of Music on the Lawn:

Summer 2021

- The Jeff Little Trio
- Woodie & The String Pullers
- Mountain Home Bluegrass Boys

Summer 2022

- Rockabilly's (Rained Out)
- Chatham Rabbits
- The Jeff Little Trio
- Bill and the Belles
- Mountain Home Bluegrass Boys

Summer 2023

- The Rockabillys
- Woodie & The String Pullers
- The Lucky Strikes Orchestra
- The Burnett Sisters Band
- Wayne Henderson & Friends

Collected Band Suggestions:

- The Pickin Thistles: The group is a family of six children. The older children play on the fiddles and sing. The younger children do Irish dancing and clogging. They played at MerleFest. They are a local group out of Elk Knob (suggested by Theresa Lindgren)
- Blue Cactus: NC Cosmic Americana Duo Blue Cactus
- Delta Fire: Rock Cover Band
- Blue Country: Country/ Bluegrass
- SureFire Bluegrass Band: Bluegrass
- Nick Chandler & Delivered: Bluegrass