

BEECH MOUNTAIN PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 7, 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, Councilman Pete Chamberlin, Public Works Director Riley Hatch and Recreation Employee B. J. Hughes.

II. Consideration of Minutes – November 1, 2006

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of November 11, 2006 as amended. Mrs. Cooper seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Staff Report – Riley Hatch - Mr. Hatch reported that the straw for the sledding hill had been received and put in place. Staff had begun to blow snow on the hill on Tuesday, December 5, but was unable to blow snow on Wednesday because of a large water main break on Welding Weg. Mr. Hatch hoped to have the sledding hill open by December 8.

Mr. Hatch reported that Shawn McNay will be returning to work on December 11 and that there would be a welcome back luncheon held on December 12 at noon at the Recreation Center.

Mr. Hatch also reported that he and Mr. Hughes and Mr. McNay would be looking for part time help for the sledding hill in the coming weeks. They hoped to hire the same employees that we had used last year.

Mr. Brooks asked if Joe Coakley would allow us to borrow his skid steer for grooming again this year. Mr. Hatch responded that Mr. Coakley had agreed to allow us to borrow the skid steer and hopefully we would purchase one before next year.

Mr. Brooks asked if the closed signs were being routed. Mr. Hatch reported that they were and would be ready for the opening of the sledding hill.

Mr. Smoot asked that staff put up slow signs during busy periods at the sledding hill. Mr. Hatch responded that staff would do so.

Chairman Mooradian suggested that DOT be asked to place a crosswalk between the parking area and the sledding hill. Mr. Hatch said that he would try and set up a meeting with DOT representatives.

Chairman Mooradian asked about the condition of the outdoor walking track at the Recreation Center. Mr. Hatch responded that it was open and in good condition except that the boardwalk completing the track would not be built until spring.

Mr. Adams told Mr. Hatch that the metal bridge was on Pond Creek Lane.

IV. Other Business –

- a. Chairman Mooradian asked how many workers would be needed on weekends, where we would get these workers, and what the hours for the sledding hill were on weekends. Mr. Hatch responded that he would need as many as 4 workers on the busiest weekends, but he hoped to rehire the same workers that had been used last year. If additional workers were needed the Town would place an ad in the area newspapers. Mr. Hatch also informed the Board that Mr. Hughes and Mr. McNay would rotate weekends. Mr. Hatch also said that the sledding hill would be open 8-5 every day.
- b. Mr. Smoot suggested that a letter be written to all businesses that sold sleds asking them to make a contribution to the sledding hill and informing them of the rules. Mr. Brooks suggested that a sticker be placed on all sleds indicating the rules. Chairman Mooradian asked Mr. Smoot to write a letter that would be sent to all vendors. Chairman Mooradian also asked to review the letter before it was mailed.

V. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mrs. Cooper, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Boaz
Town Manager