

Walkersville Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2024

Walkersville Town Hall

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jay.
2. Approval of January minutes: Kevin made a motion to approve, Mark seconded the motion, all approved.
3. Community Park Tot Area
 - a. Mary Ann marked some items to consider for the tot area. We passed around the Playground Specialists catalog to look at these selections and all agreed they were good suggestions.
 - b. POS money will be less this year; we will likely not receive all that we request.
4. New Business
 - a. Chris talked more about Halloween event ideas—campfire stories, etc. at Heritage; David suggested collaborating with the library.
5. GVAA Report (Michelle Fyock)
 - a. Elections last month; the four previous officers are back. Chelsea Humphries and Chris Tilley joined as directors with one vacancy remaining.
 - b. They will give us their annual financial report next month.
 - c. Spring sports season has begun.
 - d. Track was able to find some track time at Frederick High School twice a week.
6. Kelly Woods' Report
 - a. Mulched all playground areas.
 - b. Bathrooms are open; fixed some faucets in the bathrooms; water is on at concession stand.
 - c. Tilled garden plots.
 - d. Picked up some sticks but now more are down.
7. Manor House Update (Ron Layman)
 - a. Scout is interested in moving the fire pit; Kelly likes the spot.
 - b. Another scout is interested in making a sign for the Heritage house. He will come up with a plan to present.
 - c. Two sections of basement are poured; still waiting on paperwork for the third.

8. Commissioner Concerns

- a. Dave: idea for a “Bark in the Park” event, with animals presented to adopt.
- b. Anna: suggested that the best place for a track might be in one of the large county parks. Mary Ann said she could bring it up at the county parks meeting.
- c. Kevin: they are working on refurbishing the sign at the soccer fields. Soccer is also considering some beautification of the sheds; will run any plans by Kelly before implementing.

9. Adjourn

- a. Anna made a motion to adjourn; Chris seconded the motion; all approved.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.
- c. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Newman