

## WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2023

In Attendance: Jay Lochner (Commission Chair), Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), David Toohey, Patricia Rowley (last meeting), 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 April meeting minutes were motioned to be approved by Anna, seconded by Kevin and approved by all.

### REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL TREE LOCATION

Melanie Carter, 137 Polaris Drive wishes to plant a memorial tree for her husband. The form has been finalized and she wants an October Glory Maple planted in the vicinity of a corner of the golf course. Discussion ensued about the plaque. She will work with Chad Barrick on the particulars. The earliest this can be planted is September 2023. A motion to approve by Patricia seconded by David and approved by all.

### PARKS USAGE REQUESTS

Rachel Shipley, Walkersville Southern Railroad wishes to use the Community Park for the fireworks train on Friday, July 7, 2023 with a rain date of Saturday, July 8, 2023.

This was a sold out success last year. There were no issues (confirmed by Kelly).

Mary Ann suggested that she come to the May 10, 2023 town meeting to discuss this since it would occur after hours in the park.

Patricia made a motion to approve, seconded by Anna and all in favor.

### FOOT GOLF UPDATE

Chris Qualls was present for his son, Cole who was away. He wants to do the Foot Golf installation for his Eagle Scout Project. This would involve the installation of the holes and the coordination the signage (Shannon Baum). Paperwork for the project needs submitted; Cole is from Troop 1011 in Woodsboro. Ron Layman gave input.

Kevin presented an update that there was granted approved for nine holes by the Burgess and Commissioners. A preliminary plan for layout was presented. Approval for funding was granted along with the desired parcel of land (northwest end of existing golf course) was presented. A cost/invoice will be sent to Sean.

Mary Ann suggested the signs to match the disc golf signage. Advice from Kelly and Ryan for their input on placement of the holes is suggested. All commission will be invited for input. Kevin will be in touch with Burgess and Commissions and Sean to give an update where the project stands at this point.

## PROJECT OPEN SPACE GRANT

The dog park has been postponed for now. More information is needed.

On May, 5, 2023, a request for monies to fund a replacement playground for Heritage Farm Park with pour in place surface will be submitted. Sean will estimate the cost with no specific spec design; just in general terms.

David asked about the land acquisition on Biggs Ford Road. Mary Ann said appraisals are still needed and Sean is writing the grant. (This is in regards to the \$295,000 parcel of land to the right of the Walkersville bowling alley).

An update was given on Creamery Park by Kelly. On May 5, 2023, the basketball poles will be installed. Still need more pour in place surface added. Completion will be completed when warmer weather arrives.

## DOG PARK PUBLIC INPUT

Pat Keyser who has lived on Glade Road since November 2021, requests there be no key card entry for the dog park. Pat is not a Walkersville resident and he does not want excluded for use. He stated a key card and associated issues with it makes the process complicated and "please take my thoughts into consideration."

## SKATE PARK

Mary Ann met with Thomas Humphrey who lives in Glade Village. She requested his input (flat service, grinders used and ¼ pipes. No particulars on where to put it by Thomas. This will be considered in the further and conversations will be held.

## GVAA

Michelle Fyock stated that spring sports are mid-way through the season. Football and cheer registration are open for fall. These are opened early to assist with funding, if necessary.

Football is planning a summer camp through GVAA. Details will be forthcoming.

Walkersville Elementary and Glade Elementary Schools are planning spring events. There will be a GVAA table at each location to represent and answer any questions.

The GVAA website is being updated and addresses cleaned up. This should be live June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## KELLY WOODS REPORT

More trees were planted at Community Park (some by Walkersville employees).

The path at Walkersville Park is estimated to be ½ way through completion. It has been too wet to fully complete at this time.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Ron Layman, 24 W. Frederick Street. He has in mind that the replacement/repair of old, warped benches at Community Park can become an Eagle Project. The commission discussed and it was preferred that these be stationary with backs.

#### COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Patricia stated "it has been a lovely two years on commission. Learned a lot." (She was presented with a bouquet of flowers). Kitty mentioned Aria ceremony this Saturday, May 6 at 10:30 at Heritage. A flyover will be held at 10:49.

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Patricia, seconded by Kevin and approved by all.

Sincerely,

Kitty Baker