

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2022

The June meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Jay Lochner, Commission Chair. In attendance were board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), David Toohey, Patricia Rowley, Anna Newman, Artie Fauble and Kitty Baker. The April minutes were motioned to be approved by Patricia, seconded by Anna and all approved.

COMMUNITY PARK BRIDGE WRAP UP

Bridge is completed. The Eagle Scout, Paul, was able to raise the \$2k required to fund it and because he did, the Town agreed to pay the additional costs to upgrade to TRENX material. The bridge was built on Saturday 05.21.22 in one day. The Town Public Works then seeded and finished the project within 2 days of that. Mary Ann proposed a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new bridge. Date TBD.

UPDATE ON HERITAGE PARK TREE PLANTING

The tree planting scheduled for 05.14.22 with Dakota from McClintock Distillery was postponed due to rain. It will take place instead in the Fall which is a better time for planting anyway.

PARK USE APPLICATIONS

1. Rachel Shipley from SA Walkersville Southern Railroad requested the use of WCP for a Fireworks Train Ride during the Town Carnival after hours. People would ride over from the train station, stop, and get off the train at WCP. People would need to be in place by 940pm to see the fireworks. For safety reasons, people will need to be 500 feet away from firework set up. The pavilion area is a safe distance. Gate won't need to be opened. They are aware that bathrooms will be closed and they will take care of any trash generated. They expect approximately 150 guests and 50 crew. The request was motioned to be approved by Dave, seconded by Patricia and all approved.
2. Kathleen Sixx (28 Main Street) and Bill Butler (Glade Towne) from the Town Veteran's Committee requested we waive the fee of the large pavilion for the 09.17.22 Veteran's Picnic since they are a nonprofit that serves our community. The request was motioned to be approved by Anna, seconded by Kitty and all approved. Separately, they are planning a bus trip to Arlington Cemetery on 09.14.22 and information is forthcoming. Also, the Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser, where businesses will compete for "Best

Team in Town”, is being postponed until next year because they don’t have enough time to coordinate it by 06.25.22.

PARK DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

The State Legislature passed funding to all counties in MD for park infrastructure improvements. Frederick County will get \$5.5M, half of which will go to municipalities. There is no date yet for when we can apply for funding. Ashley Bailey will help get a survey out to citizens to determine which projects will serve our community best. Wish list items that were brainstormed include GVAA track/field practice space, splash pad, dog park, misting stations, pickle ball court, skate park, concrete corn hole, shade sails at existing parks, update rubber mulch to poured in place mats, pump track, updating bathrooms, update or replace golf course at HFP, foot golf, and lighting at HFP. Chad Weddle recommends acquisition in addition to development, specifically in order to add a 2nd entrance to the back of HFP. Mary Ann mentioned acquiring land for a park on the east side of 194 to accommodate residents on that side of Town for more accessibility.

POS RESULTS FOR 2022

We received funding to expand the walking path at WCP and to repair the bathroom roofs at both HFP and WCP.

CREAMERY PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The new playground equipment will go out to bid in the next week or 2.

GVAA REPORT

This was given by Michelle Fyock, President of GVAA. They will need access to the WZ Bldg football storage closet on 08.05-07.22 during food/school supply handout. It will not interfere with anything. Spring sports season is wrapping up. Baseball All Stars is happening and they will be hosting summer tournaments. There will be a cheerleading camp this summer. A roof replacement was done on the shed and shelves installed. Lacrosse is wrapping up. Soccer will be hosting some tournaments this weekend.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Dave recommended repairing the low spot at the point where the walking trail connects to the parking lot. During rainy season the puddle is hard to navigate. Dave also recommended, on behalf of Parkside residents, the addition of dog stations at the farther end of the walking trail. Patricia and Mary Ann were not in agreement, we will discuss further at next meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Suzanne Copen, Parkside HOA, thanked us for the new Community Park Bridge.

CELEBRATE LEAVING COMMISSION MEMBER

Artie dedicated 16 years to the commission and is ready to relax more fully! Chad Weddle presented him with a Town Blanket and expired bottle of sparkling cider.

KELLY REPORT

1. Trout Park has new red bud trees.
2. He is still waiting on replacement parts for Trout Park tunnel and HFP roller.

The meeting was adjourned at 808pm. Artie motioned, seconded by Kitty and approved by all.

The next commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:00. There is no July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rowley