

BOTETOURT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Parks and Recreation Commission was held on November 6, 2023 in Room 212 at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia.

Members Present: Mr. Dean Hackett (Chairman)
Mr. John Mays
Mrs. Brittany Crigler
Mr. Danny Agee
Mr. Steven Anderson
Mr. Matthew East

Members Absent: Dr. Donald Scothorn

Others Present: Mandy Adkins, Director of Parks and Recreation
Chris Mundy, Recreation Program Coordinator
Nikki Bryant, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hackett called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Commission Members and the Parks & Recreation department introduced themselves to the public in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Crigler motioned to approve the agenda; Mr. Mays seconded; the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Agee motioned to approve the October 2, 2023 minutes; Mr. Mays seconded the motion; motion carried; October minutes were approved.

Public Comment Period

Mr. Hackett noted there were no public comments.

2023-2024 Recreation Incentive Fund Presentations

- Breckinridge Elementary School
 - Wyatt Turner (principal) provided an update on the Breckinridge Elementary pavilion project from Recreation Incentive Fund 2022-2023. \$19,228 was approved by PTA and families for the project. William James Connor is the new contractor and the goal is to get it built in November/early 2024 depending on the weather.
 - The 2023-2024 Recreation Incentive Fund project proposal is to reseal and reline the basketball court as it has grass growing up through the cracks. The goal is to create a landscape for families to utilize and for Breckinridge to serve as a community center for families and citizens. To reseal and reline the basketball court, Lucas Paving quoted \$2400 and they're requesting \$1200 from the Recreation Incentive Fund.

- Cloverdale Elementary School
 - Kelly Rooney (principal) and Lauren Walker (PTA president) presented the Recreation Incentive Fund proposal for Cloverdale Elementary. Their goal is to work on exterior campus improvements as well as revamping the basketball court. They recently held their Cougar Crawl (fundraiser) and raised \$18,000. The basketball court needs resealing and is currently an eyesore and unsafe. Cloverdale Elementary track, playground, and basketball courts are also frequently used by community members. Full resurfacing, new hoops, and painting the court has been quoted at \$17,731 and they're requesting \$8,865.50 from the Recreation Incentive Fund.

- Eagle Rock Elementary School
 - Kara Halsey (principal) prerecorded the project proposal for Eagle Rock Elementary. Their project goal is to reseal and revamp the outdoor track and blacktop. The current state of this part of campus has safety hazards and is an eyesore. They would also update the basketball goals as well as paint basketball court and hopscotch lines. These updates will benefit the school, students, and the community.

- Troutville Elementary School
 - Maygan Nuckles (PTA president) prerecorded the project proposal for Troutville Elementary. Their project goal is to renew and repair the playground as it currently is a safety hazard. The project is quoted at \$13,500 and they requested \$10,000 from the Recreation Incentive Fund for renovations.
 - Mr. Hackett asked about the second quote provided and Mr. Anderson clarified they got two quotes because one was so high.

- Community House/Historic Wilson Warehouse
 - Juanitia and Steve Grigg (citizens of Buchanan, Buchanan Town Improvement Society Members) presented their Recreation Incentive Fund proposal. Mrs. Grigg stated that Community House is a 501 C3 organization and was given to the Town Improvement Society in the early 1900s. The historic home is also on the National Register, local event/meeting venue.
 - Community House is currently used for local events and meetings. Their goal is to expand its use to benefit more members of the community (wedding venue, family reunions). The Community House backs up to the town park and they have a close relationship with event programmers. It's a premier place for meeting and events in town and county. It also brings more people into the northern end of the county with river and Appalachian Trail access. They originally quoted this phase of updates at \$20,000, but it's now at \$30,000 with a Recreation Incentive Fund request for \$10,000.
 - Mr. Agee asked if people can rent Community House and Mrs. Grigg stated yes and that they could provide a tour. Mr. Hackett asked who Community House is available to and Mrs. Grigg stated it can be rented for any type of event. It was recently recertified by the Fire Department for occupancy numbers. It's usable and beautiful, but needs grounds work. Mr. Mays stated the Water Trail Meeting and the 2-day Economic workshop were held there this year. Mrs. Grigg added the County Fair displayed fruits and vegetables at Community House and that Mountain Magic programmers used the space for artists. Their open to new ideas on how to use the space and want to keep it active. Mr. Hackett asked about the \$20,000 and \$30,000 project totals and stated Mrs. Adkins would need the direct

quote. He asked Mrs. Grigg to prioritize items with specific costs because tracking approved projects is part of the process.

James River High School and Colonial Elementary also submitted Recreation Incentive Fund applications but were unable to present.

Department Report:

2023-2024 Basketball Season

Registration Update

Mr. Mundy stated basketball registration is now closed. For the winter season there are 598 participants which is a 5% increase from last year's basketball season. The coaches meeting is Wednesday, November 8th and practices start next Monday, November 13th.

Basketball Bylaws

Mr. Mundy presented the following proposed changes to basketball rules for the 2023-2024 season:

- **PeeWee Boys/Girls Rim Height**
 - 10 foot rim height for the 9 & 10 age division

- **IV. Game Play- F**
 - A mercy rule will take effect when a team reaches a 30 or more-point lead at the start or anytime during the fourth quarter.
 1. A running clock for duration of quarter, stopping only for an official or coaches time out.
 2. The scoreboard will remain on, but the score will no longer be updated. The score of the game at the time the mercy rule is applied is the final score of the game which will be recorded in the standings.
 3. The scorekeepers will continue to keep a full and accurate scoring of the game in the official book despite the application of the mercy rule.

- **IV. Game Play- I**
 - Pressing Rules for Instructional League
 3. Defenders are prohibited from stealing the ball when possessed by a dribbler.
 - a. This prohibition applies only when an offensive player has control of the ball as determined by the referee

- **IV. Game Play- J**
 - Pressing Rules for Mini League
 3. Defenders are prohibited from stealing the ball when possessed by a dribbler.
 - a. This prohibition applies only when an offensive player has control of the ball as determined by the referee

- **V. Postseason Tournament- B**
 - Tournament Eligibility
 2. Players must appear on their team's regular season roster and have attended 50% of regular season games to be eligible for the tournament.
 - a. Exceptions will be made for injuries which restrict a player's participation in regular season games. Injuries must be documented and reported to the Parks & Recreation Department to ensure they are not counted against a player for tournament eligibility.

A discussion about the bylaw edits ensued:

Mrs. Adkins stated the 10 foot rim change will be beneficial because as participation numbers continue to grow, we need access to more facilities to accommodate practice and game schedules. It's also challenging to have enough staff run an 11-hour Saturday with a limited number of facilities. Using 10 foot rims provides access to the middle and high schools.

Mrs. Crigler and Mr. Hackett expressed concern around the the Mini League (7 & 8 year-olds) pressing rule. They noted that age division needing to learn to steal as that's an important aspect of teaching defensive skills.

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Agee, and Mrs. Crigler noted the difficulty of keeping up with participant attendance and not wanting to penalize children/families who try to make it to the majority of practices and games. It was also noted that knowing about absences ahead of time is helpful.

Mr. Mundy noted 1-1 foul shots have been eliminated in NFHS rules- 5th foul of each quarter is two back-to-back shots. Mr. Hackett stated it makes sense to line up with NFHS, but wondered if we should delay the change in recreation to see if the new rule sticks in NFHS.

Mr. Hackett asked for a motion to approve the basketball bylaws as follows: approve edits to the bylaws above, except **IV. Game Play- J, 3** (this rule should remain the same from the 2022-2023 winter season):

- Pressing Rules for Mini League
 1. No full or half court pressing at any time.
 2. Line of defense is behind the three-point line. Once ball is crossed into three-point area, the defense may then play the entire half court.
 3. Technical foul after one warning.

Mr. Agee mentioned to approve the rules as written without changing J, 3; Mrs. Crigler seconded the motion; motion carried to approve bylaw changes.

Locality Reports

Mr. Hackett asked about locality reports; nothing specific to report.

Adjournment

Mr. Mays motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Agee seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.