

APPROVED 6/7/23
Meeting Minutes

POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
May 3, 2023
19721 BEALL STREET
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

- 7:12 call to order- present - Jeff Eck, Patrick Trainor, Doug McKenney, Preston King, Gayle Partain, Jeff McIntyre, John Strong, Niles Anderegg via Zoom- Absent-Terry Pierce, and Tim Pike

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pork and beef sandwich sale, May - October on Saturdays at the Fire Station

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Turnover for the year is April, the beginning of a new term. We should nominate leadership by April.
- *Patrick made a motion to nominate Jeff McIntyre President and Tim Pike VP, seconded by Jeff Eck. All were in favor.*
 - Jeff McIntyre accepts for himself and on behalf of Tim Pike

NEXT MEETING

- June 7, 2023

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- John Wolf- Hillard Street- Wootton and Hoskinson 3-way stop- people are going through the stop sign without slowing down. Would like a taller stop sign or to put a rumble strip at this location. John came to the board in the 90's with the same concern but has had some close calls recently. A sign is in a swell, maybe if it was closer to the road.
- There has never been a standardized height for stop signs. Preston will look into county standards for signs.
 - There is a highway safety height of what it should be, according to John.
- This sign has been there for 30 years.
- Nothing stopping us from changing the sign. Sign currently at eye level.
- Rumble strips are an interesting idea, could be an issue with the houses near a strip, and the strip being loud. Speed humps are just as loud when people bomb over it.
- Doug asked about the zig-zag on the pavement, the benefit of visibility, and less issue with rumble strips. We need to ask the Commissioners to have John look into it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 8, 2023

- *Motion to approve by Patrick Trainor, second by Doug McKenney, all were in favor*

OLD BUSINESS:

FIELD DEDICATION POLICY DISCUSSION

- Was proposed by citizens to have fields dedicated to individuals. Niles came up with some verbiage. Jeff Eck brought up that we may already have a policy. Niles has spoken to Wade, to discuss the interpretation of the policy. "Halmos 1 is a field in a park", which is one way to interrupt the policy.
- Patrick recommends a need for a sub-committee for an updated Naming Policy
- Commissioners meeting on Monday, soliciting public input, crowd source potential names for the list. Jeff will ask the Commissioners if they agree with the plan. We could do a process like the Poolesville Day Committee getting nominations for
- Gayle will get the form from Poolesville Day committee with what they do for getting Grand Marshall nominations.

PICKLEBALL AT HALMOS

- Currently, the plan that the Parks Board is looking at is to make the Tennis courts multi use court for Pickleball and Tennis, only proposing that one court be used that way. Niles will make that a part of the email that goes out Friday.
- Halmos and Pickleball last time, we discussed, but didn't put it out for a vote or a notice to Tennis- Niles can handle that.

MISC

- Code says 25 mph for all town maintained roads unless posted in a subsection, so you have to create a standard for why it should be more than 25 mph.
- AED going in at Stevens

NEW BUSINESS:

BRICKEN PROPERTY PARK RECOMMENDATION

- Part of the Parks process is the dedication of a certain amount of land in new developments and what does the Parks board see as a condition for a park. There will be a certain amount of green space.
- Question- doesn't typically start with the Planning Commission?
 - The code says that the Parks and Street board makes recommendations to the Planning Commission.
- Jeff Eck said the report seemed to indicate that there wasn't sufficient land for a park. Should we have a park, or should we take a fee?
- The applicants have submitted a plan for the Bricken property.
- Niles explained that the Parks Board could say that this is satisfactory along with the fee, or say no we want a bigger park, or we could say, some other combination
- Discussion was to have a Tot Lot at the minimum, as requested by the Planning Commission.
- Josh Maisel and Frank Jamison- presented and are working on the Bricken Property

- Parcel A and C in the map are storm water management locations. White area is a single family home
- Proposed a 50x50 Tot Lot
- 57 acres with 65ish homes .5 acre lots for the whole property, westerly groove .75 acres, nearly 65ish houses side 27 acres
 - Having another practice field so close to the park near new Bodmer homes doesn't make sense.
- Tot Lot would be for 4-10 years old, so the "mothers" don't have to cross West Willard
 - Current Tot Lots are at Stevens, Bodmer, and Elgin
- Parks Board has to decide: do we agree with this plan as is, with this amount of land, with this Tot lot is sufficient?
- How much green space are we supposed to have? 10% of total subdivision is what should be there. 5.6% current planned Tot Lot. Fee calculator is roughly \$2,200 per house, roughly \$150,000 total.
- Parkland has to be usable, so do the conservation and water conservation areas
- Frank Jaimeson was always under the impression that it was an either/or scenario. Either park land OR money. The Town has always given that impression. Put up the land or put up the money but you don't put up both.
- Niles reiterated that the code says you can do a variety of any or all of the above mentioned options.
- *Gayle made a Motion that the Parks board make a recommendation of the parcel shown as a Tot Lot the remainder of the property that is due for the park dedication shall be conducted in fee in lieu. Seconded by Pat Trainor. All approve. Passed*
- The naming of the Tot Lot would have to come from an approved list. Frank Jamieson wanted to recommend the name Ruth Fisher, a teacher at PHS, and a lovely lady. Always nice to the heathens, and the property where the Bricken Property will be is her Farm.
 - Names would need to come from an approved list.
 - Historical significance could be the reason to get her on the list. Totally appropriate to have the subdivision named after the farm.
 - Put her on the list of potential names to be added. Write up how historical significance makes her eligible.

Speed Analysis

- Speed was not excessive on West Willard; 85% of cars were below 40 miles per hour. Proposing a 4-way stop. Lowered speed limit from 35 to 25 miles per hour.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS & STREETS REPORT:

- 1st event Springfest, high number of pre-ordered tickets
- Following Saturday fishing tournament on the 13th, pond will be well stocked.
- Trying to hire summer help, like everyone else, has been tough; a few looking at right now

- The ball field rebuild at 2, has been well received, thank god it rained the sod needed it
- Fields looking good.
- Pickleball in full swing, so parks are being used quite a bit, very happy with it.
- Norm from Pickleball wanted to know what is the schedule for when they will redo the courts?
 - Depends on the money
 - Niles applied for a grant for the Pickleball court, hopefully will have an answer this month. If not, put in some seed money. Budget was adopted, so we are planning out when we will actually do it. If we get grant money in the fall, if not, later
- Next meeting in June, we should go on our walk about. Take us around to the pollinator patches and the no mow areas, trees are taking hold, everything looking so good. One project 4 years going, is looking so good because of water retention. You have to be patient with these no mow and pollinator patches, but it will start to turn into a nice environment.
 - Lowers the carbon footprint, helps the environment. Mother nature creates the best pollinator patches. Certain songbirds need a certain type of tree.

TOWN COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORT:

- CPR AED classes being offered by Upper MoCo Fire Department
- Certified car seat technician being added to Upper MoCo Fire Department
- Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner April 22nd
- Chuck Stump added to the Planning commission, good choice.
- Working on chapters of a comprehensive plan. Targeted by late summer to be warped up.
- Fair access, MOCO schools presented on operational budget.
- MoCo 5th in state for starting salaries.
- Pushing for wellness center
- Grocery Coop exploration
- Joyce Briner- solar coop, Poolesville has been a promotional partner.
- Poolesville Green hosting webinar on playground ground cover
- A Lot of backyard chicken talk
- A pedestrian study was conducted.
- Summer camp is a go thanks to Cathy Bupp and Niles
- Roof being repaired at wastewater treatment plant.

ADJOURNMENT:

- *Doug made a Motion to adjourn, second Patrick, all approve.*
- Done 8:58 pm