

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
July 3, 2008  
BUCKEYE RECREATION CENTER

- I. **Call to Order** – Chairman Mr. Pfohl called to order the regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee at 9:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Buckeye Recreation Center. Present were Chairman Mr. Pfohl, and Advisory Committee Members Ms. Piquet, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Smoot, Ms. Simms, and Mr. Adams; Mr. Mettee was not present. Recreation Director Mr. Colistra was in attendance.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**– Minutes were approved as presented.
- III. **Recreation Report-**
  - a. **Recreation Report-** The report presented by Mr. Colistra demonstrated continued increase in usage from the previous year for the month of June. Mr. Brooks suggested providing additional information in the recreation report including the diversity of programming and services provided. Mr. Colistra informed the committee of the low operation costs of the Buckeye Recreation Center indicating that it is only 4.6 % of the Towns overall budget to operate the facility. Ms. Simms noted all the visitors who see the Recreation Center as a valuable asset to the Town. Mr. Colistra informed the committee that he has turned in his resignation and his final day will be August 5<sup>th</sup>. The outdoor recreation staff has been busy painting and updating signs, and blazing the trail system.
- IV. **Additional Business-**
  - a. **A Cool 5-**A Cool 5 raised up to \$15,000 and the Town received an additional \$10,000 from Mountain Electric.
  - b. **PARTF Grant Update-** The PARTF Board Meeting will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> to determine the second round funding distribution.
  - c. **Park/Trails-**Mr. Colistra presented three maps to the committee of future trail and park opportunities: (1) Falls Trail Extension- the property owner has agreed to provide an easement for access to his property or is willing to sell the property (2) Fishing Parking Lot: the property owner on Buckeye Creek Road has offered to sell his property as a reasonable rate to provide a designated parking lot for Buckeye Lake rather than parking along Grassy Gap Creek Road. (3) Town Hall and Perry Park Connection: an opportunity exists to connect Town Hall with Lake Coffey to provide an alternative transportation option and hiking trail to Lake Coffey from the top of Beech Mountain. Jim Brooks suggested camping opportunities around Buckeye Lake as well as exploring the old Perry Park water plant building to use as additional storage. Fred suggested a museum.
- V. **Brochures-** Mr. Colistra informed the committee that there are 2 still cases of trail maps at Town Hall however there only a few recreation center brochures. He is working with the Mayor to update the brochure. Mr. Smoot recommended a high quality and more visible brochure for next publication.
- VI. **Room Rental Rate-** Mr. Colistra recommended a room rental rate change to \$20 per hour for ½ the room and \$30 for the whole room. Mr. Brooks made a motion to accept the room rental change as presented with a set-up fee determined at Mr. Colistra's discretion; Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

**VII. Speak out Session-** Mr. Brooks recommended the committee conduct another site visit of potential park property. Mr. Pfohl suggested in September when it slows down. Mr. Pfohl also suggested that everyone take a look at the website and provide feedback on ways to make it more user friendly if they think that it is difficult to navigate.

**VIII. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Colistra