

Shepherdstown Parks and Recreation Minutes
November 28, 2023

1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.
2. Attendees: Cheryl Roberts (Chair), Jenny Haynes, Lori Robertson, Marty Amerikaner
Staff: Frank Welch, Stephanie Grove
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Lori, Seconded by Jenny
4. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2023: Moved by Jenny, Seconded by Lori
5. Welcome Visitors: Chris Stroeck, Mayor Auxer
 - a. Chris Stroeck, Chair of the Grants Committee, led a review/discussion of the Grant Guidelines and Intent to Apply form.
6. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Bane-Harris Park- C. Roberts
 - i. Pickleball Update: Cheryl reported that there has been some use of the court; the net is assembled and held to the fence near the box with bungee cords. Lori is working to get the needed magnetic sign designed and produced.
 - ii. Playground Equipment Replacement:
 1. RFP: Stephanie circulated a draft of the needed RFP; committee reviewed it, and a few minor modifications in wording were made.
 - a. Motion to approve the modified RFP: Marty moved; Lori seconded (RFP to be attached).
 - b. Cullison Park- Marty
 - i. Flexi-Pave:
 1. Marty reported that Sam (from Capitol Flexi Pave) has not replied to 2 texts; he will contact him and/or their office again regarding possible re-treatment of some areas of the path.
 2. Extension to Rumsey: Marty mentioned a request from a resident to consider extending the flexi pave path to Rumsey along the short connecting path starting near the Cullison playground. We briefly discussed this and agreed that it is worth exploring more, including getting an estimate from the company.
 3. Border Nails: Frank confirmed that most of the nails have been pounded down; a couple are still protruding because they hit rock when hammered; he noted that they'd have to be shortened to allow being hammered down to a level even with the rest of the border.

- c. Riverfront Park – Jenny reported that the park area remains actively utilized, particularly the waterfront/boating area.
 - d. Rumsey Park – no report
 - e. Viola Devonshire Park:
 - i. Pickleball Update: Chery noted that she will check with players using that court to see if they prefer that the net remain set up or put back in box. She noted that a concern was expressed about basketball player(s?) being treated rudely by pickleball players not wanting to stop playing. More information may be needed about the time of day, and the nature of the “rude” comments.
 - f. Bookmark the Park 2024: Since Effie has resigned from the committee there is no report currently. Cheryl will work with committee members to restart.
 - g. Fall Prevention- Age Friendly Shepherdstown Update - concerns raised about the parks within the Fall Prevention Report continue to need discussion and recommendations forwarded to the Public Works committee.
 - i. Marty noted that the stairway/handrails in Cullison need work.
7. New Business:
- a. Member Vacancies: 2 (Nicholas Tully and Effie Kallas): announcement of need for replacements will be advertised.
 - b. Future Topics: resurfacing in Bane Harris and other parks
8. Next Meeting: January 23, 2024. 6:00pm TBD
9. Adjournment: 7:20 Moved: Lori; Second: Jenny

Respectfully submitted by Marty Amerikaner, Interim Secretary

Approved by Cheryl Robert, Chair