

BOTETOURT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on **Monday April 4, 2022**, in Room 212 at the Botetourt County Administration Center.

Members Present: Mr. Tim Snyder (Chairman), Mr. Danny Agee, Mr. John Mays, Mr. Alan Bayse, Mr. Robert Campbell
Members Absent: Mr. Dean Hackett, Mr. Steve Clinton, Mr. Matthew East
Others Present: Mandy Adkins, Recreation Director
Chris McDonald, Recreation Manager
Shontae' Wade, Recreation Manager
Tara Williamson, Administrative Assistant
James Flint, Buchanan Booster Club Nominee
Jennifer Taylor, Cloverdale Booster Club President
Brittany Turman, Fincastle Booster Club Nominee
Christina Wiley, Troutville Booster Club Nominee
Justin Beckner, Cloverdale Booster Club Nominee

Mr. Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Mr. Snyder gave a review of the recent monthly meeting dates: the last meeting occurred on February 7th since the March meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Bayse made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting; Mr. Mays seconded. Motion carried; minutes approved.

Old Business:

Botetourt Recreation Club:

Over the past year, the Commission has reviewed a new potential booster club model that provides representation from each current booster club.

Mrs. Mandy Adkins presented the Board of Directors Nomination List which delineates each booster club's nominee.

Each nominee introduced themselves to the Commission.

Nominees were voted upon by each Commission member present. Results as follows:

Blue Ridge Nominee, Trevor Persing:

YES: Mr. Mays, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bayse, Mr. Agee

Buchanan Nominee, James Flint:

YES: Mr. Mays, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bayse, Mr. Agee

Cloverdale Nominee, Justin Beckner:

YES: Mr. Mays, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bayse, Mr. Agee

Eagle Rock Nominee, Rachel Thomas:

YES: Mr. Mays, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bayse, Mr. Agee

Fincastle Nominee, Brittany Turman:

YES: Mr. Mays, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bayse, Mr. Agee

Greenfield Nominee, James Garner:

YES: Mr. Mays, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bayse, Mr. Agee

Troutville Nominee, Christina Wiley

YES: Mr. Mays, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Bayse, Mr. Agee

The booster club nominees expressed that the nomination process went smoothly. Select booster club representatives stated that their respective clubs are no longer actively recruiting members.

Mr. Snyder inquired as to what types of communication are preferred by the booster clubs, and what type of opportunities they would like to see. Mr. James Flint stated that a quick meeting via Zoom would be preferable.

No other question from booster club nominees.

New Business:

Recreation Department Report

Basketball Report:

Ms. Shontae' Wade stated that basketball season ended March 8th, with 515 participants, 54 teams, and 116 coaches. The season was successful overall, with some games rescheduled due to weather. She stated that the Department hired a great site supervisor staff who in turn executed a great season.

Mrs. Adkins expressed that Ms. Wade is the sole reason that practice was able to be held in Buchanan, with Ms. Wade managing the operations exceptionally well.

Mr. Snyder thanked Ms. Wade for her efforts in ensuring a successful season.

Basketball & Softball Report:

Mr. Chris McDonald presented an update on the 2022 Basketball & Softball season. To date, there are 823 registered participants. Practices began last week, and game schedules were distributed earlier today.

Mr. Snyder stated that he was thrilled with the execution of the coaches meeting, noting a solid turnout and execution on behalf of Mr. McDonald. Mrs. Adkins thanked Mr. McDonald for his intense efforts in ensuring a successful registration and organization of the season.

Parks & Recreation Grants:

Mrs. Adkins announced that the Department was awarded a \$7,250 grant from Roanoke Outside Foundation for the improvement of the Alpine Boat Landing in Buchanan. Mr. John Mays was thanked for his assistance and expertise in crafting the application. The Alpine Boat Landing site is a very popular river access point; however, the current parking lot experiences a high volume of parked vehicles which leads to congestion. The grant will allow for the addition of a gravel parking lot, with a project completion goal date set for the end of Summer. Mr. Mays stated that this project will triple the size of the parking lot over time.

Maintenance Update:

The Maintenance Department is scheduled to present to the Commission in May. A new full-time sports complex employee has just been hired, and the Department is still seeking two part-time employees. In the interim, Mr. McDonald has been actively assisting with ensuring fields are adequately prepared and maintained.

Mr. Bayse inquired about the removal of the flags on the frisbee golf course. Mrs. Adkins responded that two of the holes require maintenance, perhaps being the reason for the flag removal.

No other new business.

Mr. Bayse made a motion to adjourn; Mays seconded. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt Parks & Recreation Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm.