

MINUTES

Shepherdstown Parks & Recreation Committee
November 29, 2022
Town Hall
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 Haynes, Lori Robertson & Effie Kallas.

Members Absent: None.

Staff: Frank Welch.

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Jenny. Second by Lori. Motion carried without objections.

3. Approval of Minutes - October 25, 2022.

MOTION to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022 made by Lori. Second by Marty. Motion carried without objections.

4. Welcome Visitors: No visitors.

5. Unfinished Business:

a. Bane-Harris Park - C. Roberts

i. Mulch in Playground Area - Frank reports that 2 loads of mulch have been delivered and spread. Cheryl reports that people are in the park everyday.

ii. Pickle Ball Space - Sub-Committee Appointed; research in progress - No report.

b. Cullison Park - M. Amerikaner

i. Playground Equipment Replacement "Spring" - Toy - Frank reports that the toy has been installed. Also, mulch has been installed.

ii. Walking Path Update - Marty reports that he has been in communication with Capitol. They have a new Project Manager for this project. Marty and Cheryl will meet with the new manager on Friday, December 2 at 10:00 am at the park.

c. Riverfront Park - J. Haynes

Jenny reports that the park is busy and the new bridge is solid.

d. Rumsey Park - N. Tully

i. Commemorative Bench (Shepherdstown Shares/Ethan Fisher) - unsure of the status. Cheryl will follow up with donors.

Tully reports that the park looks good. Lori reports that the Monarch Butterfly Gardens look good. New milkweed will be planted on the hillside in spring to replace plants which were mistakenly pulled up.

e. Viola Devonshire Park- L. Robertson

i. Pickle Ball Proposal - See Bane-Harris reference above. No Report.

Lori reports that the residents of Village Place have done a great job of cleaning and upkeep of park. Cheryl reports that the newly installed Little Library has books therein.

f. Market House - Town Hall meeting held, November 17th. Marty reports that the meeting was about business in Shepherdstown in general. Asked that this item remain on our agenda.

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6. New Business:

a. Effie gave a “Year in Review” update of the Bookmark the Park program. Ask members to be ready with program ideas in February for the 2023 season. Review attached.

7. Next Meeting - February 28, 2023 - 6:00 pm - Town Hall.

8. Adjournment

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

Adjourn: 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Effie Kallas.

Approved by Cheryl Roberts, Chair

Bookmark The Park 2022 Year in Review.

Six events held from April - October. Programs for children are better attended when held on Saturday mornings. Programs for adults are better attended when held on Sunday afternoons. Programs for adults are better attended than programs for children. In both cases, programs with speakers are the best attended. Current publicity efforts are insufficient.

Ideas for 2023 include:

Mobile Coffee

Partnership with CATF, Book Store, Library.

Outreach to local authors, poets, historians, & professors as potential speakers. Also, Speak Series and new Bistro chef.

Advertise schedule with SAIL & Life Long Learners.