

## **Merlin Park Minutes**

**July 7th, 2025**

The meeting started at 5:03pm.

### **Directors Present**

Jan Slusser, Lynda Spangler, Mark Jones, Mike Chanquet, Cathy Campbell, Randy Benetti

### **Others Present**

Caretaker: Ken Mele, Walk of Honor Representatives: Mike and Chris Baker,

Visitors: None

### **Minutes**

Mark Jones noted a correction of the June 2nd, 2025 minutes on the name correction needed for the Bakers. Motion to adopt the minutes with that correction was proposed by Mark Jones and seconded by Mike Chanquet. Voted unanimously in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report presented by Mike Chanquet reflected expenses of \$765.90 and an income of \$2,140.03 reflecting a credit increase of \$1,374.03. The checking account balance is noted at \$4,240.02 with the petty cash balance at \$76.56. The Walk of Honor balance at \$1,233.79 which was inclusive of corrections and \$100 new money. Motion to adopt the report as corrected proposed by Mark Jones and seconded by Lynda Spangler. Voted unanimously in favor.

### **Swearing in of New and Re-Elected Directors**

Jan Slusser swore in Cathy Campbell to replace Steve Liebenberg for the duration of his term and Randy Benetti to a newly created position for the duration of two years. Cathy Campbell as new Secretary swore in Mike Chanquet, Mark Jones, Lynda Spangler and Jan Slusser to their re-elected terms of positions.

### **Ken's Report**

Ken Mele, asked about the Hunter sprinkler heads to be repaired. It was asked by Cathy Campbell that Ken use the sprinkler flags to identify which heads need to be addressed...intentions of doing this is during the Car Show.

Cathy Campbell also asked for someone to remove the deer carcass at the pull out next to the Walk of Honor Signage. It was noted that soap was running low and it was on its way for delivery the next day by Mike Chanquet. Randy Benetti gave a detailed breakdown of the zero turn mower expenses to repair to perfect working order with costs to date being \$519.34 of a \$4000 machine.

### **Other Notes**

Jan Slusser made a motion and Mark Jones seconded that Mike Chanquet be added as the third signor to the bank account. Voted unanimously in favor.

### **Walk of Honor**

Mike & Chris Baker reported that "Project Youth Plus" 10 kids worked for several hours and painted the gazebo in the park with the supplies costing \$364. Lynda suggested a "Letter of Thanks" Certificate for work provided. Mike & Chris purchased pizza. Jan's grandson Williams pressure washed the area and black paint was detailed in every brick by 2 of the artists. Jan suggested Williams will also have him work on the Gazebo Top. \$200 was approved for payment of said work by Williams pending the Treasurer's release of funds.

### **Car Show Updates**

Jan Slusser picked up the awards and plaques for entries of the show. Several calls came in noting they were just going to show up and fill out entries at such. 1 prepaid at time of meeting. Entry Forms approx. 40 will be available at time of arrival. The drain field was noted that cars will not be allowed to park on the grass within that location of 100 feet away from the building. The park has two pop up tents and one will be used by the Veterans representatives and the other for car show entries and raffle tickets, donations, etc. Items acquired for the raffle thus far are 4 gift cards for Rogue Car Wash, 2 gift cards for Kelly's Oil change. Cathy donated a Silent Auction Rag Quilt, Jan's Niece providing a Free Hair Cut. Mark Jones will be putting together raffle buckets. Everyone to sell raffle tickets, Mike Chanquet to take in car show entries and give 5 tickets to those. \$1 per ticket of 6 for \$5. Mark Jones and Randy Benetti will direct cars to parking area, Lynda will come a go during the event, Jan and Cathy will be with raffle area and as needed to assist. Jan Slusser suggested Chris Baker be the overall Judge of the event. The set up was discussed for where the Music band will be and the food concession area. \$150 will be on hand from the bank account in \$5 and \$10 for change. The show is set to start at 9:00 am and Directors will come in much earlier to set up...awards at 1pm and clean up approximately 2pm. Mike Chanquet and Mark Jones working on the use of the electronic funds square device...to be determined. It was mentioned again that a banner is needed for future car shows that can be reused. Mark Jones noted a Logo is still needed, Cathy Campbell shared some ideas found online and Randy Benetti noted some can also be created on "chatgpt". Cathy Campbell suggested anyone that wants to bring some in to be voted on to do so.

### **Community Report**

Jan Slusser noted that one Center rental came in for the same day as the car show. No other rentals to note of at this time. It was unclear as to who left a box of items at the community center but would be put away for return or future use if unclaimed. Music in the Park donations are needed for more dates to be filled.

### **Old Business/New Business**

Jan Slusser shared a new sign for No Skateboarding to be installed in the park. Jan Slusser requested someone take a look at the two compressors in the shed as they may be valuable or could be donated to Pottsville if no interest in using them for the park is needed. A Mission Statement for the Park was shared and Mark Jones made a motion to adopt the Mission Statement as written and Jan Slusser seconded the motion. Voted unanimously in favor.

The meeting was closed at 6:36 pm.