

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
August 27, 2020**

Present: Alex Ries Eric Valenstein
 Billy Shifflett Bryan Troast

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

Absent: Nick Sheets Chris Sevick

Call to Order

Alex Ries, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Alex Ries and seconded by Eric Valenstein to approve the July 23, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

Business

Concerts

Nick Sheets is the coordinator for the Concerts. Alex Ries will reach out to him via email to coordinate the first concert since it's before the next meeting.

Concert Dates:

- September 19
- September 26
- October 3

Park Maintenance

Billy Shifflett notified the committee and Town Staff that several parks were in need of maintenance.

- Beach Park needs mulch and weeds pulled.
- Linear Trail swing area needs weeds pulled.
- Jones Park needs weeds pulled and swing set frame repainted.
- Burkett Park gazebo needs floor replaced.

Staff will inventory each park for maintenance needs and notify Public Works.

Ideas

- SPARC to plan a Park Cleanup Day.
- Coordinate with the Town to create a "Adopt a Park" Program.

New movie screen has arrived and available to pickup from the Town House. Bryan Troast, Billy Shifflett and Eric Valenstein will test the new screen one night during the week.

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Stacy Link announced that the Town was given a new designation “Keep America Beautiful” through members of the Green Committee, some residents and the Downtown Sykesville Connection. This designation provides the Town with many opportunities that include grants, volunteer dashboards and others. Stacy Link will give a formal presentation at the next meeting.

Sykesville Cleanup Day is scheduled for this Saturday August 29. The forecast is calling for rain all day, Alex Ries will make a decision on Friday. If it’s canceled a possible rescheduled date could be “National Cleanup Day” on September 19. It was noted, that it’s the same day as the first concert. The committee will make plans via email since this is before the next meeting.

Town Updates

- Cooper Park playground construction has started. Project should be finished in about 2 weeks.
- Splash pad equipment has been delivered and will be stored until Spring. Once permits are approved the infrastructure will be completed this year.
- There is still time to respond to the 2020 United States Census. The NEW deadline for completing the Census count is now September 30, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Alex Ries motioned and Bryan Troast second to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison