

**TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PARKS, RECREATION, FESTIVAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2008
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chairman Tammy Brown, Tammy Wight, Carol Burrell, Larry Wilkins, Rick Mahoney, and Sonja Michels
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Chief Scott Sutton, Planning Director Nathan Clark and Clerk Vickie Best
Others Present: Lynn Collins, Roger McElroy, and Mark Scyphers

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm in the Flossy White room of Town Hall.

2. Approval or Correction of Minutes: January 14, 2008

**MS. BURRELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.
MS. MICHELS SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Approval or Denial of Maggie Valley Bike Fest: June 26 through June 29

Comments from Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey

Comments from Chief Scott Sutton

Mr. Mark Scyphers with Angel City Trading is requesting to have a motorcycle rally June 26 through the 29th. Mr. Scyphers would like to bring a rally to Maggie Valley because of the mountainous terrain is ideal for motorcycle enthusiasts. Angel City Trading Inc. sells motorcycle apparel. Mr. Scyphers went on to say all of his apparel is patented.

Entertainment will take place continuously throughout the day. There will be concerts, bike builders, and “jumpers that are so phenomenal that people will be drawn from the street”.

Due to June being a “Family” month in tourism, the committee questioned several aspects of the proposed event.

Mr. Scyphers assured the committee of the following:

- No one will be allowed to wear colors.
- many of the bikers will be camping as well as staying in motels/ hotels so accommodations within the Maggie Valley area should be adequate.
- No drugs
- No guns

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Chief Sutton felt a drink maximum should be imposed. One of the problems Mr. Scyphers may encounter will be obtaining an ABC permit because of being an out of state entity. All people selling beer need to have sufficient training. Noise levels need to be tested prior to the band beginning their concert. The speakers should be located on and near the stage in such a manner as to direct the music downward as opposed to outward. Chief Sutton agreed that another month, other than June, would be better due to the valley being busy because of school letting out for the summer. Traffic will be an issue due to the Haywood County Bicentennial Celebration taking place at the Stomp'n Grounds and the Civil War reenactment taking place at Town Hall. (The bicentennial committee agreed to move the reenactment from the festival grounds to the town hall property if need be.)

The business community has taken such a "hit" in tourism the last five or six years that the committee members were hesitant to turn down events that would bring visitors to the valley.

Manager Barth informed the committee members that Town Council was not excited about having more rallies in town. After a point, the residential population gets irritated with the noise; especially after the event closes and bikes continue to run up and down the road until early morning hours.

Another way to view the situation would be if this or any other rally were held in locations where the Town would not have as much control such as at the Wheels Through Time location or even Eagle Nest Entertainment.

Chief Sutton asked that the grounds be cleared by 11 pm.

MS. BURRELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION AND TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ALDERMEN APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL RALLY FOR 2008 AND THAT UPON REVIEW OF THE EVENT THERE WOULD BE THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE DATE FOR A 2009 RALLY.

MS. WIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Due to the need to move forward with planning, Council will conduct a special called meeting on February 13, 2008 at 5:30 pm for Mr. Scyphers to do a presentation.

Manual Fick

Mr. Fick presented his plan to open a business for kids with a large trampoline, climbing rock and a moonwalk. The proposed location is the corner of Campbell Creek and Soco Road (Where the statue of the elk stands).

The North Carolina Department of Insurance will oversee the safety aspects of the project and to make sure the amusements are properly insured. There will be a required four-foot fence around the Climbing Rock.

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Last year Mr. Fick had hopes of opening a canopy tour. These types of amusements are normally conducted in South America where people can swing through the tree canopy by means of a wire or rope and study the wildlife. With enough financial backing, Mr. Fick would still like to create the canopy tour in the right vicinity of woods within the Maggie Valley area.

Mr. Fick will be willing to come to the festival grounds during events with his amusements at the promoters' request. Mr. Fick's goal is to build a dome over the amusements so that wintertime operation would be possible.

4. Discussion on the Brick Fund Raiser for the Festival Grounds

Mr. Clark explained how the commemorative bricks would be located at the festival grounds between the ticket booth and the front entrance gate. The bricks will be displayed in a prominent place for all visitors to see.

The committee would like to see Maggie Valley's logo included in the formation of bricks. The committee also suggested running an article in the Mountaineer letting people know that the bricks are still for sale.

Mayor McElroy spoke from the floor emphasizing the desperate need of places for people to sit down to eat. The members agreed whole-heartily.

Mr. Clark was directed to put the brick sale to the front of his agenda, so that the bricks will be in place by the beginning of the tourist season. The ticket booth will be completed no later than June 1, 2008.

5. Presentation from Director Clark regarding the PARTF Grant for Parham Park

Mr. Clark provided drawings showing the revised entrance/ exit, the two fishing piers, and the proposed location of the restrooms. The restrooms will measure close to 1300 square feet. Chairman Brown suggested facing the restrooms toward the street so that the police will have better visibility when patrolling the grounds. If awarded, the grant funding requires a 50-50 match. The estimated cost is slightly over \$243,000.

The two fishing piers are ideal now that the local motels can sale two-day fishing licenses. A plan will be developed to advertise the park through the motels/hotels in the area.

6. Other Business

Make-a-Wish Foundation would like relief on rental fees for a one-day fundraiser on October 11, 2008.

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A presentation will be scheduled for the next PRFAC meeting.

7. Meeting Adjourned.
THE MEETING ADJOURNED ON MOTION OF MS. BURRELL, SECONDED BY
MS. WIGHT, WITH ALL IN FAVOR AT 5:03 PM.

Chairman Tammy Brown

Vickie Best, CMC, Town Clerk