

Town of Sykesville  
Parks and Recreation Meeting  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
Monday, April 21, 2003

**Present:**

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

**The meeting was called to order at: 7:05 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Lynne will send out via e-mail the minutes from the March meeting ASAP.

**Town Council Report:**

The Pool Project was the first item to be discussed. Jeannie presented for the Committees' approval, the proposed draft to the residents detailing information on the pool referendum and the funding of the pool. The pool project was discussed until 8:15 p.m.

**Public Concerns/Issues:**

None

**Committee Reports/Old Business:**

**Tree Slab Dedication** - Jeannie needs to get the dedication information to Wiley, to order the plaque. Lynne said it was probably too late to have a plaque ready for Thelma Wimmer Day on April 6, 2003. The information will be available on paper for Jeannie to present.

**Programs and Events:**

Parks and Rec. retreat was held and minutes from the meeting will follow via e-mail ASAP.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** was a great success at Bloomfield Park. There were expenses of \$536.93, and donations received in the amount of \$23.00, making the net expense: \$513.93. The budget for the event is \$600.00. Due to Carroll County Schools canceling the Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> holiday, there was the additional cost of \$245.00 for a separate mailer that was sent out to all the residents notifying them of the date change to Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Approximately 100 children for each of the 2 age groups attended the hunt. The issue of whether **vendor or private fund-raisers** should be allowed to set-up at this event was discussed. At the last minute, a girl scout asked to have a bake table in order to raise money for a homeless shelter. Lynne gave the girl permission not realizing that this type of decision required approval from the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Girl Scout was asked to set-up her table away from the park property and on the sidewalk across the street. The bake sale was very successful and leaves the Committee with the job of determining who, or what, and where, if any, fundraisers or not-profits can set-up at this event. Susan was willing to draft up her suggestions on the issue.

**Golf Tournament** update: There are 7 teams scheduled to play at the Tournament on Saturday, April 26, 2003.

**Yard Sale** Update: There will be 5 –6 vendors setting up on Church Street along with the Flower Power vendors on Saturday, May 3, 2003.

**Adult Co-ed Softball** Kevin Roberts and Bill Hiler were in attendance to discuss the Coed Softball league with the Committee Members. The discussion began at 8:20 p.m.

Bill Hiler distributed a spreadsheet of the league's 2003 Budget for the Committee to review. The following was approved: Field mix will be ordered not to exceed \$1,500.00. Lynne is in the process of

working with Bill Schaefer with Carroll County to see if we could get their price per ton for field mix. \$25.55 vs. \$18.00/ton.

Jeannie made a motion to approve the invoice from "Scotts Lawn Service" in the amount of \$185.00, for lawn mowing services performed last fall when Springfield was not cutting the grass. Susan seconded the motion and all committee members were in favor. The money will come from existing softball revenue funds.

Lynne and Matt had a meeting with Springfield Hospital and the State resulting in Springfield Hospital offering to supply the manpower and bobcat to perform the excavating necessary to improve the field. Springfield will NOT allow any deliveries or improvements to be made until a "Right of Entry" can be issued from the State. Lynne and Matt will follow up with Springfield.

Kevin has secured a field for the Coed league at Eldersburg Elementary for the season. The only 2 options were to cancel the season or go elsewhere since the field at Springfield was not playable.

Kevin agreed to contact Mr. Rouchard of Rouchard Lawnsapes telling them that we would not need his "lawn cutting" services until next fall.

Lynne spoke with Kevin about setting aside a certain amount of money in the softball budget for "administrative costs". This would come from a "user fee" that would be assessed in the amount of \$1.00 per player per season. The Parks and Recreation Committee waived the user fees for the spring season since Eldersburg Elementary is charging the league \$1.00 per person for the season.

#### **Facilities/Projects:**

Grand opening at **Burkett Park**, Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. It was cold and rainy and no residents showed up.

Susan gave Lynne a list of suggested playground equipment for the school-age equipment as well as the pre-school age equipment needed at Cooper Park. Lynne will prepare the Request for Bid information and proceed from here.

#### **New Business:**

None.

#### **In Conclusion**

Have we successfully completed last month's action items?

**Done** 1. Lynne will prepare agenda for Town Retreat.

**Done** 2. Lynne will prepare a presentation on parks and rec. budget for the retreat

**Done** 3. The Parks and Recreation Committee will move forward on the issue of a referendum for the pool project.

**No.** 4. Lynne will keep working on Family Fun Day and try and schedule a meeting.

**Done** 5. Lynne will get everything together for the Burkett Park Grand Opening.

**Done** 6. Lynne, continue work on the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Yard Sale, Golf Tournament, and softball league.

**Done** 7. Lynne will order the age appropriate signs for the parks.

**Not yet** 8. Lynne will try and do a parks inspection this month as well as solve the swing problem at Kalorama playground.

**Done** 9. The Committee will need to band together to get the referendum question prepared and presented to the Town Council by the deadline of Sunday, March 23, 2003.

**The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.**