

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
November 18, 2021**

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

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

Absent: Billy Shifflet

**Call to Order**

Alex Ries, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion was made by Chair Ries and seconded by Chair Valenstein to approve the October 28, 2021 Minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

**Business**

Santa's Arrival December 4, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

SPARC:

- Christmas Movie - TBD
- Craft – Chair Valenstein
- Brass Band – Commissioner Sheets
- Hot chocolate provided by Impact Church
- Characters:
  - Mrs. Claus – Commissioner Sevick
  - Sparky – Chair Valenstein
  - Frosty – Commissioner Troast
  - Elf 1 - Volunteer
  - Elf 2 – Volunteer
  - Grinch – Volunteer (Commissioner Shifflet's friend)

Town Staff:

- Santa secured
- Fire Department secured
- Tree lighting by Santa and Mayor Link
- Schedule site visit with SPARC to determine event layout
- Determine if masks are required or recommended
- Create flyer and post
- If movie is to take place Staff will consult with Farm and Home about use of their property on the right side of the Post Office
- S&P Railway will host Santa

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- Councilwoman Guroff will ask Council members to attend and assist with crowd control

**Town Updates:**

- Linear Trail improvements are complete. Next is to plan the replacement of the exercise equipment. Staff will share plans with SPARC in January.
- Staff will coordinate with Public Works/contractors for the needed improvements to Jones Park.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, Chair Ries motioned and Commissioner Sheets seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison