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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INVITE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE FUTURE OF RECREATION, PARKS AND USE OF OPEN SPACE THROUGHOUT BEAVER COUNTY

The Beaver County Commissioners, in conjunction with the County's Department of Recreation and Tourism, are inviting local citizens to offer input and share their ideas for future improvements in recreation and the use of our County Parks and open space.

"Our County parks are a natural resource that many citizens already utilize. Those who value our parks are in the best position to offer suggestions on improvements that will enhance recreational experiences in the future," commented Tony Amadio, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Residents of Beaver County are welcome to participate in one or more of four public input sessions which will be held throughout August. Evening sessions will be held in Ambridge, Beaver, Beaver Falls and Monaca.

"Local residents often ask me how County government plans to use open space or about safe routes on which to walk or bike. Suggestions on all of these issues and more will be welcome at the public meetings in August" observed County Commissioner Joe Spanik. The four community-based meetings are part of the County's comprehensive recreation, parks and open

space planning process. The planning will be led by a County-appointed Steering Committee. Residents will help identify priority recreation issues which will serve as a foundation for a long-term plan to achieve the goals they have identified.

“I encourage all our residents to attend our public meetings and offer ideas, concerns and suggestions on recreation and better use of our parks and open spaces. As County government moves forward to implement new ideas, we must do so in a responsible fashion with citizen input so we continue to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars” commented Commissioner Dennis Nichols.

For additional input, a digital questionnaire is available at www.beavercountypa.gov by clicking the Recreation Survey link on the homepage. Additionally, the project’s blog can receive input and keep citizens up to date at <http://beavercountyrecreation.blogspot.com> .

The public meeting schedule is:

August 5, Old Economy Village, 270 Sixteenth Street, Ambridge
(Education Classroom of Visitors Center)

August 6. Beaver County Courthouse, 810 Third Street, Beaver
(Commissioners Conference Room, First Floor)

August 12, Geneva College, 3200 College Avenue, Beaver Falls
(Alexander Dining Hall, Benedum Room)

August 13, Community College-Beaver College, 1 Campus Drive, Monaca
(Room 9103)

All public meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and last approximately 90 minutes.

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