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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025 REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION

The Sykesville Parks and Recreation (SPARC) meeting was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025. Commissioner Ries called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Town House Conference Room.

PRESENT: Commissioners Alex Ries, Dan Gilbert, Amy Poet, Chris Sevic, Billy Shifflet, and Eric Valenstein. Council Member Elizabeth Guroff

ABSENT: Nick Sheets

STAFF: Joe Cosentini, Town Manager
Drew Rittenhouse, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

MINUTES:

- **January 23, 2025**

MOTION: Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the January 23, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Shifflet abstaining as he was not in attendance at the January meeting.

BUSINESS:

- **Events**

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

This event is on April 18. Commissioners Ries, Sevic, Shifflet and Valenstein indicated that they would be in attendance at this event; Commissioner Gilbert will have to check his schedule and can potentially bring volunteers. Commissioner Valenstein will make an announcement at his church asking for filled eggs. There was discussion about signage for the egg limit and the different age areas. Commissioner Sevic will make signs for the limits. There will be volunteers there to hide the eggs.

- **Scav "EGG" enger Hunt**

Commissioner Ries will figure out a word. Staff can determine which park to have the egg clues in this year, such as the downtown area and Fountain Park.

- **Clean Up Day**
There was a discussion about flowers in Millard Cooper Park. Drew Rittenhouse mentioned the mini-Linear Trail as a possible location for trash clean up. It is on April 12 from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.
- **Skate Jam Date Confirmation (May 10)**
The Shrimptown Skate Shop is able to do May 10 from 12 P.M. to 4 P.M.
- **Sykesville Cinema – Movie Selection**
 - Toy Story was the Civics' Day voting winner. It will be shown in June.
 - The July movie will be Despicable Me
 - The August movie will be Sandlot
 - The September movie will be The Croods
 - The October movie will be Casper

Commissioner Ries will send the food permits to Mr. Rittenhouse for application to the Health Department.

- **Sound Equipment Upgrade**
Staff have been talking with the sound technician at Impact Church for guidance. There was discussion about having additional speakers.
- Here 'Til Sunday has confirmed for their concert in the park. Commissioner Ries asked for flyers to be made.

TOWN UPDATES:

- Mr. Rittenhouse explained that the Linear Trail Parklet has been in the location planning phase. The final location will be near the bench by the spring house. Public Works will determine if there is rocks under the location and if a concrete pad would be able to be poured. An interpretive sign can be added to that area discussing the spring house.
- Mr. Rittenhouse has jumped on social media and website updates. He will continue sharing community and Commission information. He will add the movie sponsors to the website.
- The bulletin board in Millard Cooper Park will have flyers and a QR code to the website with the calendar.
- The new "Park Rules" signs have been ordered and will be put up in every park.
- Mr. Rittenhouse cleaned out the basement and organized it with all the SPARC equipment.
- There are three Sycamore trees in Millard Cooper Park that are dead and one that is dying. An arborist will be consulted to ensure they are fully gone.
- New fencing has been ordered for around the splash pad.
- There is 88 days until splash pad opening!
- Public Works has extra dirt and mulch that they put in Millard Cooper Park to address some erosion that has occurred. The mulch has been put in all

the playground areas too.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before SPARC, Commissioner Ries motioned, and Commissioner Valenstein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski