

Kitzmilller Mayor and Town Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 22nd, 2023

Date: Monday, May 22nd, 2023.

Location: Kitzmilller Community Building

Time: 7 PM

In Attendance:

- ✓ Mayor Robert Reckart
- ✓ Councilman G. Michael Brady
- ✓ Councilman Michael Hechmer
- ✓ Councilman Cory R. Stieringer
- ✓ Town Clerk Rebecca M. Glotfelty

The meeting was called to order at 07:04 PM by Mayor Reckart. Opening prayer was led by Rita Lambka, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Hechmer motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, April 24th, 2023. Councilmember Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Playground installation was delayed due to weather conditions; it is now in progress and should be finished by the end of the month.
- New Signs were placed in the park to start the relabeling of the Botanical Garden.
- Dumping of Garbage from people outside the community.
- Rise in Garbage Fee

Recognized Guests:

Missi Nesselrodt – Resident/KVFD – Would like to thank the town for sponsoring the Walk-A-Thon Event. She also stated that there are vehicles parked on the street that have tags that are expired, and asked if there was an ordinance about that. *Mayor Reckart* informed *Missi* that there is an ordinance for it. *Missi* then suggested that the town send letters to those individuals. *Missi* also brought up the tall grass at a residence on Third Street. *Mayor Reckart* informed her that the issue had already been addressed.

Rita Lambka – Resident – She was wondering when we were going to address the high grass throughout the town.

Becky Reckart – Resident – Asked if there was a way that we could get signs to point people in the right direction for the Botanical Garden, like we have for the museum. *Mayor Reckart* instructed Beccie to check with the county to see what they come up with.

Diane Kisner – Kitzmilller Librarian – Asked if she could have some of the Kitzmilller Botanical Garden Brochures. *Mayor Reckart* said absolutely! She then informed those in attendance of the summer happenings at the Kitzmilller Branch of the Ruth Enlow Library. Which includes the summer reading Club registration begins June 1st. Please register for the reading challenge and all our events at [HTTPS://WWW.RELIB.NET/SRC](https://www.relib.net/src)

Kids Summer Reading Club Schedule:

- July 13 @ 10:30-11:30am – Community Helpers: Fire & Rescue
- July 20 @ 10:30-11:30am – Shake, Rattle, and Rumble Ball
- July 27 @ 10:30-11:30am- Building Friendships with Karen Wood
- August 3 @ 10:30-11:30am - Let's Create Art Together!
- August 10 @ 10:30-11:30am – All Together Now: Activity Stations

Adult Summer Reading Club Schedule:

- July 10 @ 6:00-7:00pm – Book talk and signing with Ron Bateman.

· August 8 @ 11:00am-12:00pm – Let's Craft Together!

Summer Reading Club t-shirts will go on sale June 1st and will be \$6.00 each

· The Kitzmiller Library will be open Saturday, July 22nd from 10am-2pm for our Kitzmiller Homecoming. Free crafts for the kids will be available.

Diane also announced the library would be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

Sharon Paugh – KVFD – Have you guys been able to find someone to do the Electrical Work at the Park?

Mayor Reckart informed Sharon that we have not. Sharon suggested Scott Lewis and was able to give Beccie his phone number. She said that he just did some work for the fire department and did a fantastic job! *Mayor Reckart* also informed those in attendance that he was finally able to find someone to refurbish the pond. Saying that Zachary Schoch had started his own Masonry Business and is up to the task to having it completed by the end of summer.

Also, in attendance with no comments:

Dale Lipscomb, Nancy Brady, & Shellie Evans

Grants:

Community Legacy Grant – Sidewalks – Contract has been completed, adding the final touches, and work is to be started on May 31st, 2023, and will end before the end of June.

USDA – Dump truck – Still waiting on Sam.gov to respond to the new letter.

Appalachian Regional Commission Grant – (Museum) – Germain's is waiting on final parts for the HVAC at the museum. As soon as they come, they will get us on the schedule.

Mountain Maryland Mini Grant – Park – This Grant can now be officially closed!

Community Parks & Playgrounds – Kitzmiller submitted applications for three projects.

Kitzmiller Park Pavilion Roof Replacement, Playground Resurfacing, & for Park Restrooms Restoration. Unfortunately, two were denied, but we were approved for one. We were approved for \$70,000 to Restore the Restrooms in the park.

Lowes Community Grant – Lowes does community projects every year to help the surrounding communities. Kitzmiller is one of their communities that they picked. One of the projects that they would like to begin is Handicap Access to the Library. They plan on having this finished before Homecoming. The tree that was planted in memory of Ms. Bessie Murphy will need to come out. *Beccie* brought up that *Shellie Evans* had mentioned she has a pussy willow tree to donate to the town for the Botanical Garden. *Shellie* said she would be honored to have it planted in Ms. Bessie's Memory. Lowes also said they will sponsor the roof replacement on the pavilion in the park.

Old Business:

Flags in Park – *Beccie* was able to present to the council the company the Woodman of the World uses to order their flagpoles/flags from. The council brainstormed different options for the flagpoles to try to help save on costs. From the company "Concord American Flagpole," if it were ordered, they decided on the American Tradition Flagpole Kit. 20' poles are \$750, plus \$66 for the flag. It was decided that there would have to be 8 poles all together. 1 for each branch of the military, POW/MIA flag, state flag, and American flag. The American Flag itself costs \$77. So, for the flagpole kit and the flag, each one would cost an estimated \$816 (\$827 for the pole and American Flag). The council decided that it would be a great community effort to raise the money for the flagpoles. It was agreed that the flagpoles could have dedication plaques all ordered by the town, so they are all uniform. So, this project will be open to the public for sponsors.

Wi-Fi Extension in Park (ARP) – Install May 18th.

Chairlift at Community Building (ARP) – Install Date was given to us as "Sometime in June."

Leftover Pea gravel from Playground – Will be advertised in the Newsletter.

Gift Certificates for Library's Summer Reading Program- These have been donated.

New Business:

Garrett County Circuit Rider Program FY2024 – Councilmember Brady motioned to accept the Garrett County Circuit Rider Program for FY 2024 through Garrett County Community Action. Councilmember Hechmer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Concerns:

G. Michael Brady – Nothing.

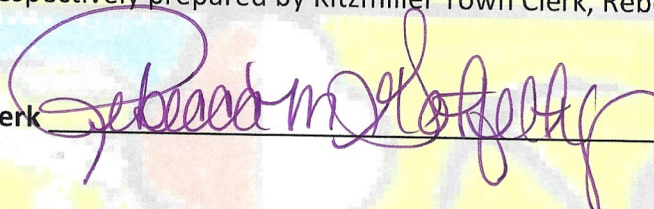
Michael Hechmer – Nothing.

Cory R. Stieringer – Nothing.

Councilmember Brady motioned to adjourn the meeting at 07:51 PM. Councilmember Stieringer seconded the motion. 3-0. Motion Carried.

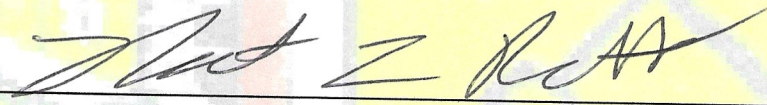
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Rebecca M. Glotfelty, Town Clerk

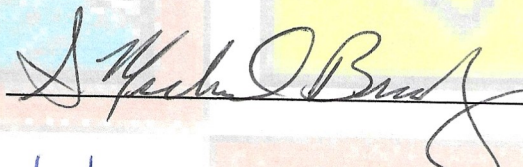


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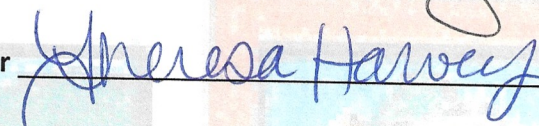
Robert L. Reckart, Mayor



G. Michael Brady, Councilmember



Theresa R. Harvey, Councilmember



Michael A. Hechmer, Councilmember

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