

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Green Team Minutes September 19, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following present: Chairman Jeff Russell, Mayor Ken Lord, Team Members Sandy Lord, Evan Wiegand, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from August 15, 2024 were approved.

Old Business

Main St/Rt 34 Railbed Lease Update – We are waiting to hear back from Mr. Hulse with DNR. He had a meeting scheduled in early September to discuss the lease details.

Railbed Cleanup Update – We are waiting to hear back from Mr. Hulse with DNR.

Save the Date for Springfest 2025 – The GT members decided on April 12, 2025 for next year's SpringFest.

Bingo/Music in the Park – There was some discussion about this and other ways to use the park. Ms. Lord said the Elementary School PTA had Bingo in Shafer Park recently. She will see if they will lend out their bingo set.

Pollinator Palooza – The Lords will provide a canopy, a 6 ft table, and chairs. Mr. Russell, the Lords, and Ms. Pangle will work the booth. Set-up is from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. The event is open from 10 am – 2 pm. Ms. Lord suggested we have a save-the-date handout for next year's SpringFest and for the upcoming Community Yard Sale. Mr. Russell will take pictures of the two pollinator gardens in Taylor Park and Ms. Pangle will bring native/invasive literature from Town Hall. We will also take orders for our Green Team t-shirts.

Fall Community Yard Sale/Bulk Trash Pickup dates – Mr. Wiegand will start advertising this on social media around September 28th.

New Business

Tree Planting – Ms. Pangle reported Ms. Thomas from the Potomac Audubon Society has \$439.00 of grant money left from the gazebo planting. She will need to purchase trees/shrubs soon. This was brought up at the last Mayor & Council Meeting. They would like to see the trees go in areas where trees had to be removed. Mr. Wiegand mentioned the area around the food pavilion could use trees. Mayor Lord said the south end of Main St. where the State planted in the drainage/easement area needs attention. Some of those trees are dying/dead. Ms. Pangle will contact Ms. Thomas with the requests from the Green Team and Mayor & Council.

Sustainable MD Grant Opportunity – Sustainable Maryland announced their first grant program. Applications are due by November 8, 2024. Projects may begin in January 2025 and be completed by January 2026. Registered Community awards are up to \$5,000.00 with 4 awards expected. Certified Community awards are up to \$20,000.00 with 4 awards expected. There was much discussion about the various projects we could apply for as a certified community. Since we are currently working on the railbed lease and cleanup, the members agreed to focus on making the railbed a walking/nature trail with benches, solar lights, and native/food forest plants. Outdoor exercise equipment is a consideration and would be a benefit to the kids who use the ballfield.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Green Team Agenda September 19, 2024

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2024 minutes.

Old Business: Main St/Rt 34 Railbed Lease Update; Railbed Cleanup Update; Save the Date for Springfest 2025; Bingo/Music in the Park; Pollinator Palooza; Fall Community Yard Sale/Bulk Trash Pickup dates.

New Business: Tree Planting; Sustainable MD Grant Opportunity

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment