

## WALKERSVILLE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2020

The Parks Committee members met at Creamery Park at 7:00 for the committee only tree lighting. Pictures were taken to be posted on Facebook. The committee then moved to town hall for the official meeting.

The December meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Jay Lochner, Committee Chair. In attendance were board members: Jay Lochner, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis (Commissioner Liaison), Kelly Woods (Parks Maintenance), Anna Newman, Artie Fauble, David Toohey, Patricia Rowley and Kitty Baker. Burgess Weddle was also in attendance.

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

Bill Corsi of Turf Management introduced himself; they currently have the contract for mowing the parks.

David asked about using the field at Community Park between Parkside and Glade Village for something; not really useable as it is in a floodplain.

### **New Business**

- Since the bathrooms are closed for the season at Community Park, it was suggested by Mary Ann to rent a port-a-pot over the winter. The cost is \$95/month. A motion was made by Anna and seconded by David to have one installed; it was approved by all. David later stated that the port-a-pot should be ADA/handicap accessible.
- The barn restoration process at Heritage Park is being performed by Fitzgeralds; a change order is necessary to fix the gutters; the beams/poles/brick columns because of sediment.

- The pole building at Heritage is still not finished. It needs electrical, drywall, plumbing. Once completed, accessibility needs to be discussed (January 2021 meeting discussion).
- GVAA will present a use agreement to Burgess and Commissioners next Wednesday.
- A resident called by phone and requested soccer golf/foot golf be relooked at for the Heritage Park golf course. 2021 discussion.
- There are still many art prints of Heritage Park for sale (unframed).

### **Kelly Woods**

- The long wooden bridge at Heritage Park has been closed due to the footers being rotten. Signs have been put up and access blocked. A meeting with the town engineer is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2020.
- Kelly recommended renewing the mowing contract with Bill Corsi of Turf Management. He said they work well with the town, they know what equipment to use and GVAA is happy with how they do the fields. A motion was made to award a five year renewable contract by David and seconded by Patricia. Approved by all. Award of the contract goes to the Burgess and Commissioners for approval.
- Kelly tilled up and mowed the gardens at Heritage; two renters did not get deposits back for not clearing off their plots.
- All parks are or will be winterized this week.
- Benches at Community Park need concrete poured for installing.
- A disc golf unit (hole) was hit and damaged. A new one is ordered by the person who hit it.

### **Eagle Scout Project**

Brendan Guiman proposed refurbishing the landscaping at the Manor House at Heritage Park. Clean up the scrub brush, sidewalk and bushes. Remove dead bushes and trim salvageable ones. Start December 13<sup>th</sup> and finish in two weeks.

Motion by Pat, seconded by David and approved by all. Perhaps a future Eagle project could be planting new shrubs to replace those removed.

### **Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis Report**

- **Light up Walkersville Light Contest** – Homes included must be in Walkersville town limits. Ballots will be available and boxes to insert vote will be at town hall and the library. Also Renzis (Patricia, yes), Nick's Feed Store (David, yes), Circle K (Anna, yes after corporate approval), and Walkersville Tavern. Boxes to businesses will be wrapped in holiday paper. Anna willing to help. Pat will come to Town Hall and add an attachment to Walkersville Wire and Facebook. Mary Ann will get with Diane to discuss details. Voting will be for best residence and best business. One ballot per person. The judging will be from December 13-19. Prizes will be distributed on December 23. Diane made up a sample flyer about this event.

Still need to create the ballot, deliver ballots, make boxes, collect boxes on 12/20, purchase gift cards (approved by Chad - \$100, \$75 and \$50), give out prizes. A Walkersville blanket will/can be used as a prize also.

### **GVAA Report**

Michelle Fyock was present to give an update. No wrestling this winter. Basketball teams may need to travel to play. Working on a new GVAA board. They need a new treasurer by March, 2021.

### **Chad Weddle, Burgess**

- The fence around the previous mulch pile at Heritage will remain in place until yard waste pickup starts back up in the spring. Remove it around April. Michele Fyock recommended March as a better date due to the beginning of spring sports.

- The town hall meeting room will be remodeled to include cameras, handicap accessibility. Meetings are currently not recorded to keep them relaxed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28. Motioned by Pat, seconded by David. Approved by all. The next Parks Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Baker