

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2023

In Attendance: Jay Lochner (Commission Chair), David Toohey, Mark Pecor, Anna Newman and Kitty Baker. Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis and Kevin Conley were absent. 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 June meeting minutes were motioned to be approved by David and seconded by Anna. All in favor.

PARKS USAGE REQUESTS

Paige-Maree Woods, from Girl Scout troop 81369, presented a Silver Project. This will be a family fun box with books and games to be community shared. It will be built and installed at Community Park by Pavilion 1. It will cost @ \$300 and Paige will use her cookie money funds and some other fundraising to provide all costs. Her uncle will help her construct the box (a detailed drawing was presented). The box is projected to be completed the middle of August. This was motioned to be approved by Kitty and seconded by Mark. All in favor.

CREAMERY PARK REOPENING

Kitty and David gave a summary of this well-attended event (@ 125 persons). It was held July 25, 2023 and included Glamourview Creamery Dairy Bar, library kid's activities and programs.

Ed Sell from the Walkersville Historical Society gave a brief history of the park. It is on a 4 acre parcel that was owned by the Cromwells, Atlees and George Oyster. It then became the Glade Valley Creamery. In 1963, it was bought by the Chipley family and two acres was designated for the park. In 1976, Kiwanis took over the park and installed a baseball field and a playground. In 1978, a picnic pavilion was installed. The ballfield was moved to Heritage Park in 1996. In 2006, bathrooms were installed.

Ashley Bailey orchestrated the dedication of the Matthew E. Coleman Memorial Basketball Court. Matthew passed away in 2000 from a tragic bungee

accident in Europe. The family desired to move funds from Community Foundation to be used in Walkersville and Mary Ann was contacted. The idea was presented to the Parks Commission and then the Commissioners. Sean Williams applied for a grant through Frederick County Parks and Rec/State of Maryland. The grant was received and a designed was developed. Joe Birch managed the project.

The Coleman family got their picture taken by the signage at the court. Walkersville Frisbees were also given out to those in attendance.

TREE PLANTING/TROUT PARK

This will be held on Saturday, September 30th at 9:00. Troop 1011 will help plant the trees that are in 15 gallon buckets. The trees will be delivered earlier in the week. Kelly is aware an auger is needed to dig the holes (to be completed the day before, on Friday).

HERITAGE FARM PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Sean had previously e-mailed the commission with three different options. After discussion, it was decided that Option 1 would be most appropriate. This will include replacing the play equipment and the climbing wall. Pour in place will be the ground surface for this new equipment. Sunshades will be added at a later date when this project is completed. The existing swings will stay the same (for now). Anna made a motion to approve, seconded by David. All in favor.

GVAA COMMENTS

Laura Lebo (GVAA Treasurer) presented for Michelle. Fall sports are closing their registration. Football weeded and repainted the GVAA letters. There were some programs over the summer that were partnered with the high school.

Jay mentioned that football scrimmages (ag. Catocin) will be held Tuesday, August 15th and 22nd.

Kelly questioned t-ball start up time due to port-a-pot usage.

KELLY COMMENTS

There were two issues with the Allen Hayes Mid-Maryland Baseball Camp that was held a week ago. A town employee was power washing the pavilion (to get ready for the town employee picnic) and he was yelled at and an infield was requested to be mowed. It should be noted that no pavilion was reserved by this group, but it was used by them.

The path at Community Park has been stoned and possible paving tomorrow (8/3).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Layman mentioned the Manor House is coming along nicely. He was glad persons following the town picnic came to have a tour. The paint jobs and flooring looks wonderful!

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

David – Mentioned the Veteran’s picnic to be held August 26th

Kitty – Quoted the Woodsboro-Walkersville News Journal August 2023 article about how a skate park is going to be installed at the Woodsboro Park between the tennis courts and the concession stand. A POS grant of \$137,000 was received for this 80’ X 100’ skate park. Projected completion is this fall.

Anna – The digger at Community Park has a hole in it. Kelly will check this out.

A welcome was given to Mark Pecor being new on this commission. On September 6th there will be a group picture taken - - come @6:40. Home school soccer will be discussed at this meeting also.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.
Motioned by Mark and seconded by Anna. All in favor.

Sincerely,

Kitty Baker