

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
May 27, 2021**

Present: Alex Ries Bryan Troast
Chris Sevick Nick Sheets
Stacy Link, Council Liaison

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

Absent: Billy Shifflet Eric Valenstein

Call to Order

Alex Ries, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Chair Ries and seconded by Commissioner Sevick to approve the April 24, 2021 Minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

Business

Music in the Park

After a lengthy discussion all agreed to alter the event to a smaller scale now 5 pm to 7pm with one band and food truck that were already confirmed for October 2. Commissioner Sheets will notify them to confirm they would be interested in participating in the smaller event. The Commission will also put together kid friendly activities. Research and preparations for a larger event will be discussed over the next year for a 2022 Music Event.

The Commission is requesting a price increase for bands from \$150 to a higher amount. Staff asked Commissioner Sheets to reach out through email to discuss. Staff also suggested paying more for the Music in the Park Event next year for those bands that will draw a larger crowd. It was suggested to offer band sponsorship to local merchants. Discussion to continue on future agendas.

Volunteers

Stephen Hersey joined the meeting and expressed interest in participating with SPARC events. He has experience with event planning and social media

Pre-Movie Event Update

Chair Valenstein is managing the activity for the June 12 movie.

Snack Shack

- Health Department Certificate approval is pending.
- A full menu will be offered (Same as previous years).
- Student volunteers will be allowed to work.
- Volunteers will be required to wear masks. Masks are available at the Town House for SPARC's use.

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- Guests will not be required to wear masks.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
- Week of June 7 Commissioner Sevick will clean and stock the Snack Shack and Commissioner Troast will test the movie equipment.

Mayor Link introduced Councilwoman Liza Guroff who will soon be assigned as the new SPARC Council Liaison. She shared her desire to create a youth council that could be an asset to the SPARC Commission.

A kickball tournament was discussed and is a desired future event.

Event Flyer

The existing flyer will be used until to the June 12 movie. Revisions to the flyer should be completed during the June meeting to include the upcoming summer and fall events.

Also create a flyer/postcard that can be used year after year for recruiting volunteers.

Movie Sponsorship Flyers are available at the Town House.

A goal for the SPARC Commission is to fill the open seat and build a volunteer list. For this year focus the efforts on the events SPARC does well Movies in the Park, Concerts etc. to recruit volunteers.

Let Freedom Ring Parade July 3

SPARC was requested to enter a float. Commissioner Troast will take the lead for this project.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Ries motioned and Commissioner Troast seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison