

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Green Team Minutes February 20, 2025

Approved

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, Jason Krebill, Amy Thomas, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from January 16, 2025 were approved.

Old Business

Main St/Rt 34 Railbed Lease Update – Mr. Hulse (DNR) has reached out to the review board for the status.

Railbed Cleanup Update – Waiting on the status from the review board to set a date.

Springfest 2025 – Ms. Pangle is waiting to hear back from ACWA. There was discussion about needing more interactive vendors and not just literature vendors. Ms. Lord is reaching out to a small family-run zoo in Delaware that travels. She will look back at her list from last year. Ms. Pangle confirmed the library will be having a scavenger hunt during their normal hours of operation. Ms. Lord confirmed the Master Gardeners will attend. Ms. Lord checked with an art teacher friend who will get back to her about the date. The dojo will get back to her about the date. Ms. Lord mentioned Mandy's School of Music could come with a few instruments for kids to try. She will reach out to them. Mr. Wiegand will get new date decals for the two banners.

Little Free Pantry – Ms. Pangle reported the Mayor and Council would like to see the design for the food pantry as well as a plan for keeping track of inventory and maintenance. Mayor Lord would like to talk to other communities to see how this is working for them.

New Business

Library Window Bird Strikes – Ms. Thomas rescued an injured Red-shouldered hawk at the Keedysville Library that had flown into the front window. There was much discussion about the various types of bird strike window clings/decals that could be used to prevent this in the future. The product is installed on the outside of the window in a 2"x2" pattern. It was agreed to present information to the Mayor and Council for their approval. Ms. Thomas suggested educational information inside the library explaining the purpose of the window clings.

Pickleball Court – Ms. Pangle mentioned the Green Team could participate in designing and planting around the pickleball court, as well as supporting the use of permeable materials for the walking path. We could consult a designer to layout a design to compliment the area as well as provide a buffer to the community behind the park. Mayor Lord asked if a county extension office might be of help. Ms. Pangle said Ms. Twigg with (DNR) is already aware of our tree needs for the court and can help. Ms. Thomas has access to a native landscape designer. Mr. Krebill mentioned crushed glass as an option for a permeable walking path.

Park's Salting Policy – Ms. Thomas is concerned about the amount of salt used at the park during bad weather. She said there were huge clumps that she picked up. There was much discussion about resident safety, damage to the environment, and alternative options. The Town can talk to the contractor about using less salt for now. In the meantime, the Green Team can research costs and availability of alternatives.

Park Mowing – Ms. Thomas mentioned the park was mowed every week in July and August even when the grass had not grown. There was much discussion and the Green Team suggested only mowing every other week in July and August. This will be brought up at the next Mayor and Council meeting to consider for the next mowing contract.

Bird Friendly Lighting – Ms. Thomas researched ways to make the Town's lighting more wildlife/bird friendly. She provided information on ways to retrofit the lights to direct the light down. Ms. Pangle said she believes the street lights have dimmers on them and will confirm with the Town's electric company. This will have to be presented to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Pangle mentioned we could promote Light's Out at SpringFest and educate the public on peak migration times for birds. Ms. Thomas will do something educational for kids at her SpringFest booth.

Comments by Team

Mayor Lord mentioned contacting the county about the maintenance shed on Rt 34 and Coffman's Farm Rd. He wants to see if the county would consider planting evergreen trees around their property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Green Team Agenda February 20, 2025

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2025 minutes.

Old Business: Main St/Rt 34 Railbed Lease Update; Railbed Cleanup Update; Springfest 2025; Little Free Pantry

New Business: Library Window Bird Strikes; Pickleball Court; Park's Salting Policy; Park Mowing; Bird Friendly Lighting

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment