

Boonsboro Park Board

February 26, 2025

Present: Greg Solberg, Jamie Burton, Sandra Shifler, Laura Schnackenberg, Council Liaison Marilee Kerns, Rachel Souders, guests: Natoma Vargason, Ian Stann, William Stann

Absent: Jeff Davidson, Council Liaison Rick Weaver

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Schnackenberg at 7:02pm.

The January minutes were read and approved by email. This was done because of the number of guests and a full docket of business the reading/approval of the minutes was forgotten.

Natoma Vargason from the EDC presented information about an outdoor community event for the Appalachian Trail. The event would be Oct. 18-19 in the park. There would be vendors, a community campout, educational information about camping etc. More information about the event will be coming later.

Ian Stann, Boy Scout Troop 20, presented information about his Eagle Scout project to build and mount 4 owl boxes, 2 large and 2 small to accommodate different types of owls, in the park. He will have more information later. Motion Greg to approve the project, second Jamie, all approved.

Unfinished Business

Phase IV Walking Trail - no update

Disc Golf - Update

The equipment has arrived and will be installed when weather permits

Pollinator Hotel for Shafer Park - Update

This is a possible troop project for the Sharpsburg Boy Scouts.

Bluebird Nesting Boxes in Shafer Pak - Update

This is a possible Eagle Scout project for Liam Boyd. We have a volunteer, Vince Caruso, to monitor the boxes and meet with the scout to provide guidance. More information later.

Tree Board - Update

On Feb. 25 the Public Works staff and Isaac Whitmore from Maryland DNR picked up 24 large Maple trees. The trees are from MD DNR and are free. The trees are being stored behind the Community Center and will be watered until they are planted along the new section of the walking trail after paving is complete. Trunk protectors will be placed around each tree for protection against the deer.

Arbor Day - Update

The event is April 17 1 - 4pm. Stream and park clean-up.

Trout Derby - Update

The event is May 3. Marilee Kerns has volunteered to be the point person for the event. The fish have been ordered. Snacks, drinks, and gift cards will be purchased. A letter will be sent to businesses in Boonsboro asking for donations for the event. More information later.

Greenfest - Update

The event is May 10. It is a swap and recycle event; a list of items to be recycled/swapped will be available. There will also be a food truck, Bricello's Grilled Formaggio, on sight.

Wagon Train - Update

The ponies for children to ride have been booked. Laura will contact the spinner for demonstrations and Post 10 Auxiliary to sell hotdogs, snacks, and drinks.

Summer concerts - Update

Concerts are being scheduled. The list should be complete for the next meeting.

New Business

Movies

Movies will be the 3rd Saturday: May 17 - Tom and Jerry
of the month

June 21 - Despicable Me

July 19 - Inside Out

August 16 - The War With Grandpa

Budget 2026

The budget that Rachel presented was approved. Motion Greg, second Jamie, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Motion Greg, second Jamie, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Shifler
Secretary