



# GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

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November 14, 2017



*General Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of  
the month.*

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council Board Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

### Guests

Lauri Smith, North Cape Arthur  
Karen Jeffries, Chamber of Commerce  
Lou Anne Hummer, Cape Arthur

### Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

A revised set of October minutes will be sent out to the delegation for review.

### Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

No dues collected or checks written this month. We gained \$128 in interest due to 3 CDs maturing.

### President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

No changes in membership. Twin Harbors has a new President and will be joining the Council.

### Speaker Presentation

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Question and Answer Session:

1. *2018 Community Clean-up Schedule: Chartwood, Severna Forest, Brittingham and Colchester requested this service but are not on the list?*

Communities can call to request – contact Chris Phipps directly.

2. *Is Evergreen Road being redone in 2018? (George Foote, Severna Gardens)*

Mr. Phipps does not have specifics with him tonight, but will get Mr. Foote the information.

3. *Is there a timeline for how long the cape seal treatment extends the life of road? (Brad Myers, Tam Glade)*

7-10 years. Hot mix asphalt gets 15 years, but is four times as expensive.

4. *What do you wish every homeowner would know and do to make your life easier? (Holly Slack, Bendale)*

Use our Facebook page at [Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works](#), and feel free to send us questions via Facebook or Twitter. If there is too much contamination in a recycled product, it is sent back down to trash. People need to be more selective with how we recycle. One bin worked really well, but now that markets are getting more selective, seems to work well to move back to separating, but he wants to avoid this. Grocery bags count against us and demerited. Instead, collect them, take them back to grocery store. Those bags are used to make decking.

5. *Do you want us to rinse containers? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)*

Use your judgment—don't want to waste water resources either. Styrofoam is not recyclable because they gum everything up.

6. *Is there a website with this information? (Erin O'Neill, GSPC Director)*

On the website, go to Bureau of Waste Management Services [here](#).

7. *Why can't yard waste be put into yellow containers anymore? (Amy Leahy, GSPC Director)*

They bid out for paper and plastic contracts. Got one bidder with much lower for paper, much higher for plastic, but then markets disappeared and end market was not accepting plastic. Opened another market in PG county and could divert south county loads down there which saved travel loads. Instead of paying \$59/ton, took to PG co. for \$38. Then started diverting and contractor said load diminishing, losing market share, and re-negotiated price. Waste water and solid waste are fixed, rate never goes up. We're in an environment where costs go up.

8. *Why are there so many water main breaks? (Maureen Carr York, GSPC President)*

On a benchmark standpoint, we are doing better than most in the industry. We are trying to isolate those valves and one section of main that is broken and out of service, but from time to time we find that the 2 valves aren't working, and opened up more area where people are without water.

Ramped up valve exercising program to go up and down corridors on routine basis, and trying to be more proactive.

9. *Is there someone who can give a presentation on your recycling program? (John Norville, GSPC Director)*

Absolutely. You can find more information on our [website](#).

10. *Where do commercial vehicles take their trash? (Steve Poland, GSPC Treasurer)*

Private haulers that will take it to their own landfills, or pay \$75/ton to use county's landfill. There are also places in Curtis Bay or Annapolis Junction that are cheaper.

## **Committee Reports**

### Chamber of Commerce (Karen Jeffries)

- "Taste & Sip of Greater Severna Park" on November 15 from 6pm to 9pm at Homestead Gardens in Severna Park.
- "Community Christmas Tree Lighting" on December 1 from 5pm to 7pm at the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce, 1 Holly Avenue, Severna Park, MD.

### Planning, Zoning, Legislation Committee (Art Timmons)

- Sabrina Park, Phase 3: BOA Deliberation Hearings: After over a year's worth of testimony, the Board of Appeals is considering its decision at monthly Deliberation Meetings. The first Deliberation Meeting took place October 26. Deliberation Meetings are open to the public for observation only, no input. The presence of observers in the room adds some influence to the discussion. We encourage your attendance at these meetings until this decision is made. About 12 persons were present to observe, all in support of Chartridge. Only 6 board members were present. Paul Devlin was absent. A motion was made and several amendments to the motion were made with the discussion lasting about 30 minutes. A vote was called and the motion failed by a 3 to 3 vote. The 3 decenterers wanted to readdress their records before deciding the case. The next Deliberation is scheduled for November 28, from 5:30 to 6:30. This changes a lot so be sure to check the time the day of as well to confirm. We would expect they will come to this meeting with all 7 members present and better prepared to discuss a decision. We hope former frequent attendees would come to observe the board as it deliberates.
- Brightview Drive, Administrative Hearing to Rezone 3 Lots from R-2 to R-10 Shipley's Crossing, Shipley's Retreat, and a resident of the Millrace Community opposed this rezoning with the support of GSPC. The hearing took place Thursday, November 2. The applicant spoke from 10:30 AM until 11:35 AM. The presentation from the opposition began after a 15-minute break at 11:50 AM. About 15 persons spoke for the opposition while approximately 60 rose to their feet as their names were called as attending in opposition. A 15-minute closing statement from the applicant ended the hearing just before 2:00 PM. The Administrative Hearing Officer thanked the participants for their very civil discussion and hoped to make a decision within 30 days or sooner.

- NE Corner of Veterans Hwy and Benfield BLVD Administrative Hearing to rezone 0.69 acres from open space to C-2 Commercial: There is a narrow strip of existing trees on the NE corner of the two roads that would provide a buffer between Benfield Blvd and the commercial property north of the buffer. In 2002, the County Council zoned that narrow strip open space, in our view obviously to preserve those existing trees. The applicant says the open space zoning is a mistake, and should be zoned C-2. They also wanted to build an entrance and exit there to provide access in and out from Benfield Blvd to and from the commercial area. The entrance might work but would be dangerous and is too close to Veterans Hwy to provide an exit. The Shipley's Choice Community Association (SCCA) and Shipley's Choice Home Owners Association (SCHOA) both requested GSPC's support to oppose this rezoning. The GSPC Board voted to provide the support. The hearing took place Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 PM, the first Administrative Hearing ever held in the evening as directed by the County Council. The process was similar to that above with 7 testimonies opposing the rezoning and about 30 attending in opposition. The Administrative Hearing Officer will consider the testimony of both sides and render his decision within 30 days.
- Administrative Hearing: UCHLLYN INVESTMENTS, LLC 2017-0232-V (AD 3, CD 5) Thu. Oct 12, 2017 10:30am - 11:00am Arundel Center - 44 Calvert Street Annapolis Waterfront, Arnold. This is a 56-acre waterfront site removed from preservation and hoping to be developed. Arnold may need our support with attendance at this hearing. This meeting was postponed due to lack of available information. Someone has a finished plan in mind, but apparently doesn't want to reveal the whole plan. This site in Arnold has another Administrative Hearing scheduled for November 30 at 10:30 AM. The GSPC board is considering support for the Arnold Preservation Council concerning this project.
- Resolution 48-17 will put a Charter Amendment before voters requiring public notification before rezoning a property even by an amendment passed by the County Council. Prevents last minute secret rezoning.
- Bill 86-17 by Mr. Walker to place Marijuana Dispensaries throughout the county was withdrawn.
- [Plan 2040 Kickoff Survey](#): This survey is the online version of the input surveys at each of the eight Listening Sessions that are kicking off this update to the General Development Plan. Your input will help shape the Vision for Plan 2040.

#### Nominating Committee (John Norville)

John announced that per our By-Laws this was the second call for Candidates for Election for 2018. He informed that the Annual Elections for the five Officers and the four Directors would be at the Tuesday December 12, 2017 meeting, using the previous E-mail electronic mail system, which would be described in Dec. by Treasurer Steve Poland. He reminded that per the By-Laws, Associations must have Dues paid in order to vote. Associations also should verify that the GSPC record list the current Associations' President or Delegate or official contact, so that the E-mailed Ballot would be sent to the correct address for Voting. He thanked all incumbents Officers & Directors for their hard work, explaining that they spent many hours & days attending many meetings of behalf of the GSPC, on research, preparing documents & reports, etc. The

Committee has asked all Incumbents to be Candidates for re-election. He then asked if anyone wished to be a Candidate for 2018. Seeing none, he stated that additional calls would be made at the Dec. meeting. Anyone interested should contact John at [Norville@Erols.com](mailto:Norville@Erols.com) or tell Maureen or Holly. Anyone willing to serve on any of the Committees would be welcomed also.

#### Education Committee (Brad Myers and Holly Slack)

- Family Involvement Conference this Saturday, November 18 at AACC from 8:30am to 2pm.
- Bill 92-17 on School Overcrowding will have a hearing on December 4.

#### Police Community/Relations (Doug Nichols)

The Police Community Relations Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at [Eastern District](#), 204 Pasadena Road, Pasadena, MD 21122.

#### Public Works (Erin O'Neill)

- Erin is obtaining information about our new contact, and will provide it once she receives it.
- There is an Open House on Saturday, November 18, in La Plata.

#### SPHS Demo Committee (George Foote)

Severna Park HS Phase 2- work to occur in the month of November:

- Haul off site of excess soil will continue as needed, majority of haul off complete
- Installation of the new stadium turf to complete this month
- Grading of new grass athletic fields will continue in conjunction with final site stabilization
- Final asphalt installation for phase 2
- Bio-retention areas to west of stadium will be final graded
- Topsoil and permanent seed placement continues
- The concessions, fieldhouse and maintenance building MEP rough-in in progress
- Visitor bleacher will complete
- Home bleacher install will start
- Multi-purpose field curbing to be removed/re-installed
- Multi-purpose field Astro Turf install will begin
- Tennis court installation will begin

It was suggested to draft a letter that we want big heavy trees and better fencing, since there is currently no plan to shield any of the skeleton.

#### Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

- The BWI Roundtable is meeting 11-7-2017 The agenda included an update from the PBN or Performance based navigation group.
- UPDATE from Brent Girard of Senator Van Hollen's office. 11-4-2017 While continuing to work with the FAA toward solutions, Senator Van Hollen has been working on legislative strategies to hold the FAA accountable for the impacts that the FAA's new

flight paths have caused Maryland communities around BWI Airport. (See the complete email sent to delegation on November 14.)

- Office of Attorney General Selects Outside Counsel to Pursue “NextGen” Action. 10-26-2017"Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP Will Assist Office of Attorney General in Pursuing Action Against Federal Aviation Administration for Disruptive Flight Patterns" [press release](#)
- Senators Cardin and Van Hollen support legal action against the FAA. 10-26-2017 [www.vanhollen.senate.gov/sites/default/files/ Van%20Hollen-Cardin%20Flight%20Noise%20Letter%20to%20AG %20Frosh%2010-26-17.pdf](http://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/sites/default/files/Van%20Hollen-Cardin%20Flight%20Noise%20Letter%20to%20AG%20Frosh%2010-26-17.pdf)
- Bethesda Magazine - State Looking to Hire Outside Law Firm To Pursue Case Against FAA [article](#). 10-16-2017 From our friends at Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition
- UPDATE: [Sky Harbour International Airport](#), Phoenix 10-6- 2017: The Federal Aviation Administration filed a motion with US Court of Appeals in Washington D.C. for a 30-day extension. During this period, the City has agreed to meet with FAA to explore options to provide noise relief, maintain airspace safety, and ensure Airport Noise Committee proper study of flight path impacts.
- Rep. Lynch Introduces Air Traffic Noise and Pollution Expert Consensus Act of 2017 10-6-2017 The Act addresses increasing community concerns about airplane noise and pollution. The bill is co-sponsored by 13 members of Congress, including the co-chairs of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus, Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-New York) and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), and Vice Chair Congressman Mike Quigley (D-Illinois). [https:// lynch.house.gov/.../lynch-introduces-air-traffic-nois...](https://lynch.house.gov/.../lynch-introduces-air-traffic-nois...)
- Congress to vote on FAA Reauthorization Bill/Act Congress is still working on a new bill to authorize the FAA to continue implementing NextGen.

#### Environmental Committee (Lynne Rockenback, Ben Oaks)

“Fishing the Severn River in Fall & Winter” on Tuesday, Nov 21 at 7pm at Union Jack’s Pub, 2072 Somerville Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401. No obligation to order dinner or drinks, but ½ price burgers available.

#### ASPIRE Report (Maureen Carr York)

There is a Severna Park Museum project in the works that will explore our town’s founding in 1906.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

- Susan Foote of Severna Gardens made a motion to raise concerns at the November 30th hearing about Uchlyn Investments, LLC 2017-0232 request for variance to allow lots with greater density than allowed in the RCA, dwellings and associated facilities with disturbance to slopes of 15% or greater and with less setbacks and buffer than required on property with 1,213 feet of frontage along the southside of Old County Road, 0 feet east

of Roxeter Road, Arnold. The motion was seconded by Doug Nichols of Shipley's Choice Homeowner's Association. **Motion seconded and unanimously adopted.**

- Julie Krause, Colchester Delegate, made a motion that the Greater Severna Park Council support their inquiry regarding the St. Martin's in the Field School expansion to slow things down long enough to get the information out and allow for comment. **Motion seconded and unanimously adopted.**

#### **Next Meetings**

- General Membership Meeting: December 12, 7:30pm at the Severna Park Library. Phil Hager will be the Guest Speaker.
- Board of Directors Meeting in November will probably be rescheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.