

WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2020

The October meeting was called to order at 7:36 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. In attendance were board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), Artie Fauble, David Toohey, Anna Newman, Patricia Rowley, Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance) and Kitty Baker.

Minutes from the September meeting were motioned to be accepted by Kitty, seconded by Artie and approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS –

Girl Scout Jr. Troop 81178. Four members gave a detailed report about their colorful Save the Chesapeake Bay trash can painting project. A wonderful handout was given to all. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to Kelly Woods and the Town of Walkersville. The completed cans will be put out for use next spring per Kelly. The girls were presented with a badge/pin and a certificate.

Amanda Patton – GVAA Football Board. A Park Use Form was presented to use Heritage Farm Football Stadium to hold a “Lions Run Wild” Halloween Fun Run on October 31, 2020, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.. This will be a two mile run and costumes are encouraged. Goodie bags with candy and treats for all participants will be handed out. There is a \$25 fee, a discount if multiple family members. Register by October 28th on-line. This is the primary fundraiser for the next season. Anticipate 100 participants. Bathrooms will still be open. Board members suggest mask usage for Covid rules. A waiver was suggested. A motion to approve was presented by Patricia and seconded by David. All approved and the motion carries.

Danielle Vattimo, WES PTA, Chalk Art Contest. A Park Use Form was presented to use Community Park for a chalk art contest to be held between pavilions. This will be held on October 19 and 20 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. 50 people are anticipated to attend; on-line sign-up for participants. An art teacher will judge. A Kona Ice truck will be on-site. This event is open to WES students only. Social distance and mask usage will be enforced. A motion was made by Artie to approve, seconded by Anna. All approved.

Members Reports:

Jay Lochner – The Disc Golf chapter at Heritage recommends a lock box to insert found discs. Scott Waxter sent the e-mail. The current box is unlocked and stolen out of. The suggested box will be donated and the key owner’s name will appear on the box as a contact. This will be located close to the bulletin board at the course (across from Pavilion #2). A motion to approve was made by Patricia, seconded by David and approved. There was one exception.

Jay received an e-mail about the steepness of the footbridge from Parkside Development to Community Park. This is difficult for those with disabilities to cross. After discussion, it was

decided Jay will respond to this e-mail and the issue will be addressed May, 2021 when a new budget takes place. Also a recommendation was that Parkside has an HOA and they could possibly address.

Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis – Met with Jay and Michelle Fyock, the GVAA President. A Usage Agreement was revised between the Board of Commissioners and GVAA. Members were instructed to read over this agreement by the November Parks meeting. It will then be recommended to the Board of Commissioners.

Fitzgerald Heavy Timber will be painting the barn roof at Heritage and Mary Ann showed paint samples for suggestions. Jay mentioned an aluminum color and it was decided a use a brown to contrast with the “barn red” color of the three sides.

Christmas Parade through Old Town. This was mentioned to take the place of the Annual Tree Lighting at Creamery Park. A tentative date was decided, Saturday, Dec 12. Suggested for use were utility trailers and cars to be decorated. Local organizations will be contacted to participate. The library is also interested. A Planning Committee was set in place: Mary Ann, Patricia, Diane Fauble, Bonnie Lyons (possible), library staff and Kitty. Mary Ann will contact and proceed with the planning.

Michelle Fyock, GVAA President. Football started October 6. No illness outbreaks. Basketball will begin January 18th. Will be a modified spring season. The next GVAA Board meeting will be October 21 by Zoom. The Usage Agreement will be shared at this meeting.

Kelly Woods - The three gates at Creamery Park are being locked. Ray Dayhoff and Kelly take care of this. There is less trash there since lockage and the power has been off one month.

The new benches at Community Park need anchored as they get moved around (also tables get displaced).

The toilet at Community Park was painted black and LLM written. Cleaned up.

The house roof at Heritage Park will be pressure washed.

The trails have been dug at Community Park. The paving will possibly be performed by town staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. Kitty motioned, Patricia seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker