

MINUTES  
Shepherdstown Parks & Recreation - May 24, 2022  
Town Hall

Attendees: Cheryl Roberts, Chairperson  
Members: Marty Amerikaner, Jenny Haynes, Lori Robertson, Nicholas Tully  
Member Excused: Effie Kallas  
Corp of Shep'town Staff: Frank Welch  
Mayor Jim Auxer

1. Call to Order- The in-person meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda ---Lori Robertson moved to approve Agenda; Jenny Haynes seconded. No objections; Motion passes unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes -April 26, 2022 -Jenny Haynes moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Marty Amerikaner seconded. No objections; Motion passed unanimously.
4. Welcome Visitors – Hank Walter was welcomed.
5. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Bane-Harris Park – C. Roberts  
C. Roberts requested that existing weeds be pulled by Town Maintenance
  - b. Cullison Park – M. Amerikaner
    - i. Playground Equipment Replacement “Spring -Toy”  
F. Welch reported that the equipment “ is close but we have not received yet.
    - ii. Walking Path Update -M. Amerikaner/F. Welch ---  
C. Roberts requested follow up on getting up-to-date bids. M. Amerikaner requested information on the procurement process for obtaining bids. Mayor Auxer offered an opportunity to learn the process from Town Clerk, Amy Boyd. The town puts the RFB out to all vendors, seeking 3. If no more than 2 respond to the bid, we go with what we have. The current map that we have may not be an accurate view; however, the measurements were most-likely correct. M. Amerikaner and C. Roberts will confirm the walking path route. Will finalize at the next meeting.
    - iii. Sign Status – F. Welch ---  
The sign has been cleaned by Town Maintenance. CLOSED.
  - c. Riverfront Park – J. Haynes
    - i. The bridge was lost in the recent storm. The river rose quicker than normal, and we couldn't get there in time. Applause for Town Maintenance Staff (Billy, Mike, and “crew”) replaced May 24th by bolting into cement and widened to allow mower to get through.
  - d. Rumsey Park – N. Tully
    - i. Graffiti was on the rocks again. Town Maintenance will clean it.

- e. Viola Devonshire Park – L. Robertson
  - i. L. Robertson reported that she is going to reach out to community members of Shepherd Village and ask to help to weeding, trimming.
- f. Bookmark the Park – E. Kallas - See Attached Schedule
  - i. Although attendance has been lower than expected, we believe it is worth the effort; however, discussion included making sure the Observer (Steve Pierson) and Shepherdstown Chronical are notified for advertising.
- g. Future Programming for Parks – Nothing discussed at this time.

6. New Business:

- a. Hank Walter – Shepherdstown Rotary
  - i. Hank Walter reported that M. Amerikaner was invited to speak at Rotary a couple of months ago about Parks and Recreation and other interests of the community. Hank mentioned that a group being available to do some brush and cleanup in the coming weeks. Hank would like to give back to the community with his experience with engineering and historic knowledge around Rumsey Park. As an action item, C. Roberts will connect with Hank via email, requesting additional information as well as to receive photos of the rocky/muddy area.
- b. Park Clean-Up Schedule – During our next meeting, we will create a schedule to clean up each of the parks within the next 5 months.
- c. Future Meeting Topics – Walking Path Proposal, H. Walter’s Proposal, Bookmark the Park status & future programming.
- d. Announcement ---L. Robertson alerted the committee that the Town Flower Beds need to be managed. Jennifer has stepped back and her brother is going to take over with the care and maintenance of these town Flower Beds.

7. Next Meeting – June 28, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. – Location -TBD

8. Adjournment ---The motion by L. Robertson and seconded by M. Amerikaner to adjourn, passed – Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by C. Roberts, Chairperson in the absence of E. Kallas.

# The Shepherdstown Parks & Recreation Committee INVITES YOU TO **BOOKMARK THE PARK**

## Saturday, April 23, 2022

### ⇒ **KICKOFF - Cullison Park, 11:00 am**

Join us for an old-fashioned afternoon in the park. Bring a comfy lawn chair and a good book. Kona Ice, refreshments, door prizes, and a special reveal surprise will add to the fun!

## Sunday, May 22, 2022

### ⇒ **Spring in Shepherdstown - Rumsey Park, 5:00 pm**

Enjoy the Back Alley Garden Tour and Tea and then head over to Rumsey Park to wind down with a quiet read and reflect upon the beauty of Shepherdstown in springtime. The park's newest Monarch Butterfly Waystation will also be featured.

## Saturday, June 11, 2022

### ⇒ **Children's Librarian Story Time - Riverfront Park, 11:00 am**

It's Story Time with The Shepherdstown Public Library! You bring the kids, we'll supply the fun! Snacks provided.

## Sunday, July 17, 2022

### ⇒ **Author Talk - Rumsey Park, 1:00 pm**

Local author Stephen Altman will entertain with selected passages from his latest book, *Blues for the Muse* (2021). Written entirely in sonnets, this work ". . . was one of my top five sellers for 2021." says Kendra Goldsborough, proprietor of Four Seasons Books. Mr. Altman also invites the public to bring a volume of poetry by John Keats for a read along. Light refreshments provided.

## Saturday, August 20, 2022

### ⇒ **Let's Play, Picnic, and Read - Bane Harris Park, 12:00 pm**

Story time and play time are a natural fit at this kid friendly park. Bring your favorite picnic foods and books for a fun time with new friends.

## Sunday, September 18, 2022

### ⇒ **Book Store Reading - Viola Devonshire Park, 2:00 pm**

Kendra Goldsborough with Four Seasons Books will share some of her favorite books and authors with us. A "book swap" table, door prizes, and light refreshments will be provided.