

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY  
Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

This was held at Creamery Park beginning at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Jay Lochner (Commission Chair), Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, Mark Pecor, David Toohey and Kitty Baker. Kevin Connelly was unable to attend.

It is estimated there were at least 300 persons in attendance. Burgess Chad Weddle offered the Welcoming Remarks.

At 7:00, the cookies were available and the free hot chocolate coupons were given out (200 in total). Glamourview Creamery Truck provided the hot chocolate. The cookies (666 in total, 37 18-count bags) were purchased from Safeway (ordered 2 weeks in advance) and bagged two to a bag for safety purposes. The kinds purchased were chocolate chip, M & M, sugar, oatmeal raisin and brownie cookies. Candy canes were also bought for Santa to hand out.

Participating choirs were from Walkersville United Methodist Church (Nancy Mullins), The Glade Tower Hand Bell Choir (Dr. Bill Powell), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and

the Walkersville High School and Middle School Choirs. The Brethren Sisters were on the program but cancelled due to illness. Bob Sussman gave the Lighting of the Menorah presentation and the Walkersville High School Band played. The Walkersville Historical Society (Ed Sell) gave a *History of the Holidays in Walkersville* presentation.

The countdown to the tree lighting followed. Sirens were heard in the distance and Santa and the Grinch then arrived on the Quint Co. #11 fire truck. Lots of fire apparatus were involved.

The general consensus was that all went quite well. Thanks so much to Kelly Woods and his staff for the setup of this festive town event! It was a SUCCESS!!

The next regular Parks Commission meeting will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST IN 2024 TO ALL!

Sincerely,

Kitty Baker