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MINUTES

Shepherdstown Parks & Recreation Committee
October 25, 2022
Bane-Harris Park
6:00 pm

1. Call to Order:

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: Cheryl Roberts (Chair), Marty Amerikaner, Nick Tully, Jenny Hayes, & Effie Kallas.

Members Absent: Lori Robertson.

Staff: Frank Welch.

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Marty. Second by Effie. Motion carried without objections.

3. Approval of Minutes - September 27, 2022.

Minutes corrected as follows: "ii. Walking Path Update - Marty reports that he exchanged an email with a park neighbor and she indicated a degree of acceptance of the walking path going in."

MOTION to approve the minutes, as corrected, of September 27, 2022 made by Nick. Second by Marty. Motion carried without objections.

4. Welcome Visitors: Larry Barkdoll, Mary Beth Kilmer, Ushi Nottnagel, Peter Kallas, Teresa Lindsey, Tabitha Johnston.

5. Unfinished Business:

a. Bane-Harris Park - C. Roberts

i. Tree Replacement Discussion - Issues of limited open space in the park and street/parking safety due to the proposed placement of a replacement tree discussed.

MOTION to inform Town Council that, upon evaluation, the Park & Recreation Committee prefers to forego a replacement tree made by Jenny. Second by Marty. Motion carried without objections.

ii. Mulch in Playground Area - Cheryl reports that mulch needs to be installed. Frank reports that he will coordinate with volunteers to help install.

iii. Pickle Ball Space Proposal - Discussion of popularity of the sport, net placement/storage, etc.

MOTION to create a Pickle Ball subcommittee composed of Marty, Cheryl, & Linda Spatig to research the issues and present a proposal to Park & Recreation made by Jenny. Second by Effie. Motion carried without objections.

b. Cullison Park - M. Amerikaner

i. Playground Equipment Replacement "Spring - Toy" - Frank reports that the seller has found the toy and will install in two weeks' time.

ii. Walking Path Update - Marty reports that he informed all the bidders of the awarding of the bid. Town Hall will be contacted about the next steps.

c. Riverfront Park - J. Haynes

Jenny reports that the park looks good and all is well. Because of the cooler weather, fewer people are spotted using the park.

d. Rumsey Park - N. Tully

Nick reports that the park looks good and all is well. The butterfly gardens are growing nicely and the repair/cleaning work looks great.

e. Viola Devonshire - L. Robertson

i. Pickle Ball Proposal. The newly created Pickle Ball Subcommittee will be asked to consider this park for a pickle ball court, as well.

f. Bookmark The Park - E. Kallas

October 8 @ 11:00 am Bane-Harris Park. Effie reports that Tish Wiggs with the Shepherdstown Public Library presented a fun story hour. Approximately 13 attendees consisting of 3-4 families with pre-school aged children. Photo of event sent to Committee Members and send to Lori for posting on our Facebook page. Appreciation to Tish Wiggs for her terrific program. Gratitude to Committee Members Jenny and Lori for their tasty treats for the kids, Cheryl for event "set-up", and Marty for advertising. Effie will present a 2022 Wrap-Up report at our November meeting. Committee Members are asked to forward ideas for 2023 to Effie before February.

g. Public Restroom - Grant Status

No report.

h. Market House - Open Space

Marty reports that the results from a survey conducted by Town Hall is available on the Town's website. A Town Hall meeting will be held in November on this issue.

6. New Business:

a. Little Free Library Presentation - Bane-Harris & Viola Devonshire Parks

Town Council approved the donation of "Little Free Libraries" from town resident Teresa Homes Lindsey with Youth Leadership Academy. Resident Larry Barkdoll graciously build these structures and one has been installed in both Bane-Harris and Viola Devonshire parks. These libraries will enhance the Bookmark The Park program. The Committee expresses gratitude to Ms. Lindsey and Mr. Barkdoll.

b. Commemorative Bench Request (Shepherdstown Shares/Ethan Fischer) - Rumsey Park.

In memory of town resident Ethan Fischer, a bench has been build with the help of Shepherdstown Shares. Alex Dugas built the bench and Lisa Lafferty and Morgan Sell painted the bench. Ushi Nottnagel request that the bench be installed in Rumsey Park, Mr. Fischer's favorite park. Mary Beth Kilmer with Shepherdstown Shares will coordinate with Frank regarding installation.

MOTION to approve the donation of a memorial bench to be placed in Rumsey Park made by Marty, second by Nick. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Next Meeting - Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the date of the November monthly meeting has be moved to Tuesday, November 29, 2022 and will be held at Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Jenny and second by Effie. Passed unanimously.

Adjourn: 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Effie Kallas.

Approved by Cheryl Roberts, Chairperson