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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2025 REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION

The Sykesville Parks and Recreation (SPARC) meeting was held on Thursday, January 23, 2025. Commissioner Ries called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Town House Conference Room.

PRESENT: Commissioners Alex Ries, Dan Gilbert, Amy Poet, Chris Sevic, Nick Sheets, and Eric Valenstein. Council Member Elizabeth Guroff.

ABSENT: Billy Shifflet

STAFF: Joe Cosentini, Town Manager

MINUTES:

- **November 21, 2024**

MOTION: Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the November 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

- **Visit with Santa – debrief**

There continues to be trash thrown into the coat donation receptacles. Commissioner Sevic liked the line closing at 5:30 P.M., which allowed Santa to take his time with the children. There was discussion of having volunteers help with the crafts table and possibly having shifts of volunteers for it. Commissioner Valenstein explained that Impact Church brought the snow machine, and it was a hit. The Century High School band worked well for their time slot and location.

- **2025 Meeting Dates**

The meetings follow the same schedule of every fourth Thursday except for in November.

MOTION: Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the 2025 meeting dates. Commissioner Sevic seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- **Event Dates**

- The spring cleanup is April 12, and the location is to be determined.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is April 18. There was a discussion regarding the scavenger hunt in addition to the egg hunt.
- There was discussion of the date for the Skate Jam. Shrimptown Skate Shop will have to be consulted, but the tentative date is May 10.
- The Sykesville Cinema will be on the second Saturday in June, July, August, and October.
- There was a discussion about Music in the Parks and collaborating with the Band Shop for a local talent show. There would be two Music in the Parks events as normal, as well. There was discussion regarding the dates and combining it with other events. It was decided to have them a concert as part of the Skate Jam and at the June movie. There will be a concert on its own on September 20.
- Fall Cleanup is September 20 in Millard Cooper Park.
- A Visit with Santa is on December 6

SPARC will participate in the Let Freedom Ring Parade and the Trick-or-Treat on Main Street events

MOTION: Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the 2025 Event Schedule with a tentative date for Skate Jam. Commissioner Valenstine seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- **Sykesville Cinema – Movies**
There was discussion of the winner of the Civic's Day movie choice. A local filmmaker was interested in having their video shown. They were asked to send it to the Commission for review.
- Commissioner Sheets announced several emails that were received including a person interested in donating an old railroad bell.
- Commissioner Sheets also brought up bulk prices for popcorn. He noted no real money savings if buying in bulk.

TOWN UPDATES:

- Joe Cosentini, Town Manager, announced that the new Parks and Recreation Coordinator will be in attendance at the February 27 meeting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before SPARC, Commissioner Ries motioned, and Commissioner Sheets seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski