

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2022

The February meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. This was a “field trip” meeting and was held at Heritage Farm Park Manor House. In attendance were all board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), David Toohey, Artie Fauble, Anna Nicodemus, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker. The January meeting minutes were approved as written, David motioned and Anna seconded. All in favor.

1. MID-MARYLAND BASEBALL CAMP, ALLEN HAINES

This is requested to be held from July 18-21, 8:30 a.m. – noon, ages 5-12 at Heritage Farm Park. Last year there were 108 campers.

Paperwork was submitted but Michelle Fyock said she was not aware of this request, the baseball commissioner was not asked. The decision to approve was tabled until the March meeting, pending notification.

2. PATRICK HEIZER wanted to introduce himself. Patrick and his wife (Allison) recently purchased the Richard Greenwood property at 9736 Glade Road, which is adjacent to Heritage Park. He wanted to make himself known and offer any services he could assist with. Also, he is a tennis player and would welcome more courts in the parks.

3. WOODSBORO AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL. BRIAN

He is requesting use of Field 5 at Heritage throughout the summer. Last year it was from March 1 – October 31. There is going to be a Jr. and Sr. team this year. Last year \$2600+ was contributed as field work maintenance. This year they plan to work on the outfield by rolling it. They will apply for insurance the end of February. Michelle questioned if the baseball commissioner was approached and Brian did not have an answer to that. This decision to be approved was tabled until the March meeting. Also, a current insurance certificate will be brought at that time.

4. BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK – ALEX YOUNG

Requests use of Heritage Farm Park for its’ 4th Annual 8K run. This will be held on Saturday, June 18 starting at 7:30 p.m. He expects @ 300+ runners. The run starts at the fire hall and the Heritage loop is requested to be used. They will set up at 5:30 p.m. and will need the park closed. Paperwork was presented. Mary Ann made the motion to approve, Kitty seconded. All in favor.

MICHELLE FYOCK – GVAA PRESIDENT

Thank you for the new access to the WZ building. Mid-season with winter sports. Spring registration is happening now. Elections are next month and there are several vacancies. Questions if the WZ agreement needs revisited due to the new access.

Changing the Park Use Form would be helpful to verify which sports commissioner was talked to about the use of a field for an activity requested. This should include name, date contacted,

mode of communication and possibly an e-mail copy. Mary Ann will work on this update to the form.

Mary Ann asked Michelle how hockey was going in the WZ building with conditioning only. Michelle said the team has found another location to use to practice.

- 5. DEBBIE HENNING – SISTER PROMISES FOR HOPE** (arrived late, went to town hall for meeting) Wishes to hold another benefit on Sunday, August 7 from 7 a.m. – 12 noon. The walk will take place at 9 a.m. In 2021, there were 112 people participating and \$5100 was raised. The walkway at Heritage is used for this. It was decided to, once again, waive the pavilion fee (small pavilion) for this event. Debbie will submit insurance updates when available.

JAY LOCHNER REPORT

The chessboard was signed off as an Eagle Project at Walkersville Park. The lid was corrected. Jay will not be present at our March meeting. Mary Ann will be in charge.

MARY ANN REPORT

Questioned whether lacrosse should have the same schedule as football. All were in favor. Questioned whether the pavilion fee should be increased for out-of-town applicants. The fees now stand at \$75 and \$50. Members were in favor of an increase for those not Walkersville residents. Mary Ann will discuss this with the Burgess and Commissioners at the next Town Meeting.

Discussed how a new park sign needs to be made for Community Park. Since new town signs are going up, it was suggested to include the Walkersville logo on this sign too.

More parking was added across from the W/Z building. Kelly dug this out.

More boulders (not fencing) will be added to prevent cars from entering park after hours. Cattle gates were installed.

Memorial benches – Mr. Birch was contacted as far as the installation price. Each bench is estimated to cost \$2,000.00. It was decided to purchase the plastic sunburst bench (no metal arms) and have an engraved metal plaque signifying the giver.

KELLY REPORT

The play area at the large pavilion has some damaged areas. This is not under warranty. The Log Roll has cracks and a chain rope needs replaced. It is estimated these repairs would cost @\$1,325.00. Patricia motioned to approve to repair, Anna seconded and all in favor.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/CONCERNS

Patricia – Concerned about the drop off and pick up of cheerleaders along the road entering the park. Cars are actually parked here and it makes a safety concern. After discussion, it was decided to have Michelle let the commissioners know to have the parents park in designated lots only. This was to be accessed as the season progresses. NO PARKING signs were suggested but this will be tabled for now.

Kitty - Read in the Frederick Newspaper about the recent Town meeting where it was written two part-time employees to Parks might be forthcoming. Mary Ann and Kelly explained this is to open and close the parks, clean bathrooms and pick up trash (mainly around pavilions). Also, these persons will put up the pavilion reservation signs.

ARTIE – Concerned about the two applicants to use the parks that were tabled for a month due to incomplete information as far as notification to GVAA. The form will be changed and made sure all information is included in the initial request to prevent this was happening again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Motioned by Artie, seconded by Patricia and all in favor.

A tour of the Heritage Farm Park Manor House was given by Ron Layman and his wife. With the new W/Z building, the Boy Scouts now have the house for their use. It is a work in progress but Ron himself has done a lot of work with the walls, flooring, windows and woodwork. Several rooms are completed and others in the process. THANKS SO MUCH FOR RON FOR TAKING ON THIS ENDEAVOR!

The next Parks meeting will be held on March 2, 2022 at 7:00 at Walkersville Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker
Secretary