

Boonsboro Park Board

Annual Park Walk Through and Meeting

April 26, 2023

Present: Laura Schnackenberg, Greg Solberg, Jeff Davidson, Chris Hawkins, Council Liaison
Rick Weaver

The Walk Through started at 6:30. The list of repairs and suggestions will be sent in by Greg Solberg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Schnackenberg at 7:25pm.

Presentation by Natoma Vargason, member of the EDC, representative of the Appalachian Trail Community.

Natoma presented the schedule of events for the National Trail Days and Appalachian Trail Community Dedication on June 3rd, 2023. 8:00am - 4:00pm. She invited the members of the Park Board to attend and encouraged Park Board members to join the A.T. Community committee. Natoma also presented a draft of the Boonsboro beautification project with the possibility of using POS grants. The Park Board supports the idea of establishing a beautification project with the understanding that POS grants have been earmarked for all phases of the Park's Trail system. Also, the Park Board will be included in the design, plant choices (native plants, easily maintained), and placement of the beautification projects at the entrances to the Park and within the Park.

Unfinished Business

Disc Golf Update

New diagram of layout. All holes on the far side of stream. (Will not interfere with sports fields. One area is marshy and might need to be re-evaluated. One of the holes is across trout pond, but it's a short throw. Park Board recommends approval, and forwards to Town Council meeting on May 8th Motion Greg, Second Jeff.

Tree Board and Arbor Day/Earth Day/Stream Cleanup Update

Three trees planted on Arbor Day. Tree Dedication Ceremony for Bruce Schmidt was well attended.

Stream Clean up went well. Volunteers included Girl Scout Troop 40709-10 , Cub Scout Pack 20 , Boy Scout Troop 51 and Boy Scout Troop 2119.

Fishing Derby - May 6

\$75,000 of trout fingerlings were killed at the hatchery, but we should still get our trout. Some coupons and food still to be purchased.

BGF Recycling Event - May 13

There will be opportunities to recycle a large variety of items, swap clothing, sports equipment, plants, books, household items, and a tree giveaway.

Wagon Train - May 21

D&D ponies are confirmed. Post 10 Ladies Auxiliary will be selling hot dogs, chips and drinks. Black Smith, Joe Sheerer, will be demonstrating. Deborah Rochefort will give a spinning demonstration.

Independence Day Celebration - July 5 rain date July 7

Local vendors as usual. More information later.

Concerts

Update will be done at May 24th meeting.

New Business

Farmer' Market

Opening Day – May 2, 2023.

Insect Hotel suggestion from BEC

The Park Board will discuss this at the May meeting when examples will be presented.

Temporary Dog Park

Major Long has requested a fenced in temporary dog park until the permanent dog park is constructed. Park Board agreed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schnackenberg, Chairperson