

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
SYKESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
March 25, 2021**

Present: Alex Ries            Bryan Troast  
          Chris Sevick         Nick Sheets

Stacy Link, Council Liaison  
Joe Cosentini, Town Manager  
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison  
Kerry Chaney, Town Clerk

Absent: Billy Shifflett     Eric Valenstein

**Call to Order**

Alex Ries, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion was made by Commissioner Troast and seconded by Commissioner Sevick to approve the February 25, 2021 Minutes as presented. All voted in favor.

**Business**

Nomination of Co-Chairs and Secretary

- Commissioner Sheets nominated Commissioner Alex Ries as Co-chair and Commissioner Troast seconded all voted in favor.
- Commissioner Sevick nominated Eric Valenstein as Co-chair and Commissioner Troast seconded all voted in favor.
- Commissioner Troast nominated Jana Antrobus, Executive Assistant as Secretary and Commissioner Sevick seconded. All voted in favor.

**April Events**

- Scavenegger Hunt April 2, at 10:00 am
  - How to Play Instruction and the 2021 Event Schedule will be included in the gift bags. Staff will print 300 copies of each.
  - Commissioner Troast and Chair Ries will put out the eggs Friday morning. Commissioner Sevick and Commissioner Sheets will pick up the eggs after the event has ended and will store them in the Weigh Station.
- Park Cleanup April 24, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
  - Chair Ries will market the event.
  - Locations to be determined.
  - Staff will scout out possible locations.
  - Meeting location at the Fountain Park.
- Pre-movie Events
  - June 12 Movie Princess Frog - Invite Piney Run Nature Center. Commissioner Sevick will contact their organizer to schedule.
  - September 9 Movie Karate Kid – Invite Tristar Martial Arts Academy to provide demonstrations.

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Music in the Park October 2, 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM

- Commissioner Sheets will contact bands and food trucks that may be interested in participating and provide information at the next meeting.
- Commission to work with Staff on a possible Budget Revision required to cover the cost of this event.
- Participating food trucks will be required to fill out the Town Permit to be on Town Property.
- The Snack Shack will be closed if food trucks are in attendance.
- Chair Ries submitted the application to the Health Department for the Snack Shack Permit. A Covid Safety Plan was requested by the Health Department.

Reschedule April's Meeting

- Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM was confirmed. Future meetings will be held at 7:00 PM.

Commissioner Sevick has been contacted by several High School Seniors in need of Community Service Hours by graduation. SPARC Events that could use volunteers do not begin until after graduation. What other opportunities may be available to them?

Councilwoman Link noted the Trotting for Trash and No Butts About It Event is fully staffed with volunteers.

Keep Sykesville Beautiful is partnering with a local group called Trash Troopers for a Plogging Event (Jogging and picking up trash) called Trotting for Trash and No Butts About It on Saturday March 27 at 1:00 pm. Check in available at Fountain Park on Oklahoma Avenue. Prizes will be given.

**Town Updates**

- Last year the purchase of some trashcans/recycling bins was discussed and was included in the Budget. Shortly after, the Town was approached by the Downtown Sykesville Connection on behalf of Keep Sykesville Beautiful to partner on a grant and was awarded. The funds will be used to purchase those trashcans/recycling bins. With the budgeted money Staff is suggesting the funds be used to purchase picnic tables to replace some on the Linear Trail. SPARC is in support and would also like to see benches and birdhouses added to the Linear Trail between the basketball court and the stone building.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, Chair Ries motioned and Commissioner Sevick seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jana Antrobus, Staff Liaison