

Town of Sykesville
Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 20, 2003

Present:

Gary Clark	Dick Bovard
Bob Martin	Jeannie Nichols
Frank Robert	Susan Dolan -

The meeting was called to order at: 7:13pm

Susan will take the minutes for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Frank made a motion to approve the December minutes as read. Bob seconded.

Public Concerns/Issues:

No concerns were presented to the committee.

Town Council Report:

No report.

Committee Reports/Old Business:

Pool Committee: Frank discussed his attempts to speak to the YMCA. He has left two messages, which have gone unreturned. Frank spoke to Matt Candland who said he would try to get in touch with the YMCA as well.

Programs and Events:

Golf Tournament: Frank stated that the date is set for April 26, 2003 at the Riverdowns (in Finksburg) at 1:30pm. The cost of the event is \$90.00 per player. Frank wants to keep the cost below \$100. The cost of the meal, which will be at the end of the tournament, is \$15.00 per player, plus tax and gratuity, making the total cost to us; \$75.00.

Yard Sale: There was some discussion about "who" participates in the community yard sale (residents versus outside "professionals"). It was agreed that the yard sale should be open to professional yard-sellers as long as space is available. The committee discussed having the event indoors to get more traffic. Unless we can get permission from the school it is unlikely that we can do this as an indoor event. In order to get away from the school lot all together it was suggested that the Town House parking lot be used. Jeannie said she would look into that as an option. The committee also discussed (for next year) the sale of signs for town residents to purchase so that all yard sale signs would be uniform.

Family Fun Day: The committee discussed the loss of Lili Kaufman as the Chairperson for FFDAY. The Committee discussed the possibility of asking Lynne to assume the role of Chairperson, but it was clear that Lynne's hours are limited and it would only be possible if she could increase her hours. Jeannie stated that we need to ask Lynne to estimate how many hours she would consume as Chair of this event and if she could do it – of course the Town would compensate her for her increased hours. Jeannie brought up the possibility of "Klondike games" – a take off from a boy scouts event she recently participated in. Jeannie agreed to look into the details of these events to see if they could be integrated into our Family Fun Day.

Easter Egg Hunt: While the Committee is interested in using the various parks around town for different events, it was suggested that we consider using Cooper Park for the Easter Egg Hunt in the future because it has restroom facilities and adequate parking. There was a question as to how much money we have to spend on the event. Lynne will need to provide the answer to this question.

Softball: Jeannie discussed the current status of the softball league. She stated that the present structure of their organization is as a volunteer group under the umbrella of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Jeannie stated that they have are in dire need to organize themselves. Matt Candland and Jeannie are in the process of developing some criteria such that the group can get their thoughts and position together and hence justify their organization. Jeannie stated that they are a profitable group in that they have saved the money raised from last year in order to purchase a tractor, which will be kept on the property. However, to keep it safe the town needs to build or purchase a shed.

Facilities/Projects:

Regarding the “**age appropriate**” signs: it was suggested that the company Shannon Baum make the signs. Jeannie will look into the cost and follow up with Lynne.

The swings in the Kalorama playground were discussed. Apparently the swings are too high. Lynne is following up with the supplier to see what happened and what we need to do to correct the problem.

New Business:

Retreat: Jeannie stated that there is no budget to provide food for the retreat. Everyone agreed to chip in and bring something or collect money from each attendee and ask Lynne if she could look into the cost of having food provided. Susan offered to bring coffee and Jeannie offered to bring bagels for the morning snack/breakfast.

Saturday, May 1, 2004, has been designated as the Centennial Celebration. Russ Vreeland is chairing the committee if anyone is interested in participating in the planning process for the event.

Wimmer/Talon Park (now Bloomfield): There was discussion about approaching Matt Candland to have landscaping plans drawn up for the park and possibly gathering a group of volunteers to participate in the purchase and planting of trees/shrubs. It was decided that this is an item that should be discussed at our P&R retreat. In addition, the Committee had some concern about what is happening with the Cooper Park Playground – that question will be differed to Lynne at our next meeting.

In Conclusion

Since Lynne was not present at the meeting all action items will be differed until the Committee can talk to Lynne.

The Monday, February 20, 2003, Parks and Recreation meeting was canceled due to the weather.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town House.