

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**May 25, 2023**

Present: Alex Ries                      Eric Valenstein  
          Dominic Capparuccini        Nick Sheets  
          Brian Troast

Staff:        Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison

Absent:      Chris Sevick        Billy Shifflet  
              Liza Guroff, Council 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 Co-Chair Valenstein to approve the April 27 Minutes as presented. Commissioner Sheets and Commissioner Troast abstained all others voted in favor.

**Business**

**Summer Events**

1. Sykesville Cinema

- Close Caption will be provided.
- Commissioner Sevick will clean and stock the Snack Shack. Two Volunteers are scheduled to work the Snack Shack.
- Commissioner Valenstein will organize children's activities and Boost Facebook ad for \$100.
- Commissioner Capparuccini will put out movie signs Friday and Commissioner Troast will take them down on Sunday.
- Movie Sponsorship – 3 gold confirmed 1 gold is pending. Follow up needed with Becks and Patapsco Distillery to discuss sponsorship. Commissioner Troast will take forms to additional local businesses.
- Offer Shrimptown free advertising for co-sponsoring the Skateboard Contest.

2. Music in the Park

- Two bands confirmed.
  - Liberty Road – August 26
  - Open – September 23
  - Here Till Sunday – September 30

3. Skateboard Contest

- Jason from Shrimptown will attend the June meeting to provide update and will have a flyer drafted.
- Following the June meeting the Commission will do a site visit to South Branch Park to continue the planning discussion.

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4. July 4 Parade

- Commissioner Troast will work with Public Works to get float ready for the parade.
- Commissioner Troast requests a different trailer than last year that doesn't have a ramp lifted in the back.
- Public Works to provide straw bales.
- Commissioner Sheets will be Sparky
- Find children to ride the float.

Banner and Sign Design/Purchase Update

- Three banner options were provided and one was selected to be printed.
- Banner will be ordered from Shannon-Baum
- New SPARC logo is being considered and several options were designed. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**Town Updates:**

- Splash Pad is opening May 26 through September 4 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Closed on Tuesdays for maintenance.
- New employee has been hired to manage the splash pad. Also, will monitor trash cans and bathrooms.
- Zipline has been repaired.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, Co-Chair Ries motioned and Commissioner Sheets seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison