

APPROVED 5/4/2022
MINUTES
POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
APRIL 6, 2022 19721 BEALL STREET
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Call to order 7:10 pm

Preston King, John Strong, Tim Pike Jeff Eck, Doug, Terry

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT MEETING MAY 4, 2022 - start at 6:00 pm meet at Town Hall- walk for crosswalks

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2022 - approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2022 - approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 9, 2022 - approved with 1 absention because Terry came in late for conversation

OLD BUSINESS:

A. EXPANDING THE NATURAL AREAS OF PARK

- a. Preston recommendations- when we do a walk through look at Brightwell Crossing Lane for a green space. Elgin Park space to allow parts to reforest and let the ground and other stuff grow in the forest line. Add a pollinator patch near Collier Circle Pond trail, area behind Eddie Colemans house. Pollinator patch reduces carbon footprint, only bush hog once a year. Being so close to the pond adds as a natural filter or buffer between. Should incorporate a look at these spaces in the walk around of the next meeting.
- b. Steve Sparnsburg- Suggest that maps be drawn up of each park and so that Commissioners can see maps of the parks, for proposed native areas will be located and the percentage of ground, will talk to his neighbors on Brightwell crossing lane. Will meet with Preston next week. John will get whatever information he can. MCAtlas from the county will show detailed parcels of the land.

B. FARMERS MARKET

- a. Laurie Savage and Elise Wendland- switching from Sunday to Saturday- most of the vendors preferred Saturday to Sunday, comfortable not doing the market on the days where there were conflicts. Attendance has been hot and cold.
- b. At commissioners meeting the request was that the Town provide the insurance for the Farmers Market. Town's response was "no." Booths and Sellers should have their own insurance as well as the whole organization having insurance. Town insurance doesn't cover third party non town sponsored events.

- C. **CrossWalks**- John Strong says anything between Wootton and Elgin we can discuss cross walks because the town owns that area. The selection of crosswalks comes from this board. Board should give an idea of where we want them and John will let us know the feasibility.
- a. Jeff read an email from Wade on March 17th to the Committee listed several locations where cross walks were desired- 8 locations. Committee has to decide which ones are a priority. Jeff has made his own priority of a list.
 - b. For perspective Tom Fox and Hughes cross walk took nearly 10 years to get approved and put in. That crosswalk is currently going to be a cut through in the island.
- D. **Speed Humps**- Wootton and Spates Hill there is a request for more speed humps in that area. John doesn't have a list of where we want them at present time so he can't act on them. Heard Speed Hump at Fisher and Spates Hill which is a state highway, which may get declined from the state. There is a process with the approval from residents.
- a. Will leave it open until we hear from the resident.
 - b. Jeff looked for an email with lists of speed humps that have already been submitted. Believes that they are tied into upcoming paving projects that is why they haven't moved.

NEW BUSINESS:

RUBBER MULCH PARK - conversation postponed until next meeting

Permits

Poolesville Road Race Same course as previous years, course and starting locations etc. Do not intend to spray paint along the road except the finish line. Using Signs that stake into the ground. Jeff recommended that they seek out EMS support. Traffic Control is working with MoCo police and will use same people who have done it before.

Motion to approve- Terry seconded, Approved

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS & STREETS REPORT:

- Spring is here! Terry and Preson are BFF's.
- Started mowing and mulching addressing tree damage.
- Upgrading and having steel poles put in
- Thank Jeff for the additional funding for boots. Guys really appreciate it.
- Hiring summer help for the upcoming summer, haven't had a whole lot of applications yet. As advertised, need 1 more 6 month person and 2 summer people.
- Next meeting I want to look at expanding the natural areas, and will have satellite pictures.

TOWN COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORT:

- Met with UPN requesting a 1,000 grant. Untamed event May 13th, presentation on healthy lifestyles, food trucks and food provided, car extrication demos, and a movie.

- Farmers Market- town attorney requires proof of insurance for non town sponsored events. Food products from a professional kitchen. NO action taken by town, but can not provide insurance
- Wades report- leadership training for supervisors, website being updated, pt grant writer, financials backed up on cloud, flashing crosswalks will be steel poles from morning start
- Old methodist church survey for property lines
- Employee capacity study done, will hire assistant town manager, or project manager, assistant is in budget, consider moving systems to automated systems, employees on call is an issue, hire additional employee for work life balance, some people like OT, others may not
- Martin Ratigan recommended a pt grant writer or full time to do grant writing and economic development
- Read water numbers and comparisons
- Town of Poolesville 2023 budget and tax rate remained the same
- Announcements:
- Notable Dates
 - March 18 Heather Suskin photography
 - Ribbon cutting new location of Poolesville Vision
 - Ribbon Cutting essence dance studio sat april 23rd 12
 - Ground breaking at cross finds for grape crush april 28 noon
 - PVACC gathering at Landmade April 27th
 - PVACC deadline for advertising ask Bupp
 - CC district 2 April 28th
- Thank Valaree Dickerson for organizing the Poolesville Ukraine relief effort 11 pallets of humanitarian supplies shipped to Poland on March 22nd. Organized transportation which was exceptional
- Appt to boards- no changes
- Employee handbook - approved
- Poolesville Day- New head Kevin . Poolesville Day will be Sept 17th. The committee has 13 returning and 7 new members. Kevin will not take his stipend. PHS students will be solicited to design the website \$700 who wins PHS student to design postcard \$700
- Requested funding for Poolesville day, formerly the town paid for big expenses, would like to consolidate.
- Changed phone \$965 to google phone which is free

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn 8:18 pm