

Natural Bridge High School Gym Steering Committee
March 5, 2009 Meeting

Present: Ricky Siler- Committee Chairman, Shawn Galloway- Committee Co-Chairman,
Boyd Walker, Linda Walker, Anne Russek, Robbie Faulkner,
Toby Stalnaker, Gary Shafer, Rebecca Chittum
Guests Present: Joan Manley (Rockbridge Disability Services Board)
Hunt Riegel (County Supervisor)

Meeting was called to order by Shawn Galloway at 7:00 pm

Committee reviewed minutes from February 19, 2009 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

1. Tom Higgins, County Engineer, is seeking bids for the work that needs to be done on the gym, including the heating system and water. He has issued the rfps and those will appear in the local paper. Tom has signed out 4 of the gym keys for the rfp bidders. The committee discussed the work that needs to be done and all agreed the water/pipes must be fixed before the heat can be fixed.
2. Heat- The committee discussed the heating system and it was agreed that the committee wants this system to be operational, rather than investing in a new heating system at this time.
3. Keys- 8 keys have been signed out and an additional four have been signed out by Tom Higgins.
4. Roof- Seaman has patched several places on the roof. During the next rain, he will check the roof again to see if there are any more leaks to be patched.
5. Funding- Hunt Riegel discussed options for start up funding for the gym during this past Supervisors Meeting. The Supervisors opted to approve funding as the committee requests and bids for each project are submitted.
6. The committee discussed the support of the Natural Bridge Gym by the Rockbridge County Supervisors. The committee was given 2 years per our agreement (as of the date the gym has been repaired and cleaned; and can be utilized by the public), however some committee members have heard reports of uncertainty on behalf of some Supervisors. Hunt Riegel explained the agreement is still in effect.

New Business:

1. The Natural Bridge Gym will fall under the Rockbridge County Parks and Recreation Department for now. Wayne Nicely will be invited to the meetings.
2. Toby Stalnaker requested permission to use the gym for his youth baseball team, when weather prohibits outdoor practices. Request was approved with the understanding that all doors to the rest of the building will be locked and with the understanding that there currently isn't any heat or water. Hunt Riegel will check with the county for final approval.

3. Glasgow Rescue Squad requested permission to use the gym for a training event on April 26. This request was also approved with the same understanding as above.
4. Discussion with Rockbridge Disability Services Board regarding the accessibility of the building. The committee would like to make all entrances/exits accessible as well as bathrooms and showers. The Rockbridge Disability Services Board is considering a donation to the Natural Bridge Gym.
5. The committee discussed and approved posting meeting minutes on the Rockbridge County Website.

Committees

1. Grants Committee- Anne Russek is working on several grants. She requested each member make a list of items needed for the gym so these grants can be written. She is working on a Washington & Lee University grant along with a USDA Rural Communities Grant.
2. Fundraising Committee- Ricky Siler presented a fundraising letter which can be given to local businesses, community organizations, etc. The committee discussed several options for recognition of donors.. The Fundraising Committee will discuss the options and will present their ideas.
3. Volunteer/Tasks Committee- Will work with Tom Higgins, County Engineer, to communicate to the committee regarding the bids for the heating and water along with communicate time frames, etc.
4. Schedule/Uses Committee- Wasn't able to meet due to the snow on Monday.

Meeting was adjourned by Ricky Siler at 8:30 pm. Next meeting set for March 19, 2009.