

BOTETOURT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on June 5, 2023 in Room 212 at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia.

Members Present: Mr. Dean Hackett (Chairman)
Mr. Tim Snyder
Mr. Danny Agee
Mr. John Mays
Mr. Robert Campbell
Mr. Matthew East

Members Absent: Dr. Donald Scothorn

Others Present: Mandy Adkins, Director of Parks and Recreation
Shontae' Wade, Recreation Manager
Nikki Bryant, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hackett called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hackett welcomed everyone to the meeting and motioned to approve the agenda; Mr. Agee seconded; the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hackett motioned to approve the May 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Agee seconded the motion; motion carried; the minutes were approved as presented.

Introductions

Mrs. Adkins introduced Isabella Myers, Parks and Recreation Intern. The Board introduced themselves and welcomed her to the Parks and Recreation team.

Public Comment Period

Mr. Hackett noted no public present to make comment.

Old Business

Mrs. Adkins gave an update on the Quality of Life survey. She explained that we're looking at individual comments. Our goal is to have preliminary data by June 29th. Mr. Hackett noted that zip codes can match ones in Roanoke too and to keep an eye on it.

New Business

Department Update:

Ms. Wade gave an update on spring sports. She noted we'll be sending four teams, two baseball and two softball, to Little League All Stars. Mrs. Adkins gave kudos to Ms. Wade and Mr. Mundy for their hardwork organizing the spring season and All Stars.

Ms. Wade gave a fall sports update with current numbers. Mr. Hackett asked about flag football numbers compared to last year.

Mrs. Adkins told the Commission about the Summer Launch Party including Movie in the Park. We partnered with the libraries and it had a space theme to go along with their summer reading program.

Mrs. Adkins reported that BOCO WILD would be Saturday June 10th at Buchanan Town Park from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Mrs. Adkins thanked Mr. Mays for Twin River Outfitters contributions and gave details about some of the vendors/activities that will be at the event. Mrs. Adkins said there is still time to sign up to volunteer. Last year we had about 300 in attendance and currently on social media have 400 interested families. Mrs. Adkins showed the Board the new BOCO WILD logo and passports. Children will take their BOCO WILD passports to the different activities at the event and then can turn it in for a prize. Mr. Snyder asked what resources/presence has differed from changing the event date. Mrs. Adkins said indicated DWR was appreciative of the date change and were bringing several staff and resources to the event. Mr. Mays noted it used to be on the free fishing weekend and is happy to see its expansion and that it'll be well received.

Mrs. Adkins elaborated that the BOCO WILD branding is an exciting change and the team is looking for opportunities for expanding the brand in to more outdoor recreation programming.

Mrs. Adkins noted the Sports Complex would host the ODAC and Mountain East Conference softball tournaments in May. On June 9-11 the Sports Complex will host VHSL Softball Spring Jubilee (softball state championships). The Sports Complex is booked every weekend starting this weekend, June 10th to the end of October minus two weekends. Mr. Snyder said the ODAC tournament hosting is a big deal.

Ms. Wade gave an update about new Pickleball programming which will be held at Breckinridge Elementary School. Open play will be available June 20th- July 22nd: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-8:00 P.M. and Saturdays 9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M. The staff is hoping to fit 2-3 courts in the gym. Equipment will be provided and staff is working on coordinating beginner classes. Mr. Snyder thanked Ms. Wade for putting this program together. Mrs. Adkins noted appreciation of Botetourt County Public Schools for letting the department use their facility.

Mr. Hackett asked for a Booster Club update. Mrs. Adkins said they're working on meeting with County Attorney, Mr. Lockaby to go over by-laws, MOU, and Articles of Incorporation. Mr. Hackett asked if there was a target end date and Mrs. Adkins said the goal is end of summer.

Mrs. Adkins reported that IRONMAN was a success. Roughly 900 participants competed. Mrs. Adkins shared that 2023 was the third year of the three year agreement with IRONMAN and the region. The Blue Ridge Parkway is undergoing paving next year. IRONMAN has indicated they are hopeful they will return to the region in future years.

Mrs. Adkins reported that the USA Cycling Amateur National Championship Time Trial was moving to Roanoke County on the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Road Race will move to Franklin County.

Locality Reports

Mr. Campbell shared with the group that this was his last Commission meeting as he accepted another job outside of the school system. Mr. Snyder recognized Mr. Campbell and thanked him for his service. Mr. Campbell noted enjoying his time on the Commission. Mr. Hackett agreed that he's thankful for Mr. Campbell's time.

Adjournment

Mr. Hackett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Agee seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.