

Town of Sykesville
Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2003

Present:

Susan Dolan Jeannie Nichols Lynne Ronayne Dick Bovard

The meeting was called to order at: 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Dolan sent the minutes from the January 20 meeting via e-mail on Monday, March 17, 2003. A motion was made by Jeannie Nichols and seconded by Dick Bovard to approve the January meeting minutes as read with the exception of a couple of minor changes Lynne would make to the dollar amounts referring to the golf outing.

Public Concerns/Issues:

The members of the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to thank the maintenance department for an outstanding job of removing the snow from the roadways.

Town Council Report:

Lynne prepared the suggested announcement and proverb that was to be placed on the plaque that will be attached to the **tree slab** located at Cooper Park. The plan is to have the ceremony along with Thelma Wimmer Day on Sunday, April 6, 2003.

Update on the **Town Retreat:** Lynne presented details of what Parks and Recreation has accomplished over the past year to review at the retreat.

Committee Reports/Old Business:

Pool Update: The Committee agreed to move forward on recommending to the Town Council that a referendum be held at the next election on Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

Programs and Events:

Burkett Park Grand Opening: is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th, at 11:00 a.m. This has been published in the latest Town newsletter.

Family Fun Day: Lynne will update everyone on the progress in the near future. This years' theme will be the Railroad Festival.

Easter Egg Hunt: To be held at Bloomfield Park on Friday, April 18, 2003, starting at 11:00 a.m. Jeannie will provide 5-6 Boy Scout volunteer helpers.

Community Yard Sale: Lynne has given Jeannie a request to present at the next Mayor and Town Council meeting to hold the yard sale at the Town House parking lot. The future of the Yard Sale event will be discussed at our P&R retreat.

Golf Tournament: Lynne gave an update on the number of teams that were registered for the tournament to date. Lynne is in touch with the contact person at River Downs.

Softball: Lynne presented an invoice for lawn mowing services performed by one of the softball participants at the Springfield ball field. The Committee agreed that they would not approve such an invoice without a presentation from the softball league coordinators. This will be an agenda item at the retreat on Saturday, April 12, 2003.

Facilities/Projects:

Park inspections meeting: Due to the severe weather conditions the parks have not been accessible to inspect and conflicts in schedules has prevented there being an inspection meeting in February and March. Lynne hopes to inspect the parks before the end of the month and also schedule a meeting before the end of the month.

The Committee members approved the purchase of the “**age appropriate**” sign for **Burkett Park** as well as for the other parks. The signs will be ordered from the National Program for Playground Safety website. The cost is \$70.00 per sign.

Lynne still needs to determine what supplies are needed to make adjustments to the length of the **swings at the Kalorama playground.**

New Business:

P&R Committee members have been notified of the **Retreat** scheduled for **Saturday, April 12, 2003, from 8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, at the Old Main Line Visitors Center.

Time did not allow for a discussion of residents donating trees for Bloomfield Park.

Catalogs and information were given to Susan Dolan and Bob Martin, both on the Playground Committee, to recommend the playground equipment they would like to have installed at **Cooper Park.**

If time allows, the request for bids to provide the **stone signs for the parks** will be prepared by the end of March. Lynne will get together with Matt to prepare this information and then forward it via e-mail to the Committee members for their approval.

In Conclusion

This meeting resulted in the following action items:

- 1. Lynne will prepare agenda for Town Retreat.**
- 2. Lynne will prepare a presentation on parks and rec. budget for the retreat**
- 3. The Parks and Recreation Committee will move forward on the issue of a referendum for the pool project.**
- 4. Lynne will keep working on Family Fun Day and try and schedule a meeting.**
- 5. Lynne will get everything together for the Burkett Park Grand Opening.**
- 6. Lynne, continue work on the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Yard Sale, Golf Tournament, and softball league.**
- 7. Lynne will order the age appropriate signs for the parks.**
- 8. Lynne will try to inspect the parks this month as well as solve the swing problem at Kalorama playground.**
- 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 Sykesville Parks and Recreation meeting will be **Monday, April 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.**