



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Delegation Meeting Minutes

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October 2018



*Delegation Meetings are held the 2nd
Tuesday of the month.*

Treasurer Steve Poland called the Greater Severna Park Council Board Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Delegates will review September 2018 minutes for adoption at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

Gained interest of \$78.87.

Membership Report (Steve Poland)

There are 53 Communities in good standing.

Audit Committee Report (Anne DeMajistre)

Anne DeMajistre presented the audit report to the delegation with special thanks to Treasurer Steve Poland and Committee Members Cindi Mitchell, Lynne Rockenbauch. She also thanked John Norville for creating the seamless audit report.

Do all member communities need to file tax return?

Depends on what type of organization the community is, usually defined by whether they have mandatory or voluntary dues; their main purpose; and when they were organized. If a community does not file, they could lose a charter and their ability to enforce covenants since they would no longer be a business in good standing in Maryland. Any community can go online to verify [Federal status](#) and [Maryland status](#).

Art Timmons moved that report be accepted by the body and seconded by Mary Vogelsang of Light Street Avenue. **Motion unanimously adopted.**

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche) (PUT IN LINK)

- Holiday Trade Fair Thursday, Nov 1 from 4-8
- Annual Taste and Sip of Severna Park Wednesday, Nov 14 at Homestead Gardens 6-9
- Christmas Tree Light Friday, December 7. Details to follow.

Planning/Zoning/Legislation Committee (Art Timmons and Amy Leahy)

- [Enclave at Severna Park](#) requires follow-up on several questions. It may be the first development to hold a second meeting, unless they just withdraw the plan. More in Environmental Committee Report from MRA.

- Marsh Landing along Asbury Drive adjoins the Enclave property and Cattail Creek. Is there a status?
- Sabrina Park, Phase 3 This can be researched by the public as long as the developer is making changes. They just submitted a request for and received a Modification for an extension to continue reworking their plans.
- Wroxeter Estates Is there a status on this plan?
- The Badro Property This is the wooded open space property just north of Benfield Blvd and just east of Veterans Hwy, part of the Severna Park Gateway. The owner wants to rezone the property to C-3 commercial. The Board of Appeals recently denied this rezoning. That denial has been appealed to the Circuit. This is called "spot rezoning." He bought the property knowing it was open space and is now trying to rezone to commercial.
- West Benfield Road will be closed to thru traffic on October 8, 2018 for 4 to 6 months. Try to avoid the area if possible.
- Thanks to Phil Hager and his staff, Planning and Zoning has been presenting monthly meetings to many civic organizations to clarify their policies. They have been very helpful and may lead to new understandings. Here are some results of those meetings:
 - ❖ Policy for Community Meetings: If you attend a Community Meeting, the presenter should now have a checklist of the information that is required to be presented. The presenter's minutes should reflect all events that occurred at the meeting, including questions, answers, comments, and discussions from all those attending the meeting. If the minutes you receive don't match what you remember, contact P&Z with what you recall that wasn't recorded. If warranted, P&Z will compare minutes, discuss them with the presenter, and require another meeting at the presenter's expense if warranted. That may end community meetings that provide little or no information.
 - ❖ P&Z encourages residential and civic input as long as they are accepting developer input in all phases of development, both before and after the sketch plan or preliminary plan is completed and approved. If the process causes a significant change from the original plan presented, that will cause a second community meeting to be held to update the attendees. P&Z encourages interested parties to come in and view plans as they progress through the process and discuss them with the planner to insure all sides are considered.
 - ❖ P&Z will consider moving the final community meeting to occur just before final approval to provide the public one final opportunity to provide input before approval occurs. (See Brice estates, pg 1 of watchlist). This may be difficult because if public input changes the final plan, where does the process end.
 - ❖ A modification to skip a pre-submittal community meeting is no longer available.

Education Committee (Holly Slack)

- A Glen Burnie student contacted the CAC about having to stand on a bus because it was too full. Has anyone in Severna Park run across this issue?
- The recess policy continues to be a hot topic. AACPS has guidelines but no policy on how it should be managed.
- There is a discrepancy in credits needed to graduate between the county (26) and the state (21).

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- As CAC representative, Doug attended Police chief's CAC meeting.
- There have been 847 overdoses in county with 143 fatalities. 2 deaths were from fentanyl-laced marijuana.

- Police dept is focusing on other programs to encourage citizens to get additional training and awareness, as well as more parental responsibilities. They are reaching out to PTAs, especially elementary school kids that start raiding their parents liquor cabinet while their parents work 12-hour days.
- The County Executive is looking into training 2800 county employees in active assailant training (formerly known as active shooter training).
- There is also EED Training and a stop the bleed course. This entails a medical device with gauze pad that has medicine gel to slow down bleeding.

Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

Erin contacted Thomas Bussey from the State Highway Administration, and he informed her that he put in a noise request for the intersection of 648 and Ritchie Highway near the community of Woodberry Farms. She also spoke with Senator Ed Reilly's aide who said the same complaint was made by a new community by Arnold Station. They are requesting the Maryland state police also study the issue. The term is J breaking or downshifting.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

No report.

Environmental Committee (Paul Spadaro and Lisa Bender)

Severn River Association (Lisa Bender)

- Next Tuesday SRA will host guest speaker Amy Cummings from Back Creek Discovery at 7pm at Union Jacks in Annapolis.
- SRA did vegetation monitoring all summer long. There was some growth helping to clear out pollutants.
- They have budgeted putting oysters in reefs.

Magothy River Association (Paul Spadaro)

- The annual circumnavigation takes place in September and October. They have found a much higher percentage of underwater grasses related to the mussels. This demonstrated that if we put more oysters in the river and/or slow development, the river can recover. Mussels will only last 2 years before they die.
- They are also doing wetland testing. Anything under 104 will close the beach. They test plant matter and biomass which act as a natural filter.
- Sub-developments will kill the wetlands and the buffer is insulting. If the ratio is damaged, someone will need to be held accountable. They have talked to a pro bono lawyer about taking Marsh Landing and possibly the Enclave to court.

ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

- There was a very successful non-profit networking event coordinated with ASPIRE and the Kiwanis. They are hoping to continue this kind of partnership going forward and make this an annual event.
- ASPIRE is working with Betty Wells to put together a Severna Park Museum. People are contacting her to donate local treasures. Elks lodge is storing supplies for now but looking for a permanent home.

Nominating Committee (John Norville)

There are 3 calls for nominations and this is the first of the three. Anyone interested in being on nominating committee please see John Norville at norville@erols.com, Maureen, or Holly. The slate is

reasonably full of incumbents. Anyone interested in being a candidate please contact a board member. If nominating someone else, make sure they have the availability, time, and dedication necessary. Duties of officers are on the GSPC website. The official election will take place in December. Steve will process votes in January and present results.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next meeting dates:

Delegation Meeting 11/13/18 Severna Park Library 7:30

Board Meeting 10/23/18 Severna Park Library 7:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.