

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
May 28, 2020**

Present: Alex Ries Nick Sheets
 Eric Valenstein Bryan Troast
 Billy Shifflet Chris Sevick

Stacy Link, Council Liaison
Joe Cosentini, Town Manager
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison

Call to Order

Alex Ries, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Alex Ries and seconded by Bryan Troast to approve the February 27, 2020 meeting minutes with one correction. Change concert date September 18 to September 19. Billy Shifflet and Chris Sevick abstained. All others voted in favor.

Business

2020 Summer Events

- Farmers Market
 - SPARC has a space reserved for the second Sunday each month.
 - Nick Sheets is available to attend June, August, September and October.
 - SPARC mascot Sparky will not attend this year.
 - Instead of handing out flyers the committee will look into setting up a US QR code for people to scan for information.
- Park Cleanup
 - Rescheduled for August 29
 - Town Staff will add this event to the Sykesville News Letter.
 - Stacy Link will be out of Town.
 - Volunteers will be asked to bring their own gloves. More information will be provided on the SPARC Facebook.
- Yoga in the Park
 - Held the second Sunday of each month from June to October.
 - Limit number of participants to 9.
 - Location to be determined and will be posted on Facebook.
- Movies - A drive-in movie was suggested and discussed.
 - Cooper Drive at the entrance of the park is considered a possible location. The Committee will do a site visit on May 30 at 8:00 am to vet the location.
 - Stacy Link will check with the Gate House Museum Curator for access to electricity.
 - Stacy link will request the DSC to promote the drive-in movie during the June 21 Farmers Market.
 - Need to notify Chief Spaulding and Sykesville Middle.
- Concerts
 - Concerts are scheduled for September 19, 26 and October 3.
 - Nick Sheets will confirm with the scheduled bands that they are willing to perform due to Covid 19.

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Splash Pad

Jared Schumacher, Grants Manager, presented a rendering of the splash pad. He noted that construction has been delayed and will be modified by completing the pad this summer and the play equipment would be installed spring 2021.

Additional information provided:

- The restrooms can be used as the changing facility.
- The splash pad is for all age groups, one area is designed for small children.
- Public Works will maintain the splash pad.
- The splash pad will not be staffed, but rules for its use will be posted.
- The pad can be functioning from dusk to dawn but shuts off when not in use and can be restarted by pushing a button. Staff will have the ability to turn it off during SPARC events.

Volunteer Vests

Stacy Link provided her research on the purchase options for the vests. Stacy will send color options by email and Committee members will respond with their color preference.

The following questions were asked and answered.

- Can the movie/concert sign be hung over the permanent sign on the Weigh Station? Yes
- Are parks open? All are open except South Branch Park due to construction.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Alex Ries motioned and Chris Sevick second to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison