



Greater Severna Park Council

Delegation Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

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Delegation meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month



President Maureen Carr York opened the GSPC Delegation meeting at 7:33 p.m., a quorum being present.

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Motion to accept May's delegation minutes made by Doug Nichols and seconded by Cindi Mitchell. **Motion unanimously adopted.**

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- 6 more dues payments in May = \$210
- CDs paid out \$20.57
- \$5860 checking account
- \$1797.84 money market

President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

We try to catch up with changing boards and communities, especially those with new treasurers. If anyone knows communities that have not caught up on dues, please let Maureen know.

- The following communities have not paid for the past 2 years:
 - Bluff Point
 - Kilmarnock
 - Manhattan Beach
 - Bellevue Estates
 - Cattail Passage
- The following communities have not yet paid this year:
 - Brittingham
 - Linstead
 - Round Bay
 - Severn Heights
 - West Severna Park
 - East Earleigh Heights
 - Robinson Retreat

County Council Update by County Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler

- There will be budget increases in income tax, property tax, stormwater, totalling 5 budget increases. 12% increase in income tax. There are PPI funds for new fire training facilities, road improvements, infrastructure safety and school buildings. There is a new baseline for maintenance of effort. Will need to add a minimum of maintenance of effort every year.
- Marsh landing has been approved but it was not posted so the County is not backing the decision. Working on legislation to make sure this does not happen anymore. Bill would require developers to mail first class what needs to be posted.

Committee Reports

Audit (Susan Nolte)

The Treasurer had everything in order which allowed for a very smooth audit process. The report will be considered at the June Board meeting and then will be presented to the Delegation at the July meeting.

Chamber of Commerce

No report.

PLanning/Zoning/Legislation (Doug Nichols)

- Tue. Jun 25, 2019 9:30am - 10:00am Arundel Center - 44 Calvert Street Annapolis DREAMCRAFT HOMES, INC., JOSHUA HEIBEIN AND RACHEL HEIBEIN – 2019-0103-V (AD 3, CD 5) variance to allow a dwelling with disturbance to slopes 15% or greater and with less setbacks than required on property with 40 feet of frontage on the southeast side of Birch Court, 300 feet south of Pine Tree Drive, Severna Park. Property Address: Birch Court, Severna Park, MD. Contacted Severn River Association. Needs to be before June 25. Trees and undergrowth that have never been disturbed. Going to be knocked down for house. Concern about stormwater runoff. Birch Court in West Severna Park.
- Legislation coming up: **Bills 54-19 and 55-19** concern Workforce Housing and Fair Housing. They are requested by the County Executive and four of the seven Council Members and therefore, are likely to pass. Both bills have the “Bill”, a “Fiscal Note,” and a “Legislative Summary” on line. They are short and helpful. You might want to get familiar with them. Undercuts everything County executive promised. Undermines everything he promised us. Can talk to delegates to tailor this better. We need to be heard as citizens. School restrictions only last for 6 years. There is no plot for SP to build a new school. Should approach this as individuals. The first hearing will be in July.
- BA 14-19A (S2012-024; P2012-0073 00NF) Virgil J. Keith (CD 5) Marsh Landing Wed. Aug 28, 2019 3:30pm - 7:30pm Council Chambers - Arundel Center 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, This is an appeal from the decision of the Office of Planning and Zoning to rescind Final Plan approval for the Marsh Landing subdivision, on property

known as 412 and 414 Asbury Dr., Severna Park. Council Chambers - Arundel Center
44 Calvert Street, Annapolis

- BA 15-19R (2018-0165-R) Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company (Department, Inc.) (AD 3, CD 5) Wed. Sep 11, 2019 3:30pm - 7:30 pm Council Chambers - Arundel Center 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis This is an appeal of the denial of a zoning reclassification from R1-Residential District to C3-General Commercial District for 9.75 acres, on property known as 161 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park.

Education (Brad and Holly)

- The Severna Park Elementary and Secondary Citizen Advisory positions have been posted and are open for applicants.
- Last day of school is June 14.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- The next meeting of the Eastern District's Police Community Relations Committee is on 19 June 2019 at the Eastern District Police Headquarters, 204 Pasadena Road, Pasadena, MD starting at 7:30PM. While a speaker has not been named for this meeting, one will be chosen from the AACPD's Aviation Division.
- Tracking suspects from the air while attempts are made to evade police contact, the Aviation Division's helicopter's cameras contain infrared features that work during nighttime, and can determine differences between humans and animals. It makes for a compelling presentation of Police work from the air.
- The annual National Night Out celebration will take place on 6 August from 5:30PM to 8:00PM at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Department Headquarters' property, free to the public, with free food and water, and events to engage children to adults including demonstrations and discussions with both the County Police, County Sheriff's officers, and the Fire Department's finest. This year, there are planned tours of the engine bays of the EHVFD's building. Sign up that evening is required for these tours.

Public Works Committee (Erin O'Neill)

- MTA or Phil Hager will be here next month.
- B&A Boulevard issue is resolved.
- Cool Pond is having sediment problems.
- MTA bus stop trash will be removed every other week and will be repainted soon. The bench at Exxon station will also be addressed soon.

SPHS Neighbors Committee (George Foote)

- Cool Pond is getting mitigation.
- Erin Garth is addressing issues about the SPHS scoreboard less than 40 feet away from their houses.
- Severna Gardens and West Severna Park are dealing with traffic engineering section with Nestor Flores. Temporary chokers will be taken away and another trial period will go into effect.

- Evergreen Estates, Severna Forest, and West Severna Park are dealing with issues on Benfield.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

See report.

ASPIRE Report

None.

New Business

- *Motion made by Karen Royer for GSPC to oppose Bills 54-19 and 55-19 proposing to use upzoning to bring high density housing. Seconded by Mary Vogelsang.*
Motion unanimously adopted.
- Susan Foote, Severna Gardens: There have been multiple gas leak repairs over the past 2 years. When she tried to contact BGE to see if she could get a picture of what they see, they would not provide written information. Bendale and Severna Forest have had similar problems. There was a gas explosion in Brittingham a few years ago. Could that be an article in the paper? These incidents should be reported when purchasing a home.
- Metispa Drive by Harris Teeter now has a tent in the woods. It was reported a week ago but it is still there. It seems tent city on Route 10 has been cleared out..
- Peggy Williams, Cape Arthur: While researching 5G technology, she has uncovered some serious health risks. For 5g to be effective, there are many many towers that need to be put out everywhere and yards away from each other. It is expected to run AI, automated cars, etc. Some towns have been successful regulating this and eliminating it in residential areas. Peggy will continue to gather and distribute information. Although cell towers may seem to have already established a precedent, if it truly is a different technology, real health risks could differentiate from that approval.
Websites: www.ehtrust.org, www.americansforresponsiblettech.org, Whatis5g.info

Old Business

- Senior community “Sheridan” will have a meeting tomorrow night to address construction that will occur all summer from 7am-8pm.
- There is a new development going up on Truckhouse Road behind Oak Hill. GSPC fought and reduced number of homes but it is still a lot of homes crammed into a small area.
- Earleigh heights cleared out small triangle lot. Has this been approved? Modifications are insane and got crazy setbacks. Houses are getting squeezed in by creating odd shapes.
- Take photographs as construction goes on and document it. This would be a great photography project for anyone with a kid looking for something to do this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Next Meetings

GSPC Delegation Meeting: July 9, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Severna Park Library

GSPC Board Meeting: June 25, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Severna Park Library

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack, GSPC Secretary.