



## GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

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October 10, 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:

Mike Bonk, President of Shipley's Crossing

Charlie Kerrigan, Board of Directors of Shipley's Crossing

Lt. Glen Shanahan: Most of his career has been in western narcotics. There have been over 108 heroin overdose deaths this year. He's been here 28 years and the average used to be 10-12 deaths/year. This is unbelievable. 100 traffic deaths would bring things to a standstill. The overdoses are mostly white Caucasians age 18-60, but deaths are across the board, ages 35 and up, and not just young people.

### Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to accept minutes as corrected made by Lynne Rockenbauch of Severn River Association and seconded by Director Art Timmons. **Motion adopted.**

### Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- BB&T checking = \$4,755.56
- SmithBarney money market = \$1,288.12
- Dues deposited = \$35.00

### Membership Report (Steve Poland)

- Past due: Belleview Estates, Erin Garth, North Severna Park, Sullivan's Retreat, Twin Harbors
- Former member Communities: Arundel Plaza, Berrywood Ridge, East Earleigh Heights, Jennings Road, Jones CA, Magothy Forest, Manhattan Beach, McKinsey Park, McKinsey Woods, Point Field Landing, Pointfield West, Severna Park Gateway Condo, Sheffield Park, Whitney's Landing, Woodberry Farms

### Guest Speaker Presentation

Lauren Parker, [Register of Wills](#), has served for eleven years as an elected official currently in her third term with 30 staff members protecting people who should be receiving property. If you do not have a will, the legislature has laws in place that essentially make the will for you. It

protects creditors, protects the State, and collects probate fees or outside of family chain “collateral/windfall tax.” If you can establish what kind of estate you have, they can almost definitely help you if the estate is worth under \$50,000. They do not practice law, but can give guidance. If heirs are not getting along, they will file with Orphans Court and go see an Orphans Court judge. There is a \$5 protection fee for your will, and they haven’t lost one and in existence since 1777. Records are protected. Will and codicils have now gone digital.

### Do’s and Dont’s of Wills

- Leave the will so siblings don’t fight.
- Remember to update every 5-10 years.
- Naming the wrong personal representative—they need to be someone responsible, not necessarily oldest child. Pick calm, steady, nearby family member and stands as a rock. Do not name a couple. Talk to your kids.
- Leaving too much to a spouse. Talk to an attorney about a trust.
- Not leaving enough to a spouse. Waive out of spouse’s estate.
- Disinheriting... gave the children their share during their lifetime. Say something nice in the will at least. Video wills are nice, but please have the paperwork that says it’s a will.
- Don’t be too specific. Things do not last.
- Unfair weird clauses: think before you put odd clauses and weird contingencies about what the most horrible scenario could be.
- Make sure the title on the property matches what you are trying to do.
- Transfer on death, pay on death for bank accounts, deeds, etc.
- Give the kids a hint. Putting down things kids should know about—who the company insurance policy is with, other regular insurance policies, bank accounts, tell them where passwords are.
- Tell kids if funeral arrangements are made.
- Specify who gets the pets.
- Check air vents in the house for hidden money.

## Committee Reports

### Planning/ Zoning/ Legislative Committee (Art Timmons)

- Brightveiw Drive, Administrative Hearing: In 2009, the 3 properties to the west of these 3 lots were rezoned from R-2 to R-10 by the County Council probably in a last-minute exchange of favors between Council Members to provide workforce housing on those properties. Only 4 of the 108 townhouses were built, not a very successful investment so far. That rezoning is the only possible justification for the present rezoning of these 3 lots. Planning and Zoning opposed both rezonings, but the County Council passed the first one anyway. We hope to stop the second one.
- We made contact with Shipley’s Retreat, Shipley’s Crossing, and the Millrace communities. All three are actively notifying residents in an effort to oppose this rezoning. We hope to oppose, and be able to support their effort to oppose the rezoning. P&Z has recommended the rezoning be denied. \*See New Business\*

- Meeting postponed, but pretty sure 5 houses are just the beginning. Neighbors in Rugby Hall community have been told there will eventually be 30 houses built in that critical area.
- 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 50-acre plus waterfront site removed from preservation and hoping to be developed. Arnold may need our support with attendance at this hearing.
- Thu. Sep 28, 2017 9:30am - 10:00am Arundel Center - 44 Calvert Street Annapolis Waterfront, Magothy CHRISTOPHER & CINDY DILLON 2017-0238-V (AD 3, CD 5)
- Is there a report on Property Addresses: 218 Oak Court, Severna Park, MD 21146?
- Sabrina Park, Phase 3 at Board of Appeals: Final arguments for the applicant have been completed and provided to the Board of Appeals. Chartridge has prepared theirs. Planning and Zoning must also prepare final arguments in writing. The Board of Appeals will review all evidence and make a decision at some point in the future. That decision could still go to court.

If the sketch plan is denied, Planning and Zoning will be placed in a very poor light since the Board of Appeals disapproved of their judgement on approving that plan. That would be a good time to reintroduce the failures of Cluster Development and the Modification processes that lead to the denial of this plan. Bill 94-16 addressed many of these failures, but was defeated by the County Council leaving the failures in the County Code for future developments.

The Chartridge closing arguments will provide some very serious evidence of just how bad Planning and Zoning has been. The employees have to be demoralized as well. We should be ready to move in the right direction and rid ourselves of the last 12 years or so of Planning and Zoning's poor performance.

- Cattail Commons: The Administrative Hearing on Cattail Commons took place on Tuesday, September 26. The Hearing Officer pointed out the rare agreement coming from all sides. He will make his decision. There is another decision to be heard by the Board of Appeals scheduled for February 7, 2018 concerning this issue. The application is the apparent justification for the rezoning of 9.4 acres from R-5 to Open Space, and 2.0 acres rezoned from R-5 to C-3. This is the long-awaited solution to strongly held positions on both sides. We will check this application closely to insure it provides the outcome agreed to earlier. Thanks to all who patiently took part in this three year effort.
- Paul Spadaro testified to support change in zoning. Hearing officer has that change. At that point, Paul Spadaro thinks that should be the end of Cattail Commons.
- If you have the Watch List on line, click on the blue View the Application to bring it up and read it.
- River Watch: Nine of the 13 Administrative Hearings are applications requesting changes on waterfront property. We have identified those that are. The Severn River Association and the Magothy River Association may want to view these applications online and take steps to insure they are reasonable.
- Legislation to watch Resolution 31-17 to urge the FAA to return the flightpaths at BWI to the Pre-NextGen paths was amended to align with some other jurisdictions and passed unanimously. Several County Executives and the Governor have now made similar requests. Linda Curry is our GSPC representative in this effort, and is representing far

more than just our 60 communities by now. Thanks for your continuing effort on our behalf.

#### General Development Plan Meetings (Amy Leahy)

There were no county councilman at the North County High School. The process involves rating your priorities. Development is a key issue. The next meeting will be at Broadneck High School on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

- “Spotlight Mixer” featuring Senator Ed Reilly, Dr. George Arlotto, and Williams C. Baker on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30--7:30pm.
- “Holiday Trade Fair” on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-8pm at Earleigh Heights Fire Station.
- “Taste and Sip of Greater Severna Park” on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at Homestead Gardens in Severna Park.

#### Education Committee (Holly Slack)

- “Not My Child” on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-9pm at Severna Park Middle School.
- “Little Known Secrets of Paying for College” on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm at Severna Park Middle School.

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

- The Anne Arundel County Police, Eastern District, has assigned CPL Scott McAdoo to support Community Relations full time. He will be reaching out to the communities of the Eastern District which include Severna Park and Millersville in addition to Pasadena, Arnold, and those along College Parkway to Cape St. Clair. CPL McAdoo would like to attend community meetings and gatherings to increase awareness of County Police operations and for him to increase his understanding of what the communities’ expectations are of their County Police. He may be contacted by dialing 410.222.6145, the Eastern District Headquarters number, or directly by email to [P91879@aacounty.org](mailto:P91879@aacounty.org). I hope that CPL McAdoo attends an upcoming GSPC meeting to introduce himself and make a presentation to us in the near future.
- The next Eastern District Police Community Relations Council (PCRC) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM on October 18, 2017 in the main conference room of the Eastern District Headquarters off of Pasadena Road, just East of Ritchie Highway about a ¼ mile.

#### Nominating Committee John Norville

- John announced that per our By-Laws this was the 1st of 3 Calls for Candidates for Election for **2018**. He stated that at a recent Board of Directors meeting he was re-appointed Nominations Committee Chairman and that Jack Mason & Charlie Miller were re-appointed as Members by the Board. He made a **Motion to elect** all 3, which was Approved unanimously.
- 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 Nov. & Dec. meetings. Anyone interested should contact him: [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.

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

Reached out to Nestor Flores and received the following information:

1. We are evaluating the intersection of Benfield Rd at Evergreen Rd/Robinson Rd for pedestrian operation.
2. We are evaluating the intersection of Light Street Ave and East West Blvd. We have received concerns regarding the number of crashes taking place at this intersection.
3. We are currently designing a new pedestrian signalized crossing at the intersection of Governor Stone Pkwy and East West Blvd.

Doug Nichols of Shipley's Choice requested an update on the status of Jumpers Hole Hiker/Biker trail. Erin will look into it.

#### Councilman Peroutka:

He has had a lot of complaints from Chartwell about the new road work. This is not a reconstruction of roads, but is a maintenance project. Surfaces are not as smooth and have more texture than before. Explanation is that this not intended to be reconstruction. He looked into it for the constituents and the county had determined it was prudent, cost-effective, and timely at this point.

#### SPHS Demo/Construction Committee (George Foote and Carole Boudman)

The committee received a document from Eric Shuster that the demolition portion of the high school project has turned into construction project. There is still some removal of gravel, but they are mostly done with demolition. They are now doing field house, concession stands, back project, stadium, fields, Bermuda grass, installed water irrigation for back fields. The project is at least a month ahead. Delivery of the field for practice purposes is looking like March 1, earlier if mild winter. Bus only entrance across from White Oak Dr in Severna Gardens. They are trying to eliminate lines of buses entering community.

#### Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

- Citizens Make Some Noise Over BWI Flight Patterns 10-4-2017: Interview with the Severna Park Voice. [http:// www.severnaparkvoice.com/community/citizens-make-some-noiseover-bwi-flight-patterns](http://www.severnaparkvoice.com/community/citizens-make-some-noiseover-bwi-flight-patterns)
- Anne Arundel and Howard county executives pressure Frosh to sue Feds over airplane noise 9-21-2017 Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh and Howard County

Executive Allan Kittleman want the state to sue the Federal Aviation Administration over what residents near BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport describe as lower, louder airplanes. <http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/government/ac-cn-airport-noise-0922-story.html>

- Hogan directs Frosh to sue FAA over flight patterns at BWI, other airports 9-12-2017  
Gov. Larry Hogan has asked the state attorney general to sue the Federal Aviation Administration over new flight patterns at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, siding with residents who say their neighborhoods have been harmed by increased noise. [http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/for\\_the\\_record/ac-cn-hogan-bwi-lawsuit-0913-story.html](http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/for_the_record/ac-cn-hogan-bwi-lawsuit-0913-story.html)
- The BWI Roundtable gave the FAA a detailed and extensive list of problems the communities around BWI are experiencing. The FAA forwarded that information to the Performance Based Navigation (PBN) group to find solutions for the problems at BWI, National, and Dulles. Two of those solutions are notional or widening flight paths and higher altitudes. The Roundtable expects to hear from this group in November or December.
- Congress to vote on FAA Reauthorization Bill/Act Congress is due to vote on a new bill to authorize the FAA to continue implementing NextGen. The bills are; House bill - H.R.2997 - 21st Century AIRR Airport Noise Committee Act, Senate bill - S.1405 - Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2017. The House version of the bill includes addendums that would require the FAA to do environmental studies, report on impacts on health, and protections for those impacted by the noise. The current status of the bills can be found at: House <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2997/all-actions?overview=closed#tabs> Senate <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1405/all-actions?overview=closed#tabs>. In addition, Rep. Lynch introduced the Air Traffic Noise and Pollution Expert Consensus Act of 2017 which includes required health impact studies. <https://lynch.house.gov/press-release/lynch-introduces-air-traffic-noise-and-pollutionexpert-consensus-act-2017>

#### Environmental Committee (Paul Spadaro and Lynne Rockenbauch)

- They are wrapping up water monitoring program, and health of main part of river in good shape. The health of the creeks, however, is not good, especially Cattail Creek. Warm temperatures brought rockfish and even some dolphins. They are currently undergoing a 67 mile trip circumnavigation and mapping SAVs with drones. MRA is partnering with Towson University for Yellow Perch research.
- “Drones & Water Quality” on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Union Jack’s Pub in Annapolis.

#### ASPIRE Report (Maureen Carr York)

None.

#### Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Mike Bonk, President of Shipley's Crossing, made a motion that the Greater Severna Park Council oppose the rezoning of the properties known as 619, 651, AND 661 Brightview Drive, Millersville, MD 21108. **Motion adopted UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Next Meeting Dates:

- General: 11/14/2017 Severna Park Library 7:30pm  
Speaker: Chris Phipps, Director, Department of Public Works
- Board of Directors: 10/26/2017 Severna Park Library 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack.