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Friendsville Mayor & Town Council Minutes
July 20, 2026

Attendance:

Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Mayor

Wanda Guard, Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Members: Pamela Humberson, President, Michael Artice, Chad Bittinger, James Hook, Edward Kelley, & Robert Sines.

Call to Order: The July 20, 2026, the general meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was to order at 6:01 p.m. by President, Pamela Humberson.

Citizens/Guests: Amanda Fenton, Bonnie Artice, Luke Artice, Andrew Yurko, Matt Fithian, Cassidy Bennett, Sheryl McClane, Ana Sines, Austin Tachel, Jacob Haglund, Inga Haglund, Saylor Wampler, Jen Uphold, Andrea Detubler, Sarah McCarter, Carol McMahon-Calhoun, Jason Donahue, Cathan Corley, Charlotte Slekey, Chris Hull, Madi Miro, Hannah Studdard, McKenzie Malone, Joe Hallmeyer, Keygan Bradwater, Dean Bennett, Sgt. Bryan Ridder, Colton Eversden, Ami Jaramillo, Carrie Wampler, Todd Baker, Brenton Petriillo, Eav Van Wigert and Terry Spear.

Openings: All attending the meeting recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of the Agenda – July 20, 2026

Motion #1: (Council member Bittinger/Council member Kelley) Motion to approve accepting July 20, 2026, agenda. 6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

Approval of the General Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2026

Motion #2: (Council member Bittinger/Council member Sines) Approval of accepting the general meeting minutes for July 6, 2026, with no corrections.

6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

To The Floor

Garrett County Sherrieff Department

Sgt. Bryan Ridder of the Garrett County Sheriff's Department presented the Town of Friendsville's activity report for the month of June. The report included a total of 21 incidents for the Town of Friendsville which included 1 domestic disturbance, 13 town patrols, 1 incident, 3 process served and 3 special assignments. Mayor Schlosnagle shared with the deputy that our community has an Amish population, with horse-drawn buggies traveling through and into town. He wanted to make them aware of this and respectfully request that traffic conditions be monitored. Additionally, he asked if you could consider reinforcing the request for appropriate signage, similar to what has been implemented in the Springs, PA area, to help increase driver awareness and safety.

Friendsville Outdoor Adventure Facilities Team – Matt Fithian, Ana Sines & Cassidy Bennett

A PowerPoint presentation was provided to the Mayor, Town Council members, and attendees a proposed project which would feature a pump track, an outdoor bouldering wall and skate spot. Please see the attached summary for additional details. **(Appendix A)** Following the presentation

and discussion, Council President Humberson stated that the Council would review and consider all information presented and would follow up with any additional questions or concerns. She emphasized the importance of maintaining open communication regarding this project request.

Unfinished Business

Replacement Town Road Signs

Mayor Schlosnagle shared that he has contacted Theresa Miller regarding the replacement of 22 road signs for the Town of Friendsville. Councilmember Sines and the Mayor conducted a review throughout town to identify which signs required replacement. The new signs are currently being produced and are expected to be available later this week.

Community Park Playground Steps – Welding Rod Proposal (Appendix B)

At the June 29, 2026, meeting, Mayor Schlosnagle presented photographs of the steps and shared the proposed plan for their repair. Council President Humberson read the proposal submitted by Welding Rod regarding the repair work. It was noted that the proposal did not address any warranty information for the completed work. A community member in attendance expressed concerns regarding the damaged equipment, noting that it may pose a safety hazard and that a child could potentially get their fingers/toes caught or injured by the damaged area.

Motion #3: (Council member Kelley/Council member Sines) Motion to accept, move forward with the project and approve the proposal from Welding Rod in the amount of \$5,250.00.

6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

The equipment will be closed, and signage will be posted until the repairs have been completed by The Welding Rod.

Rugg Memorial Stonework

Jen Uphold shared that the plaque has been refurbished and looks great. At the time of the refurbishment, the request was made to relocate the memorial to the Mountain Fellowship Center rather than placing it at the Friendsville Softball Field. The family agrees with this change, as his teammates play the majority of its games at that location and the individual being honored was a resident of that area.

Motion #4: (Council member Bittinger/Council member Artice) Motion to approve the relocation of the Rugg Memorial to Markleysburg Mt. Fellowship Center.

6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries

New Business

FY 2027 POS Application – Friendsville Community Park Stage Placemaking

Mayor Schlosnagle shared that the Town was awarded \$60,000 through a 90/10 matching grant. The Town will need to identify the 10% match amount, which will be funded from the contingency budget.

Following discussions with vendors regarding the sun sail option, it was determined that the structure would require a 7-foot-square area to accommodate the necessary posts. As an alternative, the Town is considering a permanent roof structure located between the stage and Pavilion #1. This option would provide a durable, weather- and snow-resistant covering.

A proposal has been requested from Jose Benitez of AB Enhancement, LLC, for the design and construction of this structure. The project details will continue to be developed as the proposal is reviewed.

FY 2028 Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Application – Steps to Yough River

Council member Bitteringer shared that this is part of the recreational parking lot committee and that a virtual meeting has been scheduled with committee members Chad Bitteringer, Lynn Aycok, Jesse Shimrock, and David Wampler for July 22 at 5:00 p.m. to review the application before its September 19, 2026, submission deadline.

CPP Grant – Friendsville River Recreation Gateway (Committee Update)

Council member Bitteringer will be setting up a meeting to review, and the grant application is due August 19, 2026.

Mayor's Report

- Received confirmation from the Garrett County Board of Commissioners that a \$4,000 appropriation for community parks and recreation has been approved for the Town of Friendsville for FY 2027.
- The Garrett Timber Rattlers Baseball League utilized our facilities this past weekend and provided positive feedback regarding the quality and condition of the fields and amenities.
- The Town of Friendsville's display at the **250 Garrett Celebration** was very well received. Mayor Schlosnagle recognized and thanked the committee members for their contributions, including Carol Squires, Carol McMahon-Calhoun, Melissa Custer, Susan Johnston, Jamie Friend, Heather Umbel, and Ina Hicks.
- The Maker's Market held on July 18, 2026, was a successful event. The next Maker's Market is scheduled for September 19, 2026.
- Keith Tomblin is continuing work on the municipal/community center building, including masonry repairs and improvements.
- Council members are invited to attend the Yough River Celebration on July 25, 2026.
- The air conditioning unit at the municipal building experienced a malfunction and was serviced by Rush Services on Thursday, July 16, 2026.
- Council Member Kelley suggested that the Town evaluate potential locations for installing "hitching posts" as a possible addition to support the community's needs.

Committee's Reports

- **Buildings:** Nothing
- **Safety:** Nothing
- **Streets & Sidewalks:** Nothing
- **Community Park:** Nothing
- **Trees & Shrub:** Nothing
- **Economic Development:** Greater Friendsville Business Association next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026. Jen Uphold expressed interest in exploring the possibility of offering a Façade Improvement Program grant similar to the program currently offered by the Town of Oakland. Mayor Schlosnagle noted that the Town of Friendsville has implemented a façade improvement program in the past and could consider offering it again with the assistance of DCHD FY2028 grant funding in coordination with Robin Bernard. The program would require participating businesses to provide a matching contribution toward the improvements.
- **Recreational Parking Lot:** Nothing

Concerns of Council Members

- Nothing

Important Date(s)

- Yough River Celebration – July 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Community Park
- Mayor & Town Council Meeting – August 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
- AL/GAR MML Chapter Meeting/Dinner August 12, 2026; Hosted by Town of Accident, 5:30 p.m. Social Hour, 6:00 pm Meal, 6:45 pm Business Meeting
- Friendsville Days – August 14-16, 2026
- Ruth Enlow Library – Friendsville Branch Grand Opening August 20, 2026, 12:00 p.m.
- Makers Market – September 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #5 (Council member Hook/Council member Artice): Approval of adjourning the meeting.
6 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned for 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda M. Guard

Wanda M. Guard,
Administrative Assistant, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:
Jonas R. Schlomach, Mayor
8/03/2026

Friendsville Outdoor Adventure Center Proposal Summary

Vision:

The Friendsville Outdoor Adventure Center is a proposed community recreation space designed to expand outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors while reinforcing Friendsville's identity as an adventure destination. The proposed project would feature a pump track, an outdoor bouldering wall and a skate spot, creating an accessible venue for families, and riders and climbers of all ages and skill levels.

Why It Matters:

Friendsville and surrounding Garrett County has earned a reputation of being an outdoor destination with its access to mountain biking, hiking, paddling and trail systems. Adding an Outdoor Adventure Center would complement these existing amenities by providing year-round recreation opportunities within the community while attracting additional visitors to Friendsville.

Proposed Features:

- Paved pump track for bicycles, scooters, skateboard and roller skates
- Bouldering wall with routes for beginner-intermediate climbers
- Skate Spot to accommodate beginner-intermediate riders including a small quarter pipe, a ledge and other beginner features to encourage progression.

Community Benefits:

- Expands recreation opportunities for youth, families, and adults
- Encourages healthy, active lifestyles through outdoor adventure
- Supports tourism by adding another unique attraction in Garrett County
- Enhances Friendsville's reputation as an outdoor recreation hub
- Encourages visitation to Friendsville, which benefits small businesses
- Creates opportunities for community events, youth programs and instructional clinics
- Takes dangerous skating off streets and sidewalks with a designated space

Potential Location:

Area behind the volleyball courts, within the Friendsville Community Park

Looking Ahead:

The Friendsville Outdoor Adventure Center represents an investment in the town's youth and its future. Building this facility would create new recreation opportunities, strengthen community connection and would build on Friendsville's growing reputation as one of Maryland's premier outdoor adventure destinations.



Appendix B

Proposal / Estimate

Customer: Town of Friendsville

Attention: Wanda Guard

Date: 7-13-2026

The Welding Rod LLC estimates that the following scope of work will cost **\$5,250.00**.

Removal of the existing stairs and platform shown in the provided pictures. Supply all materials necessary to fabricate a new set of stairs and platform. All new steel components will be glass bead blasted and then powder coated to closely match the existing components. This proposal includes all labor, equipment, and manpower required to reinstall the new stairs and platform.

The Welding Rod LLC is not responsible for barricading the playground equipment once the existing stairs and platform have been removed.

Accepted By:

Date: