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Green Team Minutes November 20, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:04 pm with the following present: Chairman Jeff Russell, Mayor Ken Lord (@ 8:07 pm), Team Members Sandy Lord, Evan Wiegand, Jason Krebill, Skadi Cooke, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from October 16, 2025 were approved.

Guest Speakers: Matthew Fleischer (Catocin Land Trust) and Robert Schwartz (DNR) discussed potential projects that would be financed by grant money from the Whole Watershed Fund. Antietam Watershed was one of five watersheds chosen for this funding. There are multiple Maryland State resources and private partners coming together to fund a watershed-specific program. This is a five-year pilot study to get as much money into these five watershed areas in hopes of delisting from the EPA's impaired stream list. They are looking to plant trees, and the property doesn't need to be on the creek. The two general approaches are bare-root seedlings and container stock, and will do 5 years' worth of maintenance on the trees. There are potential financial incentives if they plant on your property, depending on certain conditions. In addition to trees, they are interested in "conservation landscaping that works with nature to reduce pollution by incorporating environmentally sensitive design, low impact development, noninvasive native and beneficial plants, and integrated pest management". Seven residents attended tonight's meeting with concerns about streambank erosion. Matt and Robert are willing to assess the creek (outside of the current stream restoration project behind Town Hall) to see what other areas need attention. Residents are also concerned about debris in the creek from upstream. The dam's condition and the need for its evaluation were mentioned. Matt and Robert made suggestions on having the dam evaluated and ways they might be able to help. They have a working relationship with both the County Soil District and EcoTone, so they will make contact with them and get back to the Green Team. Meanwhile, the Green Team can spread the message on social media and begin gathering information from residents who are interested.

Old Business

Contest for 250th/SpringFest 2026 – Due to guest speakers, this was tabled for next month's meeting.

2025 Sustainable Maryland Grant Update – Due to guest speakers, this was tabled for next month's meeting.

New Business

Green Team Holiday Gathering – The team agreed to hold a holiday dinner on January 31, 2026.

Comments by Residents

N/A

Comments by Team

The next Green Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7 pm in Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant