

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2020

The August meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Jay Lochner, Commission Chair. In attendance were board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liason), Artie Fauble, Kelly Woods (Head of Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, David Toohey, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker.

Burgess Chad Weddle performed the swearing in of Anna Newman whose term goes through 2022.

Minutes from the July meeting were motioned to be approved by Anna and Artie seconded. Approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS –

- **Rich Buckheimer** who lives across from **Creamery Park** on Pennsylvania Avenue wanted the commission aware of the activity at the Park. There is after hours use which involves loitering, drug use, public urination and trash being left and needed to be picked up (usually Kelly does this every three days). A man has been sleeping on a picnic table the last three nights. Rich wonders what can be done. He has called the Troopers frequently with little remedy. After discussion, it was decided this park needs to be locked at sundown just like the other area parks. Extra fencing will need to be installed and then locked gates added. A motion was made by Patricia and seconded by David. All approved. Mary Ann will bring this up at the next Commissioners meeting and also e-mail the Code Enforcer to be aware of the above activity. Also the cameras in the Park were addressed.
- **Girl Scout Council – Jennie Mettert-Young** was present to ask for usage of Heritage Park on Wednesday, August 26 from 6 – 8 for an adult kick off meeting. They plan to meet by the gravel parking lot (Frisbee golf area). No food involved. Insurance paper was presented. A motion to approve was made by Patricia and seconded by Kitty. All approved.
- **Heartbreakers Softball – Jade Bowen** requested use of a softball field at Heritage twice a week for the months of September and October. With no paperwork submitted, Jay informed Jade to contact the GVAA board and come back to our next meeting to submit paperwork. If a time issue, Jay can be e-mailed information and he will send out to Parks members for a vote.
- **Lewis Keefer** requested use of Field 4 at Heritage for his son's baseball team. He was advised to contact the GVAA board to get their approval, e-mail forms to Jay and he will get information to Parks members for a vote.
- **John Glick – Pickleball.** Returned to discuss making the tennis courts at Walkersville Park into also pickleball courts – taping or painting was discussed. It was decided that taping would be the first step. A motion was made by Patricia to tape off both courts, seconded by David. Vote of 4-1 to approve. Before work is done, Parks members are requested to view 7th Street courts (Max Kehne Park). John and Mary Ann and whoever wants to attend, are meeting at the Walkersville Park on August 24 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss further.

- **GVAAs President Michelle Fyock** reported that the press box construction is still on hold. If this is still being considered, the builders will need to come back to a Parks meeting to update members before they proceed.
- **Kelly Woods Report**
 1. Armed Forces held a small baseball tournament at Heritage last week-end. Had gotten no port-a-pots. The bathrooms became clogged and needed to be fixed by Gladhill.
 2. In the process of cutting down the Ash trees at Heritage. Using chipper.
 3. Sat, August 15 is when the Girl Scouts will be painting trash cans at Heritage.
 4. The Walkersville Park playground is “a hit!”
 5. The stump is ripped out at Heritage Park to the left of the Manor House. This area is now ready for the Scout fire pit to be built there.
- **David Toohy** brought up the fact that the steel trash can at Walkersville Park by the little bridge needs replaced. Animals have been getting in it and trash is scattered. He also mentioned that a resident with Parkinson’s was wondering if anything could be done with the red bridge as far as the hump which is too steep and difficult for the resident to walk upon.
- **Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis Report**
 1. With POS money, benches and a message board have been ordered for Walkersville Park.
 2. Discussed ripping out of the paths/walkways between pavillons at Walkersville Park. Kelly will focus on this after his tree cutting/ chipping is completed. The asphalt needs to be 4” deep.
 3. The agreement with GVAAs and Parks needs to be addressed/reviewed/updated. Per Jay, the Executive Board and the GVAAs Commissioners should be involved. The meeting date will be arranged at our September meeting. Thoughts on entry into the new Heritage building should be considered. A swipe card was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. Motioned by Patricia and seconded by Kitty. All approved. The next Parks Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker