

TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE, MARYLAND

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Green Team Minutes August 27, 2026

Approved

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Green Team was called to order at 7:01 pm with the following present: Chairman Jeff Russell, Team Member Sandy Lord, Evan Wiegand, Jason Krebill, Amy Thomas, and Administrative Assistant Teresa Pangle.

The minutes from April 16, 2026 were approved.

Old Business

SpringFest Review/Vendor Feedback/Horizon Goodwill – The feedback was great. Two new vendors, Odie & The Country Band and Whistle Punk Food Truck, are committed to coming back next year. After SpringFest, Horizon Goodwill contacted us to be involved next year. They offer on-site donation collection with some recycling, like e-waste. Ms. Lord mentioned doing a photo contest next year. It could be open to kids and adults. Mr. Krebill mentioned the electrical issue at Pavilion #3. Ms. Pangle said electricians are scheduled for the first week in September to make repairs.

Pollinator Palooza June 13th Update – Chairman Russell and Ms. Lord set up the Green Team booth. Chairman Russell said people were interested in the Green Team's goals and getting involved. Ms. Lord suggested that for next year's Pollinator Palooza, we have our September guest speaker lined up to promote at Pollinator Palooza. Also, prepare a survey to see what type of speakers the public would be interested in hearing. Having something to give away, related to the speaker's topic, would be a good way to draw people in.

SM Green Team Stories Submitted – Sustainable Maryland requested Maryland Green Teams provide testimonials for their 15th anniversary. Ms. Pangle supplied answers to their four questions, our logo, and a link to our social media page. This was submitted to Sustainable Maryland on April 24, 2026.

New Business

September Guest Speaker – Our guest speaker will be Randy Robinson with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. He will present a 30-minute PowerPoint on "Bald Eagles of the Potomac Watershed", followed by a 10–15-minute Q&A session. Mr. Wiegand will create a flyer and post an event on social media. He will have the flyer ready to distribute the first week in September.

Wildlife Habitat Pilot Program – The Washington County Soil Conservation District (WCSCD) reached out to municipalities about a new Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Pilot Program. Chairman Russell, Mr. Krebill, and Ms. Pangle

met with them on July 14th to conduct a site assessment. WCSCD is partnering with South Mountain Outreach Restoration and Environmental Stewardship (SMORES) to build and install the Wildlife Habitats. WCSCD will fully fund the first habitat and encourage the sponsorship of additional habitats by the municipality. WCSCD has agreed to fund a chimney swift habitat, which is the most expensive habitat they offer. The Green Team decided at this meeting to fund a bluebird house and bat house, but there are questions about the cost of the bat house. Ms. Pangle will get details about the bat house from WCSCD. Ms. Lord is interested in this program for the wetlands she is working on at the Boonsboro School Campus. Ms. Pangle will give her information to WCSCD.

DNR/Anna Twigg Meeting – Ms. Pangle met with Ms. Twigg on May 15th to discuss planting trees around the multi-sport court, in Taylor Park, and at the future pocket park at 15 S. Main St. Ms. Twigg confirmed on August 4th that the tree planting project has been fully approved for Catoctin Land Trust Whole Watershed Funds with matching funds through the Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee grant. The Catoctin Land Trust will handle the purchasing and grant administration for this project. Ms. Twigg needs the Green Team to identify a planting date and to recruit volunteers. The team decided on October 16th from 1-4 pm.

Fertilizer/Weed Treatment at Taylor Park – Ms. Pangle mentioned this to the Mayor & Council at the June 2026 meeting. At that time, Ms. Pangle was waiting for information from Antietam Tree about the products they use. The Council suggested doing more research about the alternatives and asked what the Green Team suggested. The Green Team didn't meet in May, June, or July, so August was the first chance to discuss the alternatives. Mr. Krebill and Ms. Thomas suggested going to the next Mayor and Council meeting to speak on the option of using no fertilizer at the park. Ms. Pangle will ask Ms. Riner to put this on the Mayor & Council Agenda.

Salting the Road Article – An article from MD Rural Water was shared with the Green Team members. The issue of excessive salting of the roads and sidewalks was discussed at the March 2025 Green Team meeting. This concern was shared with the Mayor and Council. At that time, the Council said it was best to leave the salt decisions to the professionals. The mayor mentioned he would talk to our contractor to find a happy medium.

SM Recertification – Ms. Pangle submitted the application on June 5th with 245 points. We only need 150 to be recertified at the Bronze Level. The review should be complete between September and October.

SM Grant – The Green Team needs to pick a project to submit for the \$20k grant. A decision will be made at the September meeting.

Fall Yard Sale/Bulk Trash – The Green Team decided to have the Fall Yard Sale on October 10th and Bulk Trash on October 17th.

Comments by Team

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Pangle
Administrative Assistant

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Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: April 16, 2026 minutes.

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Comments by Residents

Comments by Team

Adjournment