

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 23, 2021**

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

Liza Guroff, Council Liaison
Joe Cosentini, Town Manager
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison

Call to Order

Alex Ries, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Sevick to approve the August 26, 2021 Minutes as presented. Co-Chair Ries and Commissioner Troast abstained all others voted in favor.

Business

Cinema in the Park October 9 – Nightmare Before Christmas

- Costume Contest – Prizes
- Volunteers are confirmed.
- Commissioner Sevick will put up and take down signs.
- Children’s crafts and face painting are confirmed.
- Sparky to attend.
- Extend invite to Mayor Link.

Co-Chair Ries motioned and Co-Chair Valenstein seconded to approve to spend \$50 on gift cards split between Norwood Ice Cream, Firehouse Ice Cream and A Likely Book Store.

Music in the Park – October 2, 5:00 to 7:00

- Band contract was received by Staff.
- Volunteers confirmed.
- Commissioner Sheets and Commissioner Sevick will put up and take down signs.

Gatehouse Museum Partnership

The new Curator, Adrienne Smith would like to connect with SPARC to plan for future cooperative events, especially those centered on Millard Cooper Park. The Gate House Advisory Board members agree that it would be beneficial to have at least one member from SPARC to sit on the board for better communication and collaboration.

SPARC suggested the Curator provide flyers to promote the museum. Also, created an ad for the slideshow prior to movies.

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Pickleball Court

Joe Opauski provided a presentation on the history and the fast-growing popularity of Pickle Ball. Currently there is not a permanent court in Carroll County. He requests SPARC and Town Staff take into consideration the construction of a court in one of the Town's parks.

A positive response was provided by SPARC. Staff will look into this project, a location and the possibility of creating a multipurpose court. A community outreach will be conducted as well.

DVD Raffle

To continue as planned.

Storage of SPARC Inventory

Commission members to clean out the Snack Shack to determine what can be thrown away and what can be stored in the Townhouse basement. Commission members to set time with staff to go through inventory in the Town House basement.

Town Updates

- Splash Pad – Power has been installed, waiting for the State Inspection to be completed.
- Staff will look into a water bottle filling station for Cooper Park and refillable water bottles.

The Commission discussed to possibility of adding a park cleanup on November 6. Jones Park is a desired location. Staff will work with Commission members to finalize a location and what is needed.

Add Christmas event to the October agenda.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Valenstein motioned and Commissioner Sevick seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison