

MINUTES

Shepherdstown Parks & Recreation Committee
April 25, 2023
Bane-Harris Park
6:00 pm

1. Call to Order:

Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 PM.

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

Members Absent: Marty Amerikaner;

Staff: None; Absent: 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 - March 28, 2023.

MOTION to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023, as amended made by Cheryl. Second by Lori. Motion carried without objections. Amend 6 (b) iii to read: "M. Amerikaner moved that the Parks and Recreation Committee endorse Age Friendly Shepherdstown's proposal and to move forward to procure more information for this proposed project".

4. Welcome Visitors: Bruce Young.

5. Unfinished Business:

a. Bane-Harris Park - C. Roberts

i. Mulch in Playground Area - Cheryl reports that although the mulch is fresh, more needs to be installed to bring the level up. Frank has told Cheryl that more mulch will be added.

ii. Pickle Ball Space - Sub-Committee Update. Cheryl introduced Bruce Young to advise the Committee on his experience with creating Pickleball courts and playing the sport. Upon viewing a sample layout of a Pickleball

court at the Bane-Harris basketball court, a discussion ensued of space, surface, rules, equipment security & tracking, and usage requirements. Also, requirement to run the look of the storage units by the Zoning Officer for HLC requirements. It was generally agreed to create a court at both Bane-Harris and Viola Devonshire Parks by co-locating a Pickleball court upon the existing basketball courts at each park. Cheryl volunteered to procure the needed materials and find help to lay out and mark the lines. Players will need to bring their own paddles and contact designated Park members for access to the nets and balls. Alternatively, the public is welcomed to bring their own nets and balls. Contact information, rules, etiquette, and usage times will be posted at each court.

MOTION to purchase 2 security lockers/boxes, 2 portable nets, tape, and balls up to \$1,000 total made by Cheryl and seconded by Lori. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Cullison Park - Marty Amerikaner

i. Walking Path Update - Marty sent the following report to the Committee via e-mail: "Here's my brief report on Cullison Park - I walked through a few days ago and it looked really good to me. People were using the exercise equipment, and two families had kids playing on the playground. I've had a few people spontaneously mention to me how much they like the walking path, so that is encouraging. Regarding the path, I'd like to propose that we use a piece of our budget to purchase signage for the path that indicates the length and how many laps are needed to complete a mile on it- most paths that I'm familiar with have that kind of info available. I also intend to use the rolling measurement device to measure the dirt paths over to Ramsey, so that interested folks can put together different segments to cover varying distances (e.g., 1.5 or 2 miles to walk or jog). We would want, I think, to include that sort of info on signage as well." Discussion of signage and ribbon cutting is table until next meeting.

c. Riverfront Park - J. Haynes

i. Jenny reports that the park is greening up and looks good. Wishes something could be done with the Tobacco Warehouse to put it to use for public recreation like a bait shop, kayak storage, etc.

d. Rumsey Park - N. Tully

i. Commemorative Bench (Shepherdstown Shares/Ethan Fisher) - Cheryl reports that the bench has been placed and this project is now closed.

Tully reports that a brick is missing. It has been reported and Frank has roped off the area for safety.

e. Viola Devonshire - L. Robertson

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

f. Bike Path Update - M. Amerikaner

ii. As noted above, we will continue to work with the committee to procure more information.

g. Bookmark the Park 2023 Season - E. Kallas

iii. Effie reports that the schedule has not been created but will present a schedule at the next meeting for approval. Discussion of speakers and places to post the schedule ensued. Effie will follow-up.

6. New Business:

None.

7. Next Meeting - May 30, 2023 - 6:00 pm - Cullison Park.

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Jenny and second by Effie. Passed unanimously.
Adjourn: 6:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Effie Kallas, Committee Secretary

Approved by: Cheryl Roberts, Committee Chair