

## **BOTETOURT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on May 1, 2023 in Room 212 at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia.

**Members Present:** Mr. Tim Snyder  
Mr. Danny Agee  
Mr. John Mays  
Mr. Robert Campbell  
Dr. Donald Scothorn

**Members Absent:** Mr. Dean Hackett (Chairman)  
Mr. Matthew East

**Others Present:** Mrs. Adkins, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Shontae' Wade, Recreation Manager  
Chris Mundy, Recreation Program Coordinator  
Nikki Bryant, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Mays called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Mays welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Snyder motioned to approve the agenda; Mr. Agee seconded; the agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Snyder motioned to approve the April 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Agee seconded the motion; motion carried; the minutes were approved as presented.

### **Public Comment Period**

Mr. Mays noted no public present to make comment.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Adkins reported that she presented the Recreation Incentive Fund updated guidelines to the Board of Supervisors. During the Board meeting Dr. Scothorn motioned to increase the Recreation Incentive Fund by \$5,000. Additionally, Dr. Scothorn motioned to change the guidelines so that any non used funds will roll over to the next fiscal year. The FY24 Recreation Incentive Fund and rollover guidelines were unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 25, 2023. The FY24 Recreation Incentive Fund will have \$50,000 available. .

Dr. Scothorn noted supporting Eagle Scout project as much as possible. Mr. Mays noted how wonderful the Recreation Incentive Fund is for the community and it's great to be able to help citizens with projects they're passionate about.

## New Business

### Department Update:

Mrs. Adkins noted the spring youth sports season has been quite rainy so far. We've had to cancel games four Saturdays in a row and Mr. Mundy is working to reschedule games that have been cancelled.

Mr. Agee spoke to Coach Smith from LBHS about having pitching lessons. He noted that Parks and Recreation as a department should organize and promote this. He hopes to have it ready for next January/February.

Ms. Wade noted that fall sports registration is now open. She said our goal is to have a Southern tackle football team called the Cavs and a Northern team called the Knights. She gave current registration participant numbers. We opened the registration window earlier than previous years to give parents more time to register.

Mrs. Adkins said she will be on WDBJ 7 to promote fall sports. JRHS is helping us promote tackle football. Mr. Agee asked if flag football is also being offered. Mrs. Adkins confirmed it is as well as soccer and cheerleading.

Mrs. Adkins told the Commission about the Movie in the Park Summer Kick-Off at CAMS May 19<sup>th</sup>. Our team is working on BOCO WILD planning and that event is June 10<sup>th</sup>. She noted IRONMAN will be happening on June 4, 2023. USA Cycling may be moving to Roanoke County due to Route 11 being difficult to close. National Park Service is currently considering approval to close the Parkway down for the USA Cycling route.

Mrs. Adkins presented information about the grant to expand parking at Alpine River Access. Mrs. Adkins noted about 20 cars would fit in the lot before the project. This property was donated to Botetourt County several years ago and the department received a grant from the Roanoke Outside Foundation for the expansion. There is new fencing and the gravel area was cleaned up/expanded. It now can fit 30-40 more cars. Additionally, we have opened up the river access point for cars to drive down to the river to drop their boats as opposed to having to hand carry down the hill. Mrs. Adkins noted the Maintenance team did an excellent job and did everything in-house.

Mr. Mays agreed it was great that the Maintenance team was able to complete the labor. Dr. Scothorn expressed his support of making the public aware of these great County updates. Mrs. Adkins noted that she is working with Mrs. Bradbury on a press release to broadcast the update. Mr. Snyder asked how Roanoke College is doing using the Sports Complex. Mrs. Adkins stated the partnership is going well and that there's a game there tonight. Mr. Snyder asked about the status of the Moyer Complex and if this partnership may be needed next year. Mrs. Adkins noted that she knows the project is progressing, but doesn't know the specific construction timeline.

Mr. Snyder asked if there are any updates on the Booster Club One Model. Mrs. Adkins said they've met and they're developing by-laws and will meet with Mr. Lockaby soon. The participation from the Booster Club has been going well and great progress is being made.

### Locality Reports

Mr. Mays noted Buchanan had Civil War weekend last week and that they're looking forward to BOCO WILD.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Agee motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Snyder seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.