

**TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PARKS, RECREATION, FESTIVAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 8, 2008
3:30 P.M.**

Minutes

Members Present: Vice-Chairman Tammy Wight, Dan Massey, Rick Mahoney, Sonja Michels, and Carol Burrell
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Planning Director Nathan Clark, Chief Scott Sutton, and Town Clerk Vickie Best
Others Present: Chamber Director Lynn Collins

1. Meeting Called to Order

Vice-Chairman Wight called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. in the Town Hall Boardroom.

2. Approval or Correction of Minutes: November 10, 2008

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

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

3. Update on Parham Park Project: Nathan Clark

The Town of Maggie Valley purchased Parham Park in the spring of 2007. Due to access to Jonathan Creek, Parham Park has become the most used park within Maggie Valley's recreational system.

The Town sought and was declined grant funding from NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) in 2007/08. Maggie Valley will apply for funding in the 2009/10 grant cycle.

Director Clark reviewed the location plan with the committee members. Parham Park will be designed for daytime use only. Hours of operation will be posted. There will be public restrooms, decks overlooking Jonathan Creek for fishing and recreation, and a rain garden demonstrating how to alleviate surface water problems.

Concerns were expressed over the restrooms facing the creek rather than Moody Farm Road where while on patrol the police can see into the structure after hours.

There would be no liability to the town after operational hours; it would be considered trespassing by law.

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A water fountain purchased by the Maggie Valley Dinner Club may possibly be used at Parham Park.

The 250 engraved bricks will be delivered January 21, 2009. It will later be determined where the engraved bricks will be installed with the most visibility.

**MS. BURRELL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR PARHAM PARK TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING FOR
IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

4. Review of the regulatory sign: Scott Sutton

As directed, Chief Sutton brought a sign for committee review. The mock-up sign appeared too busy for the committee members liking. The font will be changed and wording rearranged to look less busy. The sign will be located on a single post.

Chief Sutton will bring the revised signage to the next meeting.

5. Discussion on Festival Director's position

No formal interviews have been scheduled. The committee would like to be part of the interview process. It has been discussed that the position be part-time (20-30 hours per week) with starting pay beginning at \$15 per hour.

The committee discussed the benefit of having a position of this nature work on commission. This would be an incentive to make contacts and bring additional events to Maggie Valley. The person would need to work with the Chamber of Commerce on Town sponsored events and help develop a labor pool to work festivals. The person would need to have good communication skills to go out and attract promoters.

6. Other Business

The doggie boxes need bags.

As the Christmas Parade continues to grow, it is going to become necessary to have the restrooms at the Festival Grounds open for public use.

7. Meeting Adjourned

**ON MOTION OF MS. BURRELL, SECONDED BY MS. MICHELS, WITH ALL
IN FAVOR THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:08 P.M.**

Vice-Chairman Tammy Wight

Vickie Best, CMC, Town Clerk

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