

Shepherdstown Parks and Recreation Committee

DRAFT Minutes, October 24, 2023

Town Hall

1. Call to Order: 6:08
2. Attendees: members: Chair, Cheryl Roberts, Jenny Haynes, Marty Amerikaner. Absent: Lori Robertson, Effie Kallas, Frank Welch
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Marty; second by Jenny
4. Approval of Minutes –September 26, 2023, Moved by Marty; second by Jenny
5. Welcome Visitors: Mayor Jim Auxer
6. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Bane-Harris Park–C. Roberts
    - i. Pickleball Court Update: Cheryl reported that a) there have been more calls for access to the nets from Viola Devonshire than from Bane Harris; b) regarding the lines, she reported that she'd learned that the specialized 2" paint roller is missing, and must be reordered before painted lines can be put on the courts; c) she learned that a couple of pickle ball players were not able to manage the net set up, and instead just hit the ball back and forth. She decided it would be a good idea to simply leave the net up to see how that works out.
    - ii. Playground Equipment Replacement -Prep for Spring: Cheryl will work with Amy to develop an RFP for the replacement equipment in Bane Harris, since bids are necessary for purchases above \$25000.
  - b. Cullison Park- M. Amerikaner
    - i. Marty reported that Lori had marked the areas that ought to be examined for possible treatment by Flexi Pave; Marty looked at them with Lori, and contacted Sam at Flexi Pave; no response as of yet; Marty will contact him again.
    - ii. Marty reported that a resident living near Cullison mentioned to him that the connecting path to Rumsey nearest the playground gets very muddy at times, and suggested extending the FlexiPave on that connecting path to provide a good surface for walkers that would then include all of Rumsey. This can be discussed as an agenda item in a future meeting.
    - iii. Several posts holding the plastic border around the playground are still popped up and need to be hammered down. Marty reported this to Frank, and he put it on his list of projects.

- c. Riverfront Park- Jenny Haynes
  - i. Jenny reported that the park is still being used quite a bit, likely due to the beautiful warm weather pattern.
- d. Rumsey Park- Nick Tully (report by Cheryl)
  - i. Picnic tables donated by Rotary have been installed.
- e. Viola Devonshire Park- Lori Robertson. See Bane Harris Park discussion regarding pickleball court status.
- f. Shepherdstown Rotary construction of 2 picnic tables: see Rumsey Park discussion of picnic table installation. Item is now complete.
- g. Fall Prevention- Age Friendly Shepherdstown: Marty moved, and Jenny seconded that each committee member review “their” park’s items in the Fall Prevention report and come to the next meeting with recommendations regarding how to proceed on each. Marty reminded the committee that Public Works is simply asking for recommendations at this point and is not assuming that Parks and Rec will make necessary changes out of existing budget.

7. New Business:

- a. Future Topics: to be considered at upcoming meeting(s): 2024 Bookmark the Park; FlexiPave expansion, outdoor restroom(s)
- b. Announcement: Nicholas (Nick) Tully notified Cheryl that he is resigning from Parks and Recreation due to an upcoming relocation.

8. Next Meeting: November 28, 2023, 6PM. TBD

9. Adjournment: 6:52. Jenny moved; Marty second

Submitted by Marty Amerikaner

Approved by Cheryl Roberts, Chair