

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
February 23, 2023**

Present: Alex Ries Eric Valenstein  
Dominic Capparuccini Chris Sevick  
Nick Sheets Billy Shifflet  
Bryan Troast  
Liza Guroff, Council Liaison

Staff: Joe Cosentini, Town Manager  
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison

**Call to Order**

Alex Ries, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion was made by Co-Chair Ries and seconded by Commissioner Troast to approve the January 26 Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shifflet abstained All other voted in favor.

**Business**

New Event Planning – Skateboard Contest

Jason, Shrimptown Skate Shop attended to answer questions and offer support for the event.

Recommendations as follows:

- Two styles of competition.
  - Jam Format – All participants skate at the same time and are judged.
  - Heat Format – Participants skate one at a time for judging in two-minute runs.
- Computation from noon to 4:00 PM
- Limit participants to the first 20 to sign up with a \$5 entry fee.
- Separate into 3 groups beginner, intermediate, and sponsored.
- Shrimptown would provide registration location, judges and prizes.
- Waiver to be considered staff will look into drafting.

**Motion**

Co-Chair Valenstein motioned and Commissioner Sevick seconded to approve the addition of a Skate Board Competition to the 2023 SPARC Event Schedule to be held on October 7. All voted in favor.

Easter Egg Hunt (April 7 10am to 12pm) & Scavenger Hunt Planning (April 7 to April 11)

- Volunteers should arrive by 8:30 for setup.
- Co-chair Valenstein has 6 to 8 volunteers for crafts and face painting.
- Easter Bunny setup at the Buddy Bench for photos
- Handouts – Scavenger Hunt Information, 2023 Event Schedule and Skateboard Contest Information.
- Co-chair Reis and Commissioner Troast will setup, monitor and takedown Scavenger Hunt.

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Choose Sykesville Cinema Movies

- June 10 – Space Jam
- July 8 (Christmas in July) – The Muppet Christmas Carol
- August 12 – Encanto
- September 9 – The Mighty Ducks
- October 14 – Ghostbusters

**Motion**

Motion was made by Chair Reis and seconded by Commissioner Troast to approve the selected movies. All voted in favor.

Approve 2023 Event Schedule

Co-chair Valenstein will draft the Event Flyer for distribution.

**Motion**

Motion was made by Chair Ries and seconded by Commissioner Sevick to approve the 2023 SPARC Event Schedule. All voted in favor.

Approve Easter Bunny Costume Purchase

**Motion**

Commissioner Troast motioned and Co-chair Valenstein seconded to approve the purchase of at Easter Bunny Costume costing \$384.00. All voted in favor.

Budget Requests:

- Concrete pad for movie projector at Cooper Park
- In ground anchors to secure the movie screen at Cooper Park
- Easter Bunny Costume
- Additional lighting for night events at Cooper Park
- Facebook boost for advertising events
- Message boards at Cooper Park and South Branch Park
- Add toddler play equipment in Beach Park and access trail improvements
- New concert banner (Commissioner Shifflet to research)
- Small scale nature center

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, Chair Ries motioned and Commissioner Sevick seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison