

**BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2006**

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Reub Mooradian called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other members present were Gil Adams, Jim Brooks, Gayle Cooper and Calder Smoot. Also present were Town Manager Michael Boaz, Public Works Director Riley Hatch and Outdoor Recreation employee Thomas Brown.

II. Consideration of Minutes – December 7, 2005

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of December 7, 2005 as submitted. Mr. Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Recreation Center – Michael Boaz – Mr. Boaz reported that the sport flooring in Recreation Center had not been installed, the humidity level in most areas was to an acceptable level and the contractor anticipated starting on it next week. Mr. Boaz noted that the opening of the building would be approximately 5 weeks from the start of the flooring installation; grand opening was anticipated to be March 1st.

IV. Sledding Hill Committee Report – Mr. Brooks reported that the operation of the sledding hill was anticipated to remain within the budget; the hill closes at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Brown noted that the sledders did not adhere to the closing time and, in theory, the hill never really closes. Mr. Mooradian asked that the police officers clear the people off the hill when it is not open to which Mr. Boaz indicated he would pass the request on to Chief Hefner. Mr. Mooradian asked about complaints to which Mr. Brown responded that the most common complaint was from adults wanting to sled. Mr. Adams noted that the hose hanging over the fence was unsightly to which Mr. Brooks indicated that it would be removed.

V. Staff Report – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown presented his report on the past months activities. The report is on file in the clerk's office.

VI. Other Business

a. Mr. Brooks asked that the agenda for March meeting include the removal of timers and extension cords from the Christmas lights.

b. Mr. Adams noted that the Town would be included in the Banner Elk to Emerald Isle bike race. Participants would spend the night of September 30th on Beech Mountain. Mr. Adams noted that he could keep the Committee informed of the plans.

VII. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Smoot, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Greene
Town Clerk