

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Approved

Green Team Minutes March 27, 2025

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, Skadie Cooke, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from February 20, 2025 were approved.

Old Business

Main St/Rt 34 Railbed Lease Update – Waiting on Mr. Hulse.

Railbed Cleanup Update – Waiting on Mr. Hulse.

Springfest 2025 – Ms. Pangle said the Ruritans had some confusion with their scheduling this year. They have a bingo scheduled the same day as SpringFest. Ms. Gemeny is working on getting volunteers to scoop ice cream since the usual volunteers will be at Bingo. She may need help from the Green Team. They have ordered 4 (3-gallon) containers of ice cream. Last year, we had 3 containers and ran out before the end of the day. Mr. Wiegand asked if the Ruritans could not use Styrofoam bowls this year. Ms. Pangle will ask Ms. Gemeny about the bowls as well as compostable spoons. Ms. Pangle will get the frame for the banner out of storage next week for Mr. Wiegand. Mayor Lord asked about flyers. Ms. Pangle sent a pdf to the Mini-Mart to hand out to customers as they did last year. Mr. Wiegand will work on a full-page flyer to post at other locations around town. We have 3 musical acts performing: Travis Riner, Megan Burtner, and Linda Waring. For her Girl Scout project from last year, Nora Krebill will be available to discuss the drinking fountain. Mr. Krebill mentioned needing extra trash bins this year and making it clear which bins are for recycling. Ms. Pangle will contact J&J Trash Service to have extra trash bins dropped off. Both the Sharpsburg and Boonsboro Fire Departments will be there as well as EMS. Mayor Lord mentioned using the medallions we received from Washington County for the 250th Anniversary in 2026. It was decided to make next year's SpringFest about the 250th anniversary and hand out the medallions then. Ms. Lord suggested a writing contest for next year and possibly an art contest with "green" related prizes. Ms. Cooke mentioned we can get points with Sustainable Maryland if we have a display of the contest participants afterwards. Chairman Russell said that the Backyard Buffers are having their tree pickup on the day of SpringFest.

Little Free Pantry – Ms. Lord said the kids haven't moved forward with a design as of yet. Ms. Cooke will gather some designs for the Green Team to consider and put together a basic plan for maintaining the pantry.

Library Window Bird Strikes – Ms. Pangle reported that the Mayor & Council want the least intrusive option possible. CollidEscape provided samples and suggested Spiderweb Clear as their least intrusive option. It will cost \$210.00, which includes shipping. This will cover the two front library windows that are 67” wide x 45” high.

Park’s Salting Policy – The Mayor and Council want to leave the salt decision to the professionals. Temperature/weather forecasts may vary the amount of salt they use. We can ask them to try and minimize the salt when and where possible. Mayor Lord said he thinks they try to err on the side of too much so as not to get complaints about not enough. He will talk to Mr. Babington personally to find a happy medium. The Green Team can research potential alternatives to consider for next winter.

Park Mowing – The Mayor and Council agreed to mow every other week in August and September. This was included in the new Park Mowing bids for the upcoming season.

Bird-Friendly Lighting – The Mayor and Council do not want to adjust the street lights. There has been some shielding and dimming done on a case-by-case basis. The Green Team can educate and encourage residents to participate in bird-friendly lighting, particularly during peak migration.

New Business

Winchester Field Trip – Barb Wetzel (Boonsboro) called to say they received partial funding from a Nora Roberts grant and plan to take another trip in early April to the glass-to-sand operation in Winchester. She will let us know a date in case anyone wants to join them.

Comments by Team

Ms. Pangle mentioned Town Hall will be closed for June’s meeting. Does the GT want to reschedule? It was decided to skip June and July, as we did last year, and resume regular meetings in August.

Ms. Lord suggested we pick the date for SpringFest 2026 at the May 2025 meeting and make May a meeting/celebration since we skipped our holiday celebration.

Ms. Pangle said Alex Reed with the Washington County Watershed is developing a tree giveaway program called Liberty Tree. He is looking for interest among residents and municipalities. He plans to have information about it at his booth for SpringFest.

Ms. Cooke asked about the plans for using the newly purchased church property. Ms. Pangle reported that the Mayor and Council are still working out those details, and work is still needed on the church. Mayor Lord said one of the uses planned is for the Keedysville Historical Society to have a place to display their items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
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Green Team Agenda March 27, 2025

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2025 minutes.

Old Business: Railbed lease & clean-up; Springfest 2025; Little Free Pantry; Library Window Bird Strikes; Park's Salting Policy; Park Mowing; Bird-Friendly Lighting

New Business: Winchester Field Trip

Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment