

Town of Maggie Valley
Regularly Scheduled Parks, Recreation, Festival Advisory Committee
November 9, 2009

3:30 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Brown, Carol Burrell, Tammy Wight, and Sonja Michels
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Chief Scott Sutton, Planning Director Nathan Clark and Town Clerk Vickie Best
Others Present: Six people were present

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom.

2. Approval or Correction of Minutes: October 12, 2009

MS. BURRELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

**MS. MICHELS SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Presentation by Scotty Ward requesting to Use the Pavilion for Square Dance Practice: Scotty Ward

Due to the decline in Western North Carolina traditional clogging teams, Mr. Ward has taken on a peewee clogging team. The ages range from kindergarten to 5th grade. Ten girls and eight boys have signed up for the team. Practice will be once per week for two hour sessions. The Waynesville Amory charged \$15 a month to help cover heat.

Mr. Ward stated that the team would participate in any of the events at the Festival Grounds when asked. The kids do not pay to be on the dance team. Mr. Ward teaches for free.

The Board commended Mr. Ward on his efforts to continue this traditional mountain dance.

MS. WIGHT MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE TOWN COUNCIL ALLOW MR. WARD TO PRACTICE WITH HIS CLOGGING TEAM ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO HOURS IN THE PAVILION. THE PRFAC RECOMMENDS A CHARGE OF \$15 PER MONTH TO HELP WITH THE COST OF HEAT. THE PRFAC FELT THAT THE TRADITIONAL MOUNTAIN CLOGGING NEEDED TO BE PRESERVED AND MR. WARD HAS STATED THAT HE WOULD BRING HIS TEAM TO ANY EVENTS AT THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS.

**MR. MICHELS SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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4. **Approval of the Carolina Harley Davidson Dealers Association “Fall Maggie Valley Rally”**

MS. WIGHT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FALL MAGGIE VALLEY RALLY.

**MS. MICHELS SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Building a Pavilion at the Festival Grounds: Saralyn Price**

Alderman Price is interested in building a pavilion at the festival grounds. This would provide an area for events during inclement weather as well as a tremendous asset to the grounds for future events.

The Haywood County TDA allocated money to pay for lighting the festival grounds through the 1% Tourist Related fund. The HCTDA allocated \$20,000 per years until the lighting project is paid in full. The lighting project will be paid in five years. This would leave enough funds to construct a pavilion/ covered area.

There were some concerns about tying up the funds especially during these economic times.

Manager Barth reported that if approved, the town could move forward with the project and request reimbursement the year after the lighting is paid.

The members felt it would be wise to have HCTDA Director Lynn Collins come before the board.

6. **Providing a Discount for first time Events or Events that fill the Valley**

This issue was delayed for discussion until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

7. **Other Business**

Mr. Douglas Knight with the Pigeon Gorge Long Hunters addressed the board telling them what the organization was about. They would like to use the Festival Grounds April 1, 2, 3, of 2010 for a re-enactment.

The goal of the organization is to educate people that have forgotten our American history. The members stage old style tents, while cooking over an open fire. The traders will be trading goods. There will be no guns fired. Mr. Knight would like to see this become an annual event. Many people involved in rendezvous want a spring event.

Ms. Michels' emphasized that no over-night camping is allowed and was unsure if Council would allow open fires on the grounds.

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Chairman Brown asked if the organization would be interested in working with another organization during the Heritage Festival. Mr. Knight stated that his members would be delighted to work with other organizations.

The members were in agreement that they would like more time to read the material. The matter will be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

8. Meeting Adjourned

**ON MOTION OF MS. WIGHT, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BROWN, WITH
ALL IN FAVOR, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:35 P.M.**

Chairman Tammy Brown

Vickie Best, CMC, Town Clerk