

**BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Councilman Pete Chamberlin, Paul Piquet and Dr. Ed Waligroski, Recreation Committee Chairman Fred Pfohl, Public Works Director Riley Hatch and Outdoor Recreation employee Thomas Brown. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

II. Consideration of Minutes – August 3, 2005

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2005 as submitted. Mrs. Cooper seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Update on Recreation Center Activities

a. Building Progress – Joe Perry - Mr. Perry reported that the Recreation Center Building was on schedule for completion on November 18, 2005.

b. Open House – Paul Piquet – Mr. Piquet reported that the Recreation Committee held open house on August 21st and September 4th. There were 110 to 125 guests who signed the register and the most asked question was ‘does the facility have showers’ followed by ‘where is the pool’. Mr. Piquet noted that it was a very good turn out and went very well. Mr. Smoot asked if it were too late to add showers to which Mr. Piquet indicated that it was noting that the facility had the minimum number of restroom facilities required by code and one could not be taken out to add a shower. Mr. Piquet felt showers could be added if the Town ever built a pool. Chairman Mooradian noted that the showers at Peak Fitness in Banner Elk received very little use. Mr. Smoot asked if the grand opening was still scheduled for Thanksgiving to which Mr. Perry noted that the key to the building was scheduled to be given to the Town on November 18th. It was noted that it would take a lot of work to have everything completed, but that was still the plan.

IV. Staff Report – Thomas Brown

Mr. Hatch reported that Mr. McNay, who was in the Army National Guard, had been called to active duty. Mr. Thomas Brown had been hired as this replacement. Mr. Brown had worked with Mr. McNay and was familiar with the outdoor recreation program. Mr. Brown reported 1) All Town Parks had received regular maintenance. 2) The Buckeye Lake picnic shelter had received another pressure washing and would be sealed. 3) A new phone has been put in at the picnic shelter. Chairman Mooradian asked about cleaning the tennis courts to

which Mr. Hatch noted that the tennis pro from the Club had indicated that a light pressure washing could be done without doing damage to the surface of the courts. Mr. Brooks asked if Mr. McNay had the opportunity to look at the property behind the three hotels, noting that the sewer line easement could be used for the possibility of connecting to the hiking trails off Tamarack. Mr. Hatch noted that he was in contact with Mr. McNay and he would report back at the next meeting. Mr. Perry noted that the Town would have to get permission from any property owners whose property they cross with a hiking trail. Mr. Brooks also noted that Sunset Park needed some work and that there was still a trash issue and reminded the Committee that the property line needed to be investigated.

V. Other Business

a. Mr. Smoot noted that the Sledding Hill Committee would be meeting tomorrow, September 15th and invited the Committee members to attend.

b. Chairman Mooradian also noted that the tennis courts were in need of a new roller. Mr. Hatch indicated that he would follow up on the request. Mr. Piquet reported that the tennis needed two more pieces of screen. Mr. Perry indicated that he would check the budget to see if the screens could be ordered.

c. Mr. Brooks reported that he had purchased the property behind the Brick Oven from Marshall Smith noting that this was important as parking for Town events. Mr. Brooks indicated that it would be wise for the Town to purchase the property from Jim Accardi for the additional parking space.

d. Mr. Pfohl reported that the Falls Trail was in great shape and encouraged everyone to take a hike. Mr. Pfohl also noted that Gil Adams had been working on the bike routes.

VI. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Cooper, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Greene
Town Clerk