

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2020

The September meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. In attendance were committee members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liason), Artie Fauble, Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, and Patricia Rowley.

Artie made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes; Mary Ann seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

1. Public Requests/Proposals:

- Kenny Long from the AP Hill 3rd Corps requested use of Community Park on September 19. He submitted a Parks Use form with insurance, but needs to add the Town of Walkersville as a certificate holder on the insurance. The group would use the area of the park near the railroad tracks. He also discussed the possibility of a future overnight encampment and ways to facilitate cooking fires. Mary Ann made a motion to accept the September 19 Parks Use proposal, pending the addition of the town on his insurance; Patricia seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- Walter Hirschman from Old Line Performing Arts (a non-profit dedicated to providing arts education for students in Frederick) requested permission to use Community Park on October 3rd from 11AM-3PM for a Drumline Experience clinic. The clinic would be attended by a maximum of 35 students, paying a nominal fee, and 15 faculty. They would like to use the field area near Pavilion 3, with the Pavilion as a rain shelter if inclement weather were to unexpectedly arise. Patricia made a motion to recommend that the town waive the fee for renting this pavilion; Anna seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Hirschman e-mailed the Parks Use form to Jay and will add the town as a certificate holder on his insurance. Mary Ann made a motion to approve his request pending the addition to the insurance; Patricia seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- Kelly Given, the Walkersville High School field hockey coach, requested the use of Creamery Park and/or Community Park for Saturday or Sunday afternoons from 9/12-10/4 to begin a Maryland Legacy Field Hockey program. The program would include free promotional days and a paid Fall Clinic for 10-20 players and coaches. Committee members expressed concerns over how this would impact the GVAA/Walkersville feeder pattern field hockey programs and the for-profit nature of this program. Ms. Given said she has tried to coordinate with the GVAA field hockey commissioner with no success. Due to lack of space at Creamery Park, she refined her proposal to using Community Park on Sunday afternoons (9/13-10/4) from 1PM-5PM. Patricia made a motion to accept this proposal; Anna seconded it, and the motion carried.

2. New Business:

- The Girl Scouts reported on their Trash Cans and Stormwater Awareness Bronze Award project. Five trash cans have been painted and installed in the parks; two more will be painted on September 19. They also cleaned up trash in Community Park and Creamery Park.
- GVAA President Michelle Fyock had no new business to report. Jay confirmed that GVAA football will field 7 v. 7 leagues this fall for high school as well as youth players. This allows Walkersville High players to play football while correctly insured and administered by GVAA on the Heritage fields.
- Mary Ann's Report:
 - The town commissioners gave the Parks Committee permission to decide how to have the pickleball courts painted at Community Park, with a budget of \$900 per court. Kelly got three quotes for the work, the lowest of which was \$450/court by Metropolitan Tennis. Patricia made a motion for Kelly to contact Metropolitan Tennis to do the pickleball court painting; Mary Ann seconded the motion and the motion carried.
 - Reported to Michelle that the GVAA sign on the hill at Heritage needs to be repainted soon.
 - Kelly got a quote to install locking gates at Creamery Park from Long Fence (\$2,300) and accepted it.
 - At Community Park, Kelly has been digging out the new pathways in preparation for paving.
 - The traditional Tree Lighting ceremony will not take place as it usually does this year due to Covid-19. Mary Ann asked us to begin thinking of an alternative way to celebrate the season, such as a Santa Parade around town.
- Kelly's Report:
 - David Toohey completed his Eagle Scout project; the new fire pit by the Heritage Manor House turned out well.
 - The major tree removal project (primarily at Heritage) is complete; over 100 dead trees were ripped out and ground up. One frisbee golf basket was damaged in the process and will be replaced.
 - Kelly did an experiment at Creamery Park, cutting the power to the pavilion to see if it reduced loitering and trash there. He believes this did deter some of the after-hours loitering, the neighbors approve, and trash has been less prevalent.

With business concluded, Artie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57. The next Parks Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Newman
(Filling in for Kitty who could not be in attendance)

