

Smithsburg Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2020

In Attendance

Park Members - Jeannette Dan, Jeanne Dinterman, Terri Callamari, Skip Fielden and Margie Gyurisin (absent Michael Wagner, Glenn Fishack, Ludmila Paliyenko-Sherman)

Council Liaison - Tracey Knight-Simane

Mayor Jack Kesselring

Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes - Terri motioned that we approve the minutes from the August 10th meeting and Jeanne seconded and all approved.

Welcome - Ed "Skip" Fielden as one of the new members of the Parks Commissions. New Member, Ludmila Paliyenko-Sherman was unable to attend.

Presentation with Josh Lowe - Josh is requesting the Parks Commission consider building a Parkour course in the park. This would be something that everyone can use especially adults, it would be about the size of a basketball court with mostly walls and bars. This could be used not only for Parkour but for people doing Crossfit and other fitness training. Jeannette is going to forward an email she received from the Parks Commission in Boise, Idaho who installed a Parkour park. The Park Commission is going to look more into this and talk about it.

Updates

- **Sea Containers** - These belong to some of the sports groups in Smithsburg. We could possibly look into replacing these with something more permanent. Smithsburg Little Sluggers is the group responsible for the container at Lions Park and Smithsburg Youth Association for Veteran's Park. The mayor suggested we invite the new president of SLS to a meeting and see if they would donate a permanent structure to replace the container at Lions' Park. The Mayor also mentioned that the brush in Veterans Park would be cleaned up at no cost to the town in return for a personal favor owed to him.

Old Business:

- Bylaws Update
 - The Mayor and Council approved the changes to the Parks Commission bylaws. SCAC is now their own committee.
- Survey for the Park
 - It was decided that we would add a name and address to help with duplicates
 - We would like this to go out in the October water billing and to be due when the water bill is due.
 - The survey would also be posted on the town's website and then the town could post on Facebook as well.
 - This survey is to gain some feedback from citizens
 - Survey due back October 31, 2020.
- Park Site Plan
 - Debbie sent the Parks Commission a copy of the grading plan for the multi purpose fields. Commission still has questions on where the proposed limited access road is planned. The mayor, Jack Kesselring, indicated that he would make sure a copy was sent to the Parks' Commission.
- Lighting for the park trail and gazebo parking lot
 - Margie mentioned using paver lights near the walking trail to make it easier for snow removal and mowing, and then have lights similar to the lower parking area near the parking area near the gazebo. The Park Commission requests that they be involved in the lighting choices.
- Monarch Alliance
 - Jeannette spoke with Elizabeth Ollove from the Monarch Alliance. She said that the first step is to find a place with good sunlight and water. We need information from the town on where there is water access in the parks.
 - Margie mentioned using the open grass area behind the gazebo.
 - The Parks Commission requests the site plans for the road going out to Cavehill so that the butterfly garden will not be obstructing anything.

New Business

- Budget
 - Project Open Space (POS) grant requests due in October. Debbie provided us with this information in a Sept 13, 2020 email regarding the Parks' Commission Budget.
- Replacement Backboards
 - Mayor Kesselring requests that the Park Commission look into putting in new True Bounce basketball backboards. The backboards will cost \$7000 dollars each and Mayor Kesselring said that he has someone that would pull out the old basketball poles and backboards and that the Public Works employees could do the installation. The Mayor is going to request donations from local businesses to fund the project.
 - Terri brought up concerns about soliciting local businesses for funds during this

- time.
- Jeannette asked about the broken backboards in Lions park and the cost difference if we replace the backboards with one similar to what we have now.
 - The Parks Commission decided to get more information from both John Dinterman and Skip Fielden about this in order to make a decision. Skip was also going to check on refurbishing basketball courts. Lines need to be repainted as well.
 - Disc Golf
 - Tabling till next meeting
 - Veteran's Day
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 - Member Comments
 - Jeannette mentioned how nice it was to see the work had started on the walking trail in Veteran's Park, and also asked if there was any updates on the grant for the Pavilion in Lions Park
 - Margie reminded members that they need to come with top 5 items for POS grant request.

Jeanne motioned that we adjourn the meeting, Jeannette seconded and all approve

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 12th at 7pm.

Submitted by Jeannette Dan