

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 30, 2020

The June/July meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Jay Lochner, Commission Chair. Three new members were introduced. Kara Lubold recently resigned the commission.

The board members in attendance were Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liason), David Toohey, Anna Newman, Patricia Rolley, Artie Fauble and Kitty Baker. Kelly Woods was absent.

Chad Weddle, Burgess, performed the swearing in of David, Patricia and Anna. A gift from the town was presented.

The March 2020 minutes were accepted by Mary Ann, seconded by Artie and approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS –

PAUL BRYAN – The coach of WHS girls soccer wants to use Heritage for preseason work-outs. They are requesting the use from June 29 – July 29 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:30. They are not allowed to do workouts on WHS property until July 13. This was accepted by Mary Ann, seconded by Anna. The approval was granted pending the Walkersville Insurance Form.

SUSAN G. KOMEN PROMISE RIDE – Mark Clem is the main contact. The following was discussed by David Olthoff. A water rest stop is needed for 250 riders on Sunday, Aug 23. Requested use of Heritage, discussion pursued and it was decided that the gravel drive to the left of the Manor House would be appropriate. This would be less traffic than using the main gate. If restrooms are needed, the bikers would need to proceed into the park and use the permanent facilities. Patricia made a motion to approve pending more information, David seconded. All approved.

EAGLE PROJECT – MATTHEW TOOHEY –Matthew plans to build a firepit at Heritage. After meeting with Kelly, an approved area to the left of the manor house in the back corner was decided. A diagram was presented. The town

needs to mark area to make sure no utilities are in the design. Funds are secured for materials. Matthew plans to build this in August with fellow Scouts/friends helping. The motion was presented by Patricia, seconded by Mary Ann and approved by all. Jay signed the form.

EAGLE PROJECT – TYLER SHULER – Tyler is from Troop 1070 and wishes to erect an 8 X 8 Lacrosse wall for practice catch and throw. It was decided the best place at Heritage to put this is in front of the chain link fence and back stop. It will take 5 days to build (estimate) and will be painted blue with gold GVAA lettering. A diagram of the project was presented. Tyler will contact Kelly to review the location. Jeff, the Lacrosse commissioner, was contacted. He is aware GVAA will need to maintain the wall after completion. Artie made the motion to approve pending Kelly's guidance. David seconded and approved by all.

JOHN GLICK - PICKLEBALL COURTS - John stated the need for outdoor courts because of the limitation of using inside facilities (COVID). He suggests either making each tennis court at Community Park two pickleball courts with obtaining rolling nets or marking existing tennis courts with semi-permanent colored tape to mark off pickleball regulations. 20X44 is the needed size. Mary Ann said that the town would pay for the tape. John will meet with Mary Ann and Kelly at the park to discuss further.

ARMED FORCES SLUGFEST BASEBALL TOURNAMENT – Presented by David Olthoff. The tournament is to be held on August 1 and 2. There cannot be a concession stand due to Covid. Requests to use food trucks...Renzi's and Kona Ice already contacted and are very interested. A certain percentage of the proceeds will go back to GVAA. Parks Use Form still needs to be received. Per Mary Ann, no permits for the food trucks are needed, just a copy of their insurance is needed. Jay will accumulate all the above necessary paperwork.

GVAA – Congratulations to the new president, Michelle Fyock. The next GVAA meeting will be held on July 15 by Zoom. A press box idea presented at the March meeting has not been discussed since. Michelle will check on this. Steve, the Baseball Commissioner, will address the weeds/trees growing up at the machine pitch fields. Also, he was advised of work that needs done on the unused dugouts.

PARK FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT FORM – This outdated form needs to be updated, especially with the addition of the new 60 X 30 building at Heritage. It was stated this building is not just for GVAA usage, as it is for the Town Of Walkersville. Possibilities include the use by the Senior Center. A meeting in the near future will revise this form. Jay emphasized that he feels the necessity of all GVAA Executive Board members to attend a future meeting to hear of the updates to the form so all are informed.

COMMISSIONER MARY ANN BRODIE-ENNIS – July 1st begins the new fiscal year.

There is \$18K in P.O.S. money. Plans are to:

- extend a path to the new playset at Community Park to Pavilion 3
- extend the path from the tennis courts to the bridge leading to Park Side
- install 3 new benches at Community Park
- replace the Disc Golf message board at Heritage Park.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52. The motion was made by Patricia and seconded by Artie.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Baker