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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2025 REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION

The Sykesville Parks and Recreation (SPARC) meeting was held on Thursday, April 24, 2025. Commissioner Ries called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Town House Conference Room.

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

ABSENT: Dan Gilbert

STAFF: Drew Rittenhouse, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

MINUTES:

- February 27, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the February 27, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Sevic seconded the motion.

The motion carried 4-0-2 with Commissioners Poet and Sheets abstaining as they weren't in attendance at the February meeting.

- March 27, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the March 27, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Sheets seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0-1 with Commissioner Valenstein abstaining as he wasn't in attendance at the March meeting.

BUSINESS:

- **Note Card Design**

Commissioner Sevic explained that she sends thank you notes to the Cinema Sponsors, and there are no more left with the new logo on them. She asked for 50 thank you cards to be ordered. Drew Rittenhouse, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, presented an option for the cards. Commissioner Sevic asked for one of the pictures to be changed to a picture of the Commissioners at the Easter Egg Hunt.

MOTION: **Commissioner Ries motioned to approve the purchase of 50 SPARC note cards. Commissioner Valenstein seconded the motion.**

The motion carried unanimously.

- **SPARCwear**

Mr. Rittenhouse presented options for t-shirt and hoodie designs for SPARC. Commissioner Ries explained that the shirts that don't say "volunteer" on the back could be given out as giveaways or sold for a small profit. Commissioner Sevick asked if a brighter color t-shirt could be considered, as the gray would be hard to see at night events.

MOTION: **Commissioner Ries motioned to approve ordering t-shirts and hoodies for each SPARC Commissioner. Commissioner Shifflet seconded the motion.**

The motion carried unanimously.

- **Little Sykes Railroad Brochure**

Mr. Rittenhouse explained that the Little Sykes Railroad brochure needed a refresh. He presented a new option. He explained that SPARC would be a little more involved with the Little Sykes Railroad, though the Little Sykes volunteers will continue to run it. Mr. Rittenhouse also explained that Little Sykes has volunteer opportunities for both school aged students and for adult engineers.

- **Sykesville Cinema and Concert**

June 14 is the first Cinema. It is Toy Story and the Band Shop will be hosting a concert with their students. The concert will be from 5 P.M. – 7 P.M. Commissioner Sevick will have volunteers for the snack shack show up at 4 P.M. Commissioner Sevick will clean out the snack shack the last week in May or the first week in June and will restock it as well. The licensing for the movie was purchased through Swank, but a DVD has not been purchased yet. There was a discussion about streaming the movie instead of purchasing a DVD.

Mr. Rittenhouse will put the movies on Facebook and Instagram. Commissioner Sevick asked if toppers could be made for the signs that say which movie is being shown. Commissioner Sevick will get a quote for a the toppers.

Commissioner Valenstein will host a craft between the concert and the movie. Music could be played on the new sound system.

TOWN UPDATES:

- Sharon Young, town resident, gave a public comment regarding a community service system linking a student with an elderly person in the community who could use assistance with yard work or other things. Commissioner Sevick will get in touch with the community service manager to ensure something like this would count towards service-learning hours.

- Mr. Rittenhouse explained that the cement pad was created for the outdoor classroom.
- The splash pad fencing was completed on April 22
- Arbor Day is April 25 in Burkett Park with new magnolia trees. There will be a ceremony beginning at 3:30 P.M.
- Mr. Rittenhouse thanked Lee Hirschmann from the Band Shop for his assistance with the sound system upgrade.
- Mr. Rittenhouse asked for responses to his event debrief email. He plans on having a table at every single event with information on SPARC available. He asked for a volunteer to staff the table.

ADJOURN: **There being no further business to come before SPARC, Commissioner Ries motioned, and Commissioner Valenstein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M.**

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Town Clerk Kerry Kavaloski