

**BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 6, 2005**

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Reub Mooradian called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 Seth Lawless, Mayor Rick Owen, Councilman Paul Piquet, Public Works Director Riley Hatch and Outdoor Recreation employee Sean McNay.

II. Consideration of Minutes – June 1, 2005

Mr. Adams moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2005 as submitted. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Update on Recreation Center Activities

Mr. Lawless gave a progress report on the Recreation Center and noted that the Recreation Center Director should be hired prior to his departure on July 26th.

IV. Town Owned Lots

Chairperson Mooradian noted that the Committee had requested a list of Town owned lots. Mr. Lawless passed out maps with the Town owned lots highlighted in yellow. Mr. Lawless indicated that he had taken the owner of the last Memorial Park lot around to look at the town lots for the possibility of doing a trade, however, none of the lots were considered suitable for trade by the property owner. Mr. Lawless felt some of the lots looked good to him and the ones next to hiking trails would be good sites for picnic areas.

V. Staff Report

Sean McNay reported that he had attended a class at ASU sponsored by the Urban Forrest Council on the maintenance of trees. Mr. McNay indicated now would be a good time to start a tree pruning program for the Town. Mr. McNay listed the projects worked on in the past month: 1) Assisting with the set up for the Annual Pig Roast on July 2nd. 2) Group hikes, Mr. McNay noted that the Grassy Gap Trail had over 20 participants. 3) All Town parks had received regular maintenance. 4) Parking lines had been painted at Lake Coffey. Mr. McNay noted that he had not trim the bank at Lake Coffey because of the wild flowers. 5) The boat dock at Buckeye Lake needed further pressure washing and Mr. Pfohl had recommended that a fire truck be used. 6) Mr. McNay reported that Hank Cooper had built a rock bridge on Lower Pond Creek Trail. Chairperson Mooradian asked about the picnic shelter and Mr. McNay reported that he planned to pressure wash the ceiling one more time. Mr. McNay's report was accepted as submitted.

VI. Other

Chairperson Mooradian asked if the budget had been adopted to which Mr. Lawless indicated that it had been and further noted that the flower maintenance contract had been executed and The Landsman would be called this week to work on the flower beds. Mr. Lawless also reported that Mr. Joe Perry would be the Interim Town Manager. Mr. Lawless' last day would be July 26th. The Town Council was advertising for a new Town Manager and the deadline was August 10th.

Mr. Brooks asked if the DOT beautification plans for the Parkway had been completed to which Mayor Owen indicated that it had not and he would be in contact with the individual dealing with the plans for the Town.

Mr. Brooks asked about the collection of e-mail addresses to which Mr. Lawless noted that the police department was working on a mailing to home owners asking for updated E-911 information and would include the e-mail addresses.

VII. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Brooks, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Greene
Town Clerk