

## WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2022

The March meeting was called to order at 6:58 by Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison); Jay Lochner, Committee Chair, was not in attendance. The meeting was held in the upstairs town hall meeting room and broadcast live. Masks were optional. In attendance were board members: David Toohey, Artie Fauble, Anna Nicodemus, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker; Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Ashley Bailey, Town Communications Specialist.

The February meeting minutes were approved as written, Patricia motioned and Anna seconded. The motion approved by all.

David Toohey was re-appointed by the Burgess and Commissioners for another two-year term.

### New Business

- Laura Ritchie, 11190 Renner Road. **WMS Heart and Soul Club**; this is an international club that meets two hours per week for the purpose of empowering girls, promoting healthy habits and choices. Requesting permission to sponsor a 5K race at Community Park on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 0900-noon. 15 girls and buddies. Would like to use Pavilion #3 for food, drink and social time. They will put encouragement signs on the path as well as chalk art; the race will be around the perimeter path several times.
  - Patricia made a motion to allow the race and wave the pavilion fee. Anna seconded, all approved.
  - Laura provided the reservation form and insurance form to Mary Ann. Laura also asked what they could do as a group in May (before the race in June) as a community service project; Kelly suggested policing the area for trash, especially around the playground equipment.
- Laura Keifer, 9620 Woodsboro Road. Representing the **Homeschoolers** request for soccer. The time would be Thursdays from 2:50-4:30 starting March 17<sup>th</sup> and ending May 19<sup>th</sup>. Approval was received from GVAA/Mike Fyock. Laura said the players would be paying a \$4 fee (goes to GVAA). Last year there were 80-196 players.
  - Anna made a motion to allow the homeschooler's soccer request; seconded by David and all approved.
  - Paperwork given to Mary Ann.
- Alan Haynes, **Mid Maryland Baseball Camp**. 35<sup>th</sup> year for the camp. Ages 5-12, both boys and girls. Requesting permission to use the baseball fields (as agreed by with GVAA) Monday – Thursday July 18-21 with the 22<sup>nd</sup> as a rain date for 8:30-noon. Approximately 100 players.
  - Artie made a motion to allow the camp, seconded by Patricia, and all approved.
  - Paperwork given to Mary Ann.

- Brian Saylor, **Woodsboro American Legion**, Junior and Senior Leagues. Requesting use of Orley Bourland Field #5 from March 1 – October 31, 2022. Brian said they are the main users of the field and perform lots of field maintenance and have fundraisers to help defray cost of maintaining the field.
  - Artie made a motion to allow the league play, seconded by Kitty, and approved by all.
  - Paperwork given to Mary Ann but **still need insurance certification**.
- Two gentlemen were checking out possible places in Walkersville that they could establish a **cricket field**. Currently there is a field at Utica Park dedicated to cricket, but it is booked up all this year already. They are looking at possibly the 2023 timeframe, April – October. A synthetic turf area would have to be installed for playing properly. They were thinking of Heritage Park, but Mary Ann suggested possibly looking at Community Park, behind the tennis courts/old softball field. The requestors were not Walkersville residents but Frederick and Lake Linganore. They were told the forms necessary were on the town webpage. Suggested they revisit in the the future.
- Mike Fyock, 9595 Gravel Hill Road, Woodsboro, MD. Representing **Key City Soccer**. One soccer field usage requested for four teams for four games. Home games will be played this spring and spread out over several months on Saturdays and Sundays; typically 60-70 persons in attendance between the players, spectators and coaches. They practice at River's Edge, near Ceresville Mansion. Mike is with GVAA and said a \$500 donation would be made. This will go to GVAA.
  - Patricia made a motion to allow the request, seconded by David, and approved by all.

#### **Ron Layman, Manor House (Heritage Park) Update**

- Ron provided the following updates on the house, grounds and scouts:
  - One window was blown out during the recent storm; it will be replaced Friday, March 4th.
  - Ron said there will several scout projects, including an Eagle Project.
  - The shed will be rebuilt as the siding keeps falling off.
  - The flower garden will be redone. The girl's troop will maintain it in the fall and spring.
  - Ron asked again to consider the circular driveway in the front of the house.
  - Funding has been received for his work from donations, town funding and networking. The Historical Society funds from the Manor House were found.

#### **GVAA – Michelle Fyock**

- Winter sports are winding down
- Lacrosse has started. Other spring sports start next week.
- Financials will be shared in March. If there are any questions, the treasurer can attend our next meeting.

- GVAA held a meeting with football leadership since there are new people involved. Touched base about rules, regulations and all should be “on the same page”.
- There is progress with the football stadium. A transformer needs to be moved to a new location.
- There is a change to the press box’s original plans.
- Michelle questions if the Usage Agreement at the WZ building needs amended due to the evening use of the building. GVAA uses this building all through wrestling season and holds organizational meetings there every month.
- Questions if more trash cans are needed at the football field. There are six there presently. The town does purchase these.
- Election candidates need to apply by 12:00 midnight tonight (3/2). On March 4<sup>th</sup>, all nominees will be published.

**KELLY REPORT** – Nothing to report other than BUSY!

**COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS –**

- Artie – questions where the money goes that is donated to the Parks with use of the fields and facilities. Mary Ann stated this all goes to GVAA to maintain the fields and areas.
- Anna – visited Trout Park and noticed that a border holding in the mulch was disconnected and in need of repair. Kelly aware.
- Kitty – no report
- David – questions if the trails/paths could be extended at Community Park to go to Fountain Rock Road. Mary Ann said perhaps grants could be used but need to get details: length, asphalt cost and labor cost. POS money would cover 75% and the town would be responsible for 25%. May is the due date to submit.
- Patricia – feels that GVAA track and field needs a space to practice. Could grant money be used for such a project? Perhaps Community Park beside the tennis courts would be a suitable location. Mary Ann said this is a long-term project. Michelle will check with Amy, the current coach as far as needs.

**MARY ANN REPORT**

- An e-mail was received from Kristin Grover, 119 Adams Court requesting disposal of garden weeds and plant trimmings at the garden plot area at Heritage Park. She has a car to transport and feels an area at the garden plots would be beneficial. This was discussed by the commission and the consensus was when someone rents a plot, they are aware of the “start to finish” process which includes disposal also. If an area would be designated and town pick up arranged, it is felt this would encourage others that are not gardeners to add to the pile and this waste/much area was just dissolved for multiple reasons. The renter is responsible for all aspects of gardening.
- The gates are not open at Heritage for lacrosse.

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the family-only dedication day for the park bench in memory of Ann Ricciuti at Community Park. David requested that Kelly install the bench. The tree planting time/date is not known. Kelly will call to inquire specifics about the tree and the town will install the bench.
- As far as the bridge replacement at Community Park, the scout has contacted Joe Birch. Mary Ann is involved in this also. The town will pour the footers. Plans need submitted. David Ennis and Ron Layman will be present for an initial meeting there also to discuss the plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25. Artie motioned, David seconded and all approved. The next Parks Commission meeting will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker