

Minutes

Shepherdstown Parks & Recreation - June 28, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Cullison Park

1. Call to Order:

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 PM.

Members Present: Cheryl Roberts (Chair), Lori Robertson, Nick Tully, Jenny Haynes & Effie Kallas in person. Marty Amerikaner, via telephone.

Members Absent: None.

Staff: F. Welch

Mayor Jim Auxer

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION to approve the agenda made C. Roberts. Second by N. Tully. Motion carried without objections.

3. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION, made by C. Roberts to approve the Minutes from May 24, 2022. Second by . Motion passed without objections.

4. Welcome Visitors: Rebecca Phipps, Leah Rampy, Marellen Ahern, Hank Walter, Lauren Duh, David Duh, Linda Hope, Mark Wirt, & Traci Morris.

5. Unfinished Business:

a. Bane-Harris Park – C. Roberts reports that the park looks good. People are using the park for yoga/exercise in the morning and playing basketball in the evening.

b. Cullison Park -

i. Playground Equipment Replacement “Toy” Follow-up – F. Welch reported that he is awaiting one part.

ii. Walking Path Update - M. Amerikaner reports that the park looks good. People have been working out on the adult equipment and teens have also been seen using the park.

1. Flexi-Path discussion and approval to move forward - M. Amerikaner reports that he and N. Tully measured the perimeter of the “Phase 1” pathway and feels that the measurements are sufficient enough to put out a Request For Bids for the project. M. Amerikaner wrote up a draft RFBs.

Chair recognized several members of the public in attendance who articulated concerns. M. Amerikaner and Committee Members expressed appreciation for the attendees’ thoughtful input and proceeded to address their concerns and answer questions.

MOTION to accept draft RFB made by M. Amerikaner, second my L. Robertson. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Riverfront Park - J. Haynes

The footbridge was washed away during the last heavy flood. F. Welch and his staff have since rebuilt the bridge.

d. Rumsey Park - N. Tully

Tully reports that the Monarch Butterfly Gardens look good and the graffiti has been cleaned up. The Shepherdstown Rotary was thanked for their recent Clean-up in the park.

i. Discussion and Action on H. Walter’s proposal. The Chair recognized Hank Walter with his individual proposal to construct a wooden walk and steps deck.

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1. Offer to help remove the vegetation behind the stone wall currently blocking the view of the Potomac River. Parks & Recreation removed overgrown vegetation behind the wall last summer, by hand, as far as the steep cliff drop-off. For safety, machinery may be needed to proceed any further down the slope.

2. Offer to enhance part of Rumsey Park near the back of the monument by installing a wooden walkway with stairs and rails over the steep part of the unimproved dirt path from Cullison Park. The path becomes very muddy and slippery. Hank contacted Orion Landscaping who indicated that they could construct the walkway in mid-July.

The Chair recognized members of the public who object to installing the wooden walkway because children enjoy sliding through the steep patch of the trail.

MOTION to take H. Walter's proposal to Town Council for consideration made by M. Amerikaner and second by J. Haynes. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Viola Devonshire - L. Robertson

L. Robertson reports that the park looks good. Some people have been observed using the basketball court. The nearby residents in Shepherd Village have offered to help clean-up and pull weeds in the park. L. Robertson will coordinate with them.

f. Bookmark The Park - E. Kallas & C. Roberts

E. Kallas commends J. Haynes for creating a fabulous, child themed, door prize for the June event. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and the event had to be postponed. The Children's Librarian would like to re-schedule for later in the summer. The Committee suggest an October date. E. Kallas will coordinate and report back to the Committee. The next Bookmark The Park event will be held on July 17 at Rumsey Park at 1:00 pm. Local author Stephen Altman will read selected passages from his latest book. Refreshments will be provided.

g. Parks Clean-Up Schedule

Bane Harris, Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00pm. Public is invited to help.

Viola Devonshire will be next. L. Robertson will coordinate with residents from Shepherd Village for their help and will update the Committee.

6. New Business:

a. Future Meeting Topics

1. Public Restrooms.

7. Next Meeting: August 23, 2022 - 6:00 pm - Location - TBA.

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn meeting made by M. Amerikaner and second by J. Haynes.
Passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 7:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Effie Kallas.

Approved by Chairperson, Cheryl Roberts