

**BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Reub Mooradian called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other members present were Jim Brooks, Gayle Cooper, Brad Mettee and Calder Smoot. Also present were Interim Town Manager Joe Perry, Mayor Rick Owen, Councilmen Paul Piquet and Gil Adams, Recreation Committee Chairman Fred Pfohl, Recreation Director Rosemary Burnett, Public Works Director Riley Hatch and Outdoor Recreation employee Thomas Brown. Councilman Mr. Chamberlin arrived at 10:30 a.m.

II. Consideration of Minutes – October 5, 2005

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2005 as submitted. Mr. Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Recreation Center – Ms. Burnett reported that the building would not be completed by November 18th, as originally planned. The building would be completed approximately 6 weeks from now; the flooring could not be installed in the gymnasium until the heat was on and the humidity at a certain range. Ms. Burnett also reported that she was looking into different types of computer systems for the building. Ms. Burnett felt the Recreation Center would not be open until January.

IV. Sledding Hill Committee Report -

Mr. Perry reported that the sledding hill did not have enough money budgeted to keep it open full time through the winter, it was estimated that another \$6,000 would be necessary to have safety officers work full time. Thomas Brown, the outdoor recreation center employee, would be supervising the safety officers and be in charge of the operations. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Mooradian asked that Mr. Perry address the Council at their next meeting with regards to a budget amendment requesting additional funds for the safety officers. The Committee also agreed that an additional staff person would be necessary to help with the sledding hill next year.

V. Staff Report – Thomas Brown

Mr. Brown reported 1) All Town Parks had received regular maintenance. 2) Upper Pond Creek trail was the first trail for updating with the color coded 4 x 4 post noting mileage. 3) Mr. Brown noted that the Buckeye Lake picnic shelter had one section that had not been sealed. 4) Mr. Brown noted that he would be attending a North and South Carolina joint Parks and Recreation Conference in Ashville from November 12th through the 16th. 5) Mr. Brown noted that that the W.A.M.Y. workers would return in the spring to continue the flood damage repairs to the trails.

VI. Other Business

a. Mr. Brooks asked if the Council had been approached with regards to the recommendation to purchase of Jim Accardi's property adjoining the section he recently purchased.

Chairman Mooradian noted that he had not contacted the Council and asked that Mr. Perry address the issue at the upcoming Council meeting.

b. Mr. Brooks asked for an update on the DOT plan for the Parkway to which Mr. Perry indicated that Mayor Owen had been in contact with the representative and had no new news on the project.

c. Mr. Brooks asked if anyone had walked the property behind the Beech Alpen Inn down to the Tamarack area and Perry Park. Mr. Brooks volunteered to walk the property with Mr. Brown.

d. Mr. Smoot asked for everyone to encourage their friends to help with the holiday lights. After a brief discussion it was recommended that the project be started in August next year. Mr. Smoot also asked that the summer flower project get an earlier start and recommended March.

e. Chairman Mooradian noted that the Committee had been in receipt of a letter of complaining regarding a plaque on Pond Creek Trail. After a brief discussion the Committee indicated that a response would be written addressing the complaint.

f. Mr. Smoot indicated that better planning should be given to the planting of the flower barrels and after a brief discussion the Committee agreed that the topic should be placed on the March '06 agenda.

VII. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Cooper, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Greene
Town Clerk