

## **Myersville Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 20th, 2024

### **Guests:**

- Rachel Kurtz (Library)

### **Committee Members Present:**

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

### **Action Items:**

- Efim
  - Collect the Trolley from the Library (Efim to contact Eddie)
  - Organize hard drive (mid-term goal)
  - Invite Flynn to web archive
  - Pay Trey
  - Set date for EOY party and send out invitations
  - Cancel meeting for December
- Mari Beth
  - Budget breakdown (what's left)
  - Research Reptile day for a winter exhibit
- Victoria
  - Get seedling materials ready for the spring
  - Set dates for all above events
  - Reserve Doubs for Trolley Fest and Kids to Park

**Next Meeting:** 1/21/25

**November Meeting Agenda:**

- Trolley Fest review
  - What worked
    - Good turnout at library for kids activities
    - Kite kits were a hit in the library
    - Lions breakfast good turnout but not great
    - Museum for a Day great turnout
    - Cornet band was a success, with crowds watching
    - Pumpkins were given away
  - What didn't
    - Library recommends maps as a quarter sheets
    - Farmers Market moved stamps table away from the main area, not much engagement with scavenger hunt activity
    - Trolley pin not a big enough incentive to do the scavenger hunt
    - Scarecrows are hard to do, maybe we can rethink that next year, either scrap the activity or swap with something else. Unless a community volunteer feels strongly about doing it and wants to take it on.
  - Takeaway
    - Rueben should be at the library all day especially during the kids activities
    - This year felt like everyone was on the same goal, not competitive
    - Start marketing months ahead of time
    - Add photos and videos from events to website
  - Ideas

- Reuben
    - Speak at Lions club in the morning
    - Have a station at doubs park later in the afternoon
  - Sponsorships (Mark Flynn to help with this)
    - Spectrum
    - Gas stations
    - Others
  - Hay Ride
  - Reptiles
    - (Mari Beth contacted Suzie) this could be either a Trolley Fest station or a standalone activity for the winter months, to be held indoors.
  - Horse Rides
    - **Next Year's Date 10/4/25**
- Budget Review
  - Mari Beth to research and report back
- Christmas in Myersville
  - 12/7 Christmas in Myersville
  - Efim to Emcee and set up sound
- Cookies and Cuttings
  - 12/7 Saturday 12-3pm At the library
  - Backdrop to put up and leave all day if approved by library
- Year end party
  - At 4th Dimension
    - 12/20 Friday 7pm
    - or 12/27 Friday Time TBD
  - MB to see if any money left in the budget

- Recruitment
  - Try recruiting people for an event rather than Parks & Rec as way into the group
- Next Year
  - Inventory the closet during the January meeting
  - National Night Out
    - Tuesday 8/12/25 tentatively
  - Kids to Park/Set for Summer
    - At Doubs Park
    - Include a clothing swap for kids
    - 5/17/25