

Myersville Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

March, 2024

Guests:

- Laura Defeo (Frederick Health)

Committee Members Present:

- Victoria Thompson (VP)
- Mari-Beth Schmersahl (Treasurer)
- Efim Shapiro (President)

Meeting Agenda:

- Website Updates
- Collaboration with Frederick Health
- Newsletter Content
- Upcoming Events
 - Kids to Parks
 - Seedling Swap
 - August Kids Stuff Swap
 - Trolley Fest
- Budget Review

Meeting Notes

Website Updates

- Discussed delaying the "newsletter tab" addition for a few months.
- Agreed that the "what's next" section should be prominently featured on the Parks and Rec homepage.

Collaboration with Frederick Health

- Laura Defeo (Frederick Health) provided potential locations for advertising outdoor health events and raising awareness for outdoor events around town
- Committee discussed ways to collaborate with Frederick Health on initiatives promoting active lifestyles and diabetes prevention.

Newsletter

- Agreed on a "Hidden Gems" section, highlighting people who contribute positively to the community. Judy Zack will write the first installment and circulate it to the committee for review.
- Victoria to keep building the newsletter and brainstorming ideas

Kids to Parks (May 18th)

- Efim will check park availability with Kathy.
- Efim will contact "Dylan Draws Stuff" regarding participation.
- Library collaboration confirmed on advertising and a possible activity during the event.
- Agreed to use the pavilion at Doubs Meadow Park.

Seedling Swap (May 18th)

- To be held in the morning on the same day as Kids to Parks.

Trolley Fest

- Chris Bishop Call
 - Church is unable to provide food for an upcoming event but remains interested in participating as a route stop.
 - Uncertain about incorporating a bus into the event plan.
- Victoria to gather clothing supplies for scarecrows.
- Mari Beth will contact Sheri regarding additional details.
- Inflatables to be placed on the grass at Doubs Meadow Park.

Budget

- Current budget: \$11,154
- \$900 allocated through July

Other

- August Kids Stuff Swap

Action Items:

- Efim: Check park availability with Kathy for Kids to Parks
- Efim: Contact Dylan Draws Stuff
- Efim: Discuss possible activity collaboration with the library for Kids to Parks
- Efim: Ask Judy Zeck about writing the initial "Hidden Gems" newsletter section and ideas for circulation

- Victoria: Source clothes for Trolley Fest scarecrows
- Mari Beth: Contact Sheri about Trolley Fest

Next Meeting

- The committee will meet again on Wednesday April 17, 2024

Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

Guests:

- Rorie Cox-Steib (Library)
- Rachel Kurtz (Library)
- Judy Zeck (Historical Society)

Committee Members Present:

- Victoria Thompson (VP)
- Mari Beth Schmersahl (Treasurer)
- Efim Shapiro (President)

Meeting Agenda:

Library Collaboration

- Trolley Fest plan
- Seed exchange
- Urban gardening

Trolley Fest (October 5th)

- How to create a town-wide Trolley Fest experience and increase participation
- Yard Sales
- Transportation

Golden Rocks Contest

- Golden Rocks - Prep Rocks (Victoria)
- No answer from McDonald's (Efim to follow up)
- Golden Rocks Contest park assignments

Meeting Notes:

- The committee discussed ways to increase collaboration with the library in general and specifically for Trolley Fest.
- Rorie and Rachel suggested a Trolley Fest Passport to encourage participation at several sites throughout the town on the day of Trolley Fest.
- Victoria Thompson will design the passport bookmark
 - Passport could take the shape of a bookmark
 - A Prize could be awarded to people who complete the passport, with the prize distribution to occur at the library
 - Rorie and Rachel suggested they could make Trolley Fest pins
 - Passport could include blank spaces for stamps at the following locations:
 - Trolley Fest @ Doubs Meadow Park
 - Historical Society Museum for Day @ Town Hall
 - Farmers Market
 - Library
- Victoria suggested a seed exchange with library along with thematic books on gardening
- Mari Beth Schmersahl will inquire about the possibility of a CCC shuttle bus to move people around town on the day of Trolley Fest.
- Efim Shapiro will follow up with McDonald's about their sponsorship of Trolley Fest.
- Golden Rocks Contest Park Assignments are as follows:
 - Efim: Doubs, Memorial, Bullivant
 - Victoria: Grindstone, Harp
 - Mari Beth: Gaver, Flook

Next Steps:

- Victoria Thompson will design a Trolley Fest Passport Bookmark.
- Mari Beth Schmersahl will inquire about the possibility of a CCC shuttle bus to Trolley Fest.
- Efim Shapiro will follow up with McDonald's about their sponsorship of Trolley Fest.
- The committee will meet again on March 20, 2024.