

MINUTES
WAYNESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY COMMISSION
MARCH 13, 2001

Chairman Kenny Mull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were; Kenny Mull, Dot Evans, Lee Starnes, Don Frady, Kitty Eaker, Ed Moore, Wallace Messer, and Michael Smith. Special guests; Elaine Khul and Jane Harrellson.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Elaine and Jane are from the Volunteer Center and were here to propose a new playground at Recreation Park on Marshall Street. The playground would be modeled after the playground in Sylva, which is handicap accessible and is for all age groups. The volunteers would be in charge of overseeing the project from community input, design, and construction, to assisting in maintenance. The town would provide the site at the current playground location and help with installation and maintenance. Construction is to begin in the fall of 2001. Lee made motion to recommend the plan to the Governing Board. Kitty second. All were in favor.
- The center is doing well as far as memberships go, with 3,012 members and 1,565 membership units. We continue to work on some dectron problems with air circulation, we need dampers in the ducts. The heat and humidity is also being worked on. Within the next week these are to be addressed. Thanks to Reese, Noland, McElrath engineers for their help in identifying these problems and scheduling the corrections.
- Basketball has ended and the gym really worked well in this first year. This is the first year that our Athletics Division has been able to schedule games and practices without having to disrupt other ongoing programs. Futsal (in door soccer) has begun. We have 13 teams and play is on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Also, we are requiring all parents to attend a PAYS, Parents Association for Youth Sports, workshop on how to be a model youth sport parent by displaying good ethics and encouraging safety first. State wide, we are the first department to use this video aided program. Athletic Supervisor, Donald Hummel, is always looking to improve program quality for our youth.
- T-ball and Coach pitch baseball will begin in April.
- Kitty has asked about having a summer youth volleyball league to focus on skills. This will

be passed on to Donald.

- Aerobics and Yoga are beginning to pick up, with 48 people in the last two classes. Tim is working on doubling these within the next month. He has also added six more pieces of cardio vascular equipment and two televisions on the gym side of the mezzanine.
- Swim programs are going well despite the water temperature fluctuations. Learn to swim classes will be ending the first week in April. Kitty has requested an evening adult learn to swim class for working folks. Scuba classes have also been requested. This will be passed on to Bob.
- Several of our aides are doing excellent jobs with public relations in terms of assisting users with equipment and monitoring the building for abusers. Mentioned were; John McGuire and Lewis Langston. Others are doing excellent jobs also, but these have taken a personal interest and it shows. The entire staff is committed to providing the best experience possible for our users.
- Wallace announced that the Lions Club will no longer use the horse ring for their shows. They will move to the fair grounds for this years show. Wallace wants the town to know how much the Lions Club appreciates the use of the ring and that the location will be missed by them as the show has been there for some 23 years. Bleachers and speakers will be moved to the fair grounds.
- We are working on expanding our parking lot to accommodate 50 spaces. Plans are to pave the area below the current lot in April when we re-pave the track. We also want to pave a trail from the parking lot to the track at this time.

There being no further business Wallace moved we adjourn and Don second at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Smith