

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
DECEMBER 7, 2022

This was held at Creamery Park beginning at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were all the members: Jay Lochner (Committee Chair), Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Kevin Conley, Anna Newman, Patricia Rowley, David Toohey and Kitty Baker.

Overall, it is estimated there were @ 250 - 300 persons in attendance. This festive occasion was begun with opening remarks by Burgess Chad Weddle. He thanked the choirs/band and Bob Sussman for participating. Also, the Commission Members were introduced along with the Town Commissioners.

Participating choirs were from Walkersville United Methodist Church, Glade U.C.C. (bell choir), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Glade Valley Church of the Brethren. The Hanukkah Presentation and Menorah Lighting was presented by Bob Sussman. Also performing were the WHS Marching Band and a Combined Chorus Group from WHS, WMS and Glade Elementary.

The countdown to the tree lighting followed. All sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas and then the Santa Fire Truck arrived! Cookies were served (Safeway) and Glamour View Creamery Food Truck provided the hot chocolate and purchased food. (200 free coupons were handed out for the hot chocolate).

After review, all went quite well. A couple changes for next year might include e-mailing the representative from each church/organization the program order. Also, a microphone would be helpful for the small groups to be adequately heard. There was a question about whether tree nuts were in the cookies as a child was developing a rash and his family was trying to hone in on his allergies. They were advised to contact Safeway. Perhaps a DO NOT EAT IF TREE NUT ALLERGY sign is needed. (There was special attention to stay away from peanut butter cookies for this reason).

The next regular Parks Commission Meeting will be held on January 4, 2023.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Sincerely,

Kitty Baker
Secretary