

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2023

In Attendance: Jay Lochner (Commission Chair), Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commission Liaison), David Toohey, Mark Pecor, Anna Newman, Kevin Conley and Kitty Baker. Also present were Ashley Bailey (Communications Specialist) and Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jay. The October meeting minutes were motioned to be approved by Anna, seconded by Mark. All in favor.

COMMUNITY PARK PARKING LOT

The project has been completed and has increased the parking lot spaces (close to the tennis courts) available for this well-used park.

HERITAGE MANOR HOUSE MEDIUM

The library held this program with @ 30 people in attendance. The Historical Society added some history. It was said that “spirits” (which are different than ghosts) were recognized. There is perhaps another follow up event being planned.

PLAYGROUND AT HERITAGE IDEAS

The commission was asked to think of what they would like included in the new playground. Anna mentioned the search and find symbols. Works for all levels. Also, recommended a table built in for imaginary play.

Kelly stated a rock climbing wall would be nice. He said “no” to the swivel logs to step on. They require a lot of maintenance.

Mary Ann said that the Merry Go Round/spinning piece of equipment at Creamery Park gets a lot of use.

TREE LIGHTING AT CREAMERY PARK – DECEMBER 6 AT 7:00

Anna stated that she has had a good response from the usual participants - - WHS band and chorus and possibly the WMS chorus. Other performers will be the

Methodist Church (Nancy Mullins), the Glade Valley Church, the bells from Glade Church (Bill Powell) and the Latter Day Saints Church.

Anna will put together the schedule and the program will be printed out two weeks prior. Extra copies will be handed out to the leader of each group.

Bob Sussman will do the Hanukkah presentation.

The Historical Society will give a talk. Possibly will include Bonnie, Leah and Mariana.

The food will be as usual. Safeway cookies will be ordered (and bagged) by Kitty and Anna. Candy canes will be bought for Santa to hand out on the fire truck.

Glamourview Creamery will have their food truck there. Hot chocolate coupons will be printed and handed out (first come, first serve) at the cookie table.

GVAA – MICHELLE FYOCK, GVAA PRESIDENT

Fall sports are ending and football playoffs are still scheduled. This includes many ages - Ponies, JV and Varsity.

If GVAA progresses to the Super bowl on November 18th and 19th, gate lock up times will need to be adjusted. Kelly is aware and Michelle will contact him, if need be.

GVAA meetings at the Whitmore/Zimmerman building for the months of Nov-Feb need to have the parking attendant aware of the later times. Kelly said the cattle gates can be adjusted.

There is a waiting list for basketball due to lack of coaches. Also, there are problems with not enough practice/game courts.

There was a little problem with the calendar as far as double booking. The process needs to be further emphasized – all date(s) to Ashley to get entered on the event calendar.

KELLY'S REPORT

Creamery Park will be winterized on Dec 7th, after tree lighting.

The garden plots have been tilled. All renters cleaned off their garden.

The Heritage Park Manor House weedy area was fixed.

The volleyball net was taken down at Community Park and the trash cans were put away.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Mary Ann – Received a “thank you note” from District 5 Federal Garden Club for the commission’s help and staff participation in the recent tree planting at Trout Park.

Patrick Keyser (Glade Road) sent a follow up letter stating he is working with the State with the Tree Planting Program. Equipment can be parked at Heritage.

David – He is interested in “Astronomy in the Park” (at Heritage by the soccer fields). Wants to partner with the library and he has been in contact with them.

Mark - Visited Community Park to look at the new parking lot. Pleased.

Kitty - The Woodsboro Skate Park is now open with a cost of \$150K.

Our Parks meeting was advertised in the FNP, page 2.

Stated her term with Parks expires in February 2024. She is not seeking reappointment. Appreciates the 7 years (began on 1/06/16) on the board, the knowledge gained and friendships that were made.

Kevin – Shannon Baum is still working on the foot golf sign. Would like soccer to have an additional lighting apparatus for possibly a two-week period this month.

Mary Ann will e-mail the commissioners for their input. Kevin is still pursuing the idea of repurposing of the previously mentioned sign (painting) for soccer. “GVAA Soccer”. Kelly suggested the color Farm House Red (currently maroon).

THE 9TH ANNUAL FAST & FURRIEST 5K/1M FUN RUN

Cheryl Grese requested the use of Heritage Farm Park on April 28, 2024 from 5:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This event provides rescue animal funding and is their 2nd biggest fundraiser. Last year 220 people participated (including virtual). Has the paperwork (including insurance) but the check will be delivered tomorrow. A motion to accept this request was made by Kevin and seconded by Anna. All in favor.

RON LAYMAN, HERITAGE PARK MANOR HOUSE

The Marine Corp League will be having Santa Claus in the house (3rd year) on November 26th and December 3 from 1:00 – 5:00. Canned goods are requested and a donation jar will be at the entrance.

Ron requests that the fire ring be moved back from the porch. This would be a good Eagle Project to relocate possibly in the big area/yard in back of the house. This was originally an Eagle Project by David's son. Ron will get with Kelly to review.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Kevin made the motion and seconded by David. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Baker