

WALKERSVILLE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2022

In Attendance: Jay Lochner (Committee Chair), Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), David Toohey, Patricia Rowley, Anna Newman, Kevin Conley (first meeting on Commission) and Kitty Baker. Also present were Ashley Bailey, Communications Specialist and Kelly Woods, Park Maintenance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jay. The August meeting minutes were motioned to be approved by Pat and seconded by Mary Ann. Approved by all.

FIELD HOCKEY SHED – Melinda Griffie was told by Mary Ann to attend tonight’s meeting. Michelle said information about the specifics were still being gathered, so Melinda did not attend. Will be discussed at the October meeting.

LPPI UPDATE – Mary Ann stated the meeting was supposed to be held in August but was changed to September 22nd. There is @ \$2 million to be distributed among the municipalities. We are requesting \$139,154 for Community Park to be used for sunshades and parking lot repair/expansion. Heritage request is for \$98,000 plus to be used for sunshades and walking paths. Mary Ann will give a report to the Commission in October about the funds obtained.

PARK USE FORM - Mary Ann wants this Commission to look over the current form (found on our website) to consider modifications. This needs to be taken seriously and updated. Discussion will pursue at the October meeting.

KELLY’S REPORT:

1. Community Park needs new tennis court nets (some duct taped) and the pickle ball lines have faded. Royal blue lines were agreed upon. This would cost \$2,050.00 to do the above. David wondered if there was a warranty as it has only been two years for the painted lines. Kelly said with flooding in that area and sun exposure, regular updates will be needed. The motion to approve was made by Patricia, seconded by Anna and all in favor. Joe Birch will take this proposal to the town meeting next week.
2. The long-awaited part for Trout Park arrived.
3. The posts for the garden plots have arrived but they are not installed yet as it is the end of the season.
4. Football at Heritage did a “great job” in clean up after the game this past week-end.

GVAA – Michelle Fyock

1. Fall sports are up and running. Soccer starts this week-end.
2. The FC Frederick Scrimmage fest was not properly approved. Michelle stated she was not aware it was going to happen. Was August 21-22. Mary Ann said she took the hit for that, assumptions were made. (Discussed in Mary Ann report to follow).
3. Football pep rally happened and they have had two games.
4. Wants clarification about the use of lighting at Heritage. Day light is fading. Figuring out possibly having practices start earlier or taper times for the different teams. Wants to consider

the traffic flow and safety. The park is open until 9:00. If a team gets into the Super Bowl, the game will go into the third week of November. Utica Park was checked out and it costs \$500 to rent for a single team. The time slots there book up quickly. Mary Ann suggested being in touch with Jay when more is known. Trouble is, with having games of elimination it would not be known until the week prior if this is even an issue.

5. Bryan Moran is the new Lacrosse Commissioner. Jeff Entwistle is no longer in that capacity.

MARY ANN REPORT

She apologized for the communication error with the Scrimmage fest. Paperwork was completed (not signed by Jay), insurance was obtained, but the person requesting was not told to attend a Parks meeting.

Kevin said he was the person who submitted the paperwork. He had asked about this in June. With a year hiatus (Covid) he was unsure of procedure. Kevin followed up recently with the GVAA board and all is fine.

Mary Ann's concern is that there was a \$250-\$325 charge per team to participate.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS –

David Toohey - With the Trout Park having an open field he was wondering about usage possibilities. It has been suggested a dog park or a skate park. Mary Ann said that possibly some equipment could be moved there from Creamery after the renovation but Patricia questioned the safety of the older equipment.

He suggests a picnic table be installed by the new memorial bench (fence side). Kelly stated this would be a trash issue.

Patricia Rowley – Interested in an update on Creamery Park. Kitty read parts of an article from August 2022 local Woodsboro/Walkersville paper that “it will take much more planning before construction can begin and the new playground may not be seen for several months or even years.”

Mary Ann stated the coordination takes time. Will be a new playground, sidewalks and basketball courts.

Kitty Baker – Since it was somewhat discussed at the previous meeting about the Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroad Trail, an article was summarized to clarify. Phase 1 will consist of a 1.8 mile section of the trail from Frederick City limits on Monocacy Blvd. to Fountain Rock Nature Center. Phase II will connect Fountain Rock and Heritage and Phase III will connect that to Woodsboro. Frederick County got \$5.28 million in grants for this project. The county hopes for construction on the F&P Line Railroad Trail to begin in 2023.

Anna Newman – There are chains across Heritage baseball fields to prevent driving close to the fields. A medical emergency occurred and the town trooper did not have a key to open (he does now). Kelly said to just drive around the gates on the grass in the future, if need be.

Kevin Conley – nothing to report

Mary Ann mentioned the post/signs that were installed by a group at Community Park years ago. Many have fallen down or disintegrated. Kelly will take a look at those standing and access.

Jay stated he went to line the Lacrosse practice field recently and there were @25 persons in a metal detector group going over the fields. His concern was that they had shovels and was worried about divots/damage. Jay confronted the group who stated they were told by the town

they could do this since it was not a state park. Stated they got permission. The group has not been seen since. Their name started with Maryland.....

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33. Pat made the motion, seconded by Kevin and all approved.

Sincerely,

Kitty Baker
Secretary