

BOTETOURT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Parks & Recreation Commission was held on **Monday June 6, 2022**, in Room 212 at the Botetourt County Administration Center.

Members Present: Mr. Tim Snyder (Chairman), Mr. Dean Hackett, Danny Agee, Mr. John Mays, Mr. Steve Clinton, Mr. Robert Campbell

Members Absent: Mr. Alan Bayse, Mr. Matthew East

Others Present: Mandy Adkins, Director of Parks & Recreation
Shontae' Wade, Recreation Manager
Christina Wiley, Troutville Booster Club
Jennifer Taylor, Cloverdale Booster Club
Justin Beckner, Cloverdale Booster Club
Jason Williams, Recreation Parent
Jason Wellhofer, Recreation Parent
Brian Thurston, Recreation Parent

Mr. Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Snyder made a revision to the minutes for May 2nd to add Mr. Hackett to the members present. Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2nd meeting. Mr. Agee seconded; motion carried-- minutes approved.

New Business:

Recreation Department Report

Mandy Adkins, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the Recreation Department Report

- June 4th- BOCO Wild Event that took place June 4th at Buchanan Town Park with other 400 in attendance
- Movie in the Park Dates:
 - May 20th at Troutville Elementary School
 - July 2nd in Fincastle location (TBD)
 - August 13th at Blue Ridge Park
 - September (TBD) at Greenfield Recreation Park
 - October (TBD) at Buchanan Elementary School
- June 5th- The region hosted the IRONMAN 70.3 Virginia Blue Ridge event. There were 2,500 athletes in attendance.
- June 29th-July 1st- USA Cycling Amateur Road Race National Championship. About 700 participants are anticipated. Three of the four days will occur in Botetourt County.

Baseball/Softball update- The county received a substantial amount of rain this season, we have an expectancy of two teams, 9-10 boys and 9-10 girls, attending All-Stars with the help of coaches and booster club members

Fall Recreation Sports Registration began May 31st, there are currently 146 participants registered so far, registration ends in July; Mandy also gave a staffing update, the Parks & Recreation Department currently have 2 positions vacant and are looking to fill those positions soon.

Mr. Clinton stated that he attended IRONMAN, he saw good demographics and diversity. Mr. Clinton thought the event was well organized.

Mr. Mays stated that he received positive feedback regarding the BOCO Wild event and that everyone he knows that attended really enjoyed themselves. Mr. Mays is hopeful that those numbers will increase in years to come, as this was the first year of the event returning due a two year pause due to COVID-19.

Mandy also addressed the physical altercation that took place early May amongst coaches during a 7-8 coach pitch game. There is still an active investigation, and the department will provide disciplinary action as needed once that investigation is complete.

Mr. Snyder would also like the opportunity to address the altercation on behalf of the Recreation Commission when the time comes.

Mr. Snyder also addressed the difficulty of All-Star planning in the past, and why they chose to no longer play for the Dixie program.

Christina Wiley addressed the issue of communication between the Parks & Recreation Department and the Booster Clubs. Christina stated that they cannot fix issues that they are not aware of.

Christina Wiley also stated she would like to see improvement in communication moving forward. Justin Beckner agreed with Christina and would also like to see an improvement in programs, he stated that communication is the first step to improving programs.

Mr. Agee stated that he would like to continue to have these discussions regarding the Booster Club and the Parks & Recreation Department during the Recreation Commission meetings.

Recreation Department Report

Mr. Hackett asked Mr. Clinton what the status of the Old Colonial Elementary School was; Mr. Clinton responded that it had been 3-6 months since the Old Colonial has been discussed, however, there has been a facility assessment done along with budgetary cost and the submittal of proposals for facility usage.

Mr. Snyder wanted an update of the 50/50 incentive fund recipients.

Mr. Campbell stated that Lord Botetourt had received their replacement netting for baseball.

Mr. Agee made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Mays seconded. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be July 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm.