

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 28, 2023

Present: Alex Ries Dominic Capparuccini
 Nick Sheets Billy Shifflet
 Liza Guroff, Council Liaison

Staff: Kevin Rubenstein, Town Planner

Absent: Chris Sevick
 Eric Valenstein
 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 Sheets to approve the August 24 Minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

Eagle Scout Presentation

Nathan Ross Florez, Troop 716 provided a presentation for his proposed Little Sykes Eagle Scout project.

Plan includes:

- Restore the interior of the ticket booth.
- Replace the ballasts surrounding the track that have eroded away from the edges of the wooden cross ties.
- Fundraising to cover the costs through his troop, family members, local businesses, and material donations.
- To help complete the project with volunteers from his troop, friends, Little Sykes volunteers, and SPARC.
- End of October is an estimated start date once the final plan is approved by the Town.

Business

Summer Events

1. Skateboard Contest and Spring Park Cleanup
Proposed dates:
April 20, 2023 – Spring Park Cleanup
April 27, 2023 – Sykesville Skate Jam
TBD – Skate Jam Rain Date
2. Concerts in the Park – Here til Sunday
 - Put up signs – Commissioner Sheets
3. Fall Cleanup September 30, 9am to 12pm
 - Staff will deliver supplies to South Branch Park on Saturday before 9am.
 - Co-chair Ries will reach out to additional volunteers.

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4. Sykesville Cinema – Ghostbusters
 - Volunteers – Commissioner Sevick
 - Children’s Activity - Co-chair Valenstein
 - Put up signs – Commissioner Shifflet
 - Halloween Costume Contest – Co-chair Ries
 - Staff will purchase 3 gift cards for prizes.
5. Trick or Treat on Main
 - Co-chair Ries, Commissioner Shifflet and Commissioner Sheets will attend.
6. Santa’s Arrival – December 2, 3pm to 6pm
 - Gatehouse Museum Staff will not be able to attend but have offered the left-over craft material from last year to SPARC.
 - Add this event to the October Agenda for further planning.

Town Updates

- Staff is looking into changing the scope of the Playground Open Space Grant from a natural play area located along the Linear Trail to Jones Park for improvements and a potential connection to the Linear Trail.
- Staff is in the process of completing a Request for Proposal for the Millard Cooper Park bridges.
- SPARC requests that a potential trail from Beach Park to Main Street be considered for a future grant.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Co-Chair Ries motioned and Commissioner Sheets seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison