



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Meeting February 11, 2014 Minutes



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

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the last meet were updated during the Board Meeting and will distributed after the meeting for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Poland submitted the January Finance report on February 11, 2014. It was read aloud to the delegation. Below are the key numbers from the report which will be filed for audit. **All** GSPC moneys are FDIC insured. Steve will be submitting the 2013 Audit documents for filing.

Income – Dues \$35.00, Money Market \$0.00, CD interest \$25.21, Bank Fee \$0.00.

Account balances (as of 1/31/2014)

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| BB&T checking | = \$ | 2394.68 |
| SmithBarney money market | = \$ | 905.82 |
| SmithBarney CDs (5) | = \$ | 25,000.00 |

President's Report: Nothing new to report. 53 Communities in Good Standing/3 in Arrears

Nominating Committee: Steve Poland took a voice vote for the election of the Board of Directors. Between the electronic and voice votes, there was a quorum of at least 27 communities which was exceeded therefore triggering a majority vote. The final vote was 34-1. The slate was elected.

Special Guests: Amy Leahy, Constituent Services Representative for County Executive Laura Neuman.

Lauren Parker, Register of Wills, addressed the delegation, regarding the Maryland Estate Tax and House Bill 188 and Senate Bill 155 – Maryland Estate Tax Unified Credit – which will raise the tax threshold over the next few years (\$2M next year, up to \$5.2M four years from now) in order to bring it in line with the Federal regulations. Please write your delegate in support of these bills.

Paul Spadaro – President of the Magothy River Association – addressed the delegation about the Magothy River Watershed and invited us to the State of the Magothy, Wednesday, February 19, 2014, Anne Arundel Community College, Calt Building Room 100, doors open at 6:30 and the program starts at 7 pm.

Mr. Spadaro explained the state of the Magothy and how state of the river's health – which was slightly improved because of the cooler-than-normal August. The MRA supports two scholarships to AACC for environmental studies. The MRA has improved the Beechwood Park in an effort to get more people out on the river in order to increase support for the programs needed to save the river.

Mr. Spadaro brought a sample of oysters to show the delegation and explained how the oysters help filter the water – tons of water in their 10 year lifespan and shared a short film about oyster restoration efforts in the river.

Maureen Carr-York asked Mr. Spadaro about Del. Schuh proposing legislation to fund the implementation of the floating gardens which will help the aeration of the river.

Education Committee: County Executive is having 3 open houses to discuss the budget. 2/13 – Lakeshore – 6 – 7 PM, 2/19 at Old Mill – it will start at 4 PM but the town hall meeting will be from 7-8 PM, 2/28 in Deale. May 8 & May 12, Public Input for the budget at the County Council level. Regarding Benfield Elementary School –it will be a three phase project over two years with phase 1 – a temporary structure in the front island to replace portables. Phase 1 will start this summer. We are still awaiting the results of the “Beg-A-Thon” for SPSHS. Start school later scenario – the schools put a survey out with the initial results being 50-50. They plan on setting up a task force.

Environmental Committee: Nothing new to report.

Police Relations: Cindy Mitchell – Nothing new in the Severna Park area. There was an arrest in the Gym thefts (people breaking into the cars while they are working out). Very little traffic enforcement due to staffing, Councilman Ladd indicated that there is a proposal to increase staffing 5% this year and next year as well.

Public Works: 410-222-7045 – the County pothole hotline!

ASPIRE: Will have its community leadership awards in late February 26, 2014 – please contact Maureen to submit a nominee of the award – Nominations are due tomorrow.

Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce: Coffee at Lido’s Pizza – 8AM regarding the proposed new Severna Park Library – tomorrow, February 12, 2014, 8AM.

Bylaws Revision: Nothing new to report.

Zoning/Legislation: We are still following the new building project between Sabrina Park and Chartridge. If you have questions please speak to Maureen. This is a high impact development. The County Executive and Councilman Ladd have requested another community meeting to discuss their plans.

Dick Ladd addressed a bit of legislation regarding a police cadet corps – as a police force development tool.

New Business: None. Two e-mail addresses – Board@GSPCouncil.org and President@GSPCouncil.org

Unfinished Business: None.

Next Meetings: General Meeting: March 11, 2014 7:30 pm Severna Park Library

Board Meeting: February 25, 2014 7:30 PM – Severna Park Library

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

E. Wesley Adams

GSPC Secretary