



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Meeting September 10, 2013 Minutes



The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Carr-York at 7:35 pm at the Severna Park Library.

Secretary's Report: Wes Adams distributed the August meeting minutes to the membership via email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Poland submitted the August Finance report which was read to the membership. Below are the key numbers from the report which will be filed for audit. **All** GSPC moneys are FDIC insured.
Income – Dues \$35, Money Market \$0.00, CD interest \$0.00

Account balances (as of 08/31/2013)

BB&T checking	= \$ 2248.68
SmithBarney money market	= \$ 931.18
SmithBarney CDs (5)	= \$ 25,000.00

Beautification Trust Fund (closed 10/2011)

President's Report: Nothing new to report. 51 Communities in Good Standing/5 in Arrears

Special Guests: Amy Leahy, from Laura Newman's Office. Cassia Martens from Del. Cathy Vitale's Office present.

Captain Francis Tewey – Commander of AA County PD Eastern District – addressed the delegation – Cpt. Dewey provided a brief summary about his background – this is his third trip to the Eastern District. They are building a new station off of Ritchie Road on Mountain Road. District Boundaries are from Baltimore City Line all the way down to the Bay Bridge out to 97 and down to Rte 50. They cover more neighborhoods than any other district. It will be a 2 story building. Covers about 27% of the population. This new building will be more centrally located and will be very environmentally friendly.

The district will be at full staff after the new recruits are released from the academy. Looking to reinstitute a PACT (police and community together) Officer.

Eastern District is buffered by the Northern District and Southern District and therefore, does not feel the full impact of crime cross over from DC, PG or Baltimore City.

Cpt. Tewey preaches 4 Principals at Eastern District – 1 – Safety First; 2 – Professionalism; 3 – Performance; & 4 – Efficiency.

Police Citizen Academy – a class at the training academy for citizens who want to learn more about how policing occurs. Please check the County police Website for more information.

Cpt. Tewey has described how the District uses NIXLE – which is a notification service and asked the delegation how to improve the information passed on to the community.

Cpt. Tewey stressed “if you see something, say something” - making notification about strange events in the community. It helps with solving crime. He described how much they use trend spotting in crime solving.

Cpt. Tewey talked about keeping car keys by your nightstand so that you can sound the car alarm in case of emergency.

410-222-8610 – non-emergency number. Cpt. Tewey explained that 911 and the non-emergency center goes to the same call center and the same call takers answer the phone line. He stressed do not worry about calling 911 and that the County is not overburdened by the citizens using it and encouraged the citizens to use it.

Cpt. Tewey said that for a community that it should post a no trespass sign, Cameras do discourage activities. You will be surprised what you do find.

Every alarm that is in the County must be registered. You will get three false responses – after that you will be charged \$50 for any police response to a false alarm (and a registration packet if you are unregistered).

Go to the police website under Alarm registration and you can register manually or you can contact your alarm monitoring company and they should have registered your alarm.

Anne DeMajestre asked about drug use in SPHS. AACo.PD has a school resources officer in the HS. There is a school resource app anonymous reporting line that students can use to report tips.

Talking on the phone while driving will be targeted by AA Co. Police starting on October 1, 2013.

Education Committee: Thursday 9/26/13 at 6 pm – the second meeting about HS construction – please register by e-mail at the media center in the HS. 2015 Capital Budget for the schools has been drafted and the money for the schools is secured.

Environmental Committee: Nothing new to report.

Police Relations: Anne asked for a volunteer to head this committee.

Public Works: Nothing new to report.

ASPIRE: No new Report. Celebrate Severna Park planned for October 6, 2013 – more information to follow.

BWI Noise Committee: No Report.

Nominating Committee: John Norville announced that annual elections will be held in December and asked Delegates to think about being candidates. Jack Mason and Charlie

Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce: November 21, 2013 is the Taste and Sip Event at Homestead Gardens

Bylaws Revision - Nothing new to report.

Zoning/Legislation: We are still following the new building project between Sabrina Park and Chartridge. Councilman Ladd said that there would be no out of court settlements and that the builder will be filing a plan shortly and that the communities should send their concerns in writing.

The Royal Farms has filed an exception to place its gas pumps closer to the road.

10/3 – Hearing on 1043 Rio Lane in Severna Park, residence wants to put an addition and deck on with less setback than required.

New Business: Next Wednesday, the County Executive is having an Open House at The Arundel Center from 4-6 PM

Unfinished Business: None

Next Meetings: General Meeting: October 8, 2013 7:30 pm Severna Park Library

Board Meeting: September 24, 2013 – Severna Park Library

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

E. Wesley Adams

GSPC Secretary