



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

www.gspc.org

May 9, 2017



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

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council General Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Introductions (Maureen Carr York)

Senator Ed Reilly and his Aide, Kerry Duffy Doyle

Delegate Tony McConkey

Delegate Sid Saab and his Aide, Debbie Yasik

Erin O'Neill, Aide to Delegate Mike Malone

Councilman Michael Peroutka

Charlie Hamm

Alexander, Troop 993 Boy Scout completing Communications Merit badge

John Ide, new Severndale delegate

Representatives from Severna Park Voice Zack Sparks and Dylan Roche

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

Director Art Timmons made a motion to accept the minutes. Director John Norville seconded the motion.

Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

- \$210 dues deposited.
- 7 communities have still not paid for this year.
- 1 check for Arnold Preservation council cleared for \$15.

President's Report (Maureen Carr York)

(Membership Update)

If anyone knows someone in former member communities, please feel free to reach out to them.

For further information, see Attachment A.

Speaker Presentation

Delegate Tony McConkey

- Passed an elected school board, which will have the biggest impact on Anne Arundel County.
- The sanctuary bill was defeated. It got through the house but was defeated in the Senate.

Delegate Sid Saab

- This county won big with elected school board. They have been pushing for elected school boards for a while, and it went better than expected. School board spends more than 51% of budget and should be elected by people, not appointed by a broken system.
- The Governor allowed \$20 million in the budget to help the opioid crisis.
- The redistricting bill was vetoed by the governor yesterday, since it was dependent on 5 other states agreeing to do it.
- The Governor balanced the budget without raising taxes and funded Chesapeake Bay.

Senator Ed Reilly

- The Sanctuary Bill: Federal law already says police are not allowed to pull someone and ask about immigration status unless they have committed a crime that involves an arrest such as assault and battery, rape, murder, arson; and are taken to detention center. Bill passed in the House but never got to the Senate floor.
- Paid sick leave concerns business with 15 people or more. If a small employer has 1-14 people, they get off for sickness, but not paid for it. First they were asked to reduce seasonal employees/teenagers in OC, then nurses in temp agencies. Restaurant businesses were exempt because it is already a state law says that if you are sick, paid or unpaid, you may not come in, so they have shift swapping. Unions were also exempted. With all the exceptions, it was only affected a few people.
- Fracking: Hydraulic fracturing -- everyone likes to use the gas but no one likes to have it near them. Passed with little discussion.
- Governor Hogan said he would not raise taxes and fees, and he has not raised taxes and fees. This is an elected official who follows through with his promises.

Q & A

1. Is Attorney General (AG) Frosh getting more powers? (John Norville, Shipley's Choice)

The legislature passed a bill giving \$1million to sue president of US with staff. No republican voted for the bill, because they believe work should be more toward legal issues within state of Maryland. This bill was about AG as independent agent without approval of general assembly or governor, to make him a more powerful AG. Then a bill passed allowing him to hire 5 new attorneys. He previously had the ability to hire 30 new attorneys that he never filled, but now asked for 5 new attorneys. It may not be in the governor's appropriation bill, and is not binding on future years.

2. Now that there is an elected school board, what will happen with the open seat during the interim? (Brad Myers, Tam Glade)

It is anticipated nominating/appointing commission will be nominating candidates until election takes place. Those elected in 2018 will serve 6 years. Senator Reilly does not think the current vacancy will be filled, and that they will go along with limited number of people on board.

3. What are the most significant issues? (Jeff Ferguson, Glen Oban)

Senator Reilly explained that if there was a democratic strategist who wanted a Republican governor out, they would find issues to motivate base to get him out. The 3 referendums likely to be a source of lightning rod issues will be assisted suicide, recreational marijuana, and the sanctuary bill. Delegate Saab pointed out that many times bills have a great title and are actually a horrible bill. Senator Ed Reilly, Delegate Sid Saab, and Delegate Tony McConkey will be on the 2018 ballot.

4. *How will the sick leave bill impact small business owners? (Brad Myers, Tam Glade)*

The bill will dramatically impact a business on threshold of 15 employees. Five days of paid sick leave will impact wages. The vote was 33-14. The Governor's bill was good, and a more common sense bill that covered everybody. They fought the bill but many people in the legislature do not own businesses. There is a pre-exemption that no other county can be more liberal than the state because that creates logistical problems, except Montgomery County who had passed their own sick leave bill 3 years ago.

5. *Are we getting our fair share from casinos? (Anonymous)*

There are now more slot machines in Maryland than New Jersey or Pennsylvania. They have moved money to other state programs so education is no longer getting the full benefit of slots. It was in the original bill but no one brought it up, which has allowed shifting money away from education. The Governor, however, has been increasing the education budget -- \$800 million dollars of gaming revenue is now being put into education. The County Council is responsible for monitoring the local impact.

6. *Are we protecting the transportation trust fund? (Steve Poland, Kensington)*

The Governor cancelled red line which was going to drain the fund, and moved it toward road projects. They are still building the purple line, but the money is not protected. They have tried to make a constitutional measure to put money in a lockbox.

Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce (Diane Brewer)

- Shop Local Festival is on Saturday, May 20th at Park Plaza from 12pm to 4pm.
- General Membership Luncheon with Speaker is on May 17th from 8am to 9:30am at Ledo's.
- July 4th Parade applications are out.

Audit Committee (Anne DeMajistre)

Process: Look through records, takes 2 hours, and a nice chance to see what the money gets spent on. Everyone takes notes, Anne pulls in audit report, generates to committee for comment, then sends to board, then distributes to all. She is looking for volunteers -- usually happens in May or June.

Planning / Zoning / Legislative Committee (Art Timmons)

Sabrina Park, Phase 3 has 4 Board of Appeals Hearings scheduled.

- 17th Tuesday, June 20, 2017 6:30 to 8:30 PM Council Chambers, Arundel Center
18th Tuesday, June 27, 2017 6:30 to 8:30 PM Council Chambers, Arundel Center **Board Conflicts**
19th Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:30 to 5:30 PM Council Chambers, Arundel Center
20th Thursday, August 10, 2017 5:30 to 7:30 PM Council Chambers, Arundel Center

*Note: The first Hearing was held Tuesday, August 16, 2016

These hearings are bringing to light some of the unrealistic requirements passed on to homeowners and HOAs, such as: If you buy a house with a pervious concrete driveway, you may have to vacuum your driveway twice a year to properly maintain the storm water management requirements set by the developer and enforced by the county. Is that in your maintenance agreement? Do you know if it is? Should developers have the right to determine what is required of you for the life of your home? Could your maintenance agreement cost you more than your mortgage? You may pay it beyond your mortgage.

Legislation to watch:

- Bill 27-17: AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Modifications
- Introduced by Mr. Grasso. This bill makes one small change to the modifications made by a variance or OPZ. The first hearing is May 1, 2017. **The modification passed, but the Bill was ultimately defeated.** Eliminated need for modification for Fee-in-lieu, then disallowed modification of forest conservation, open space, rec area. If Fee-in lieu becomes a right, then the developer can choose Fee-in-lieu, clear forest, open space, rec area, replant elsewhere.
- Bill 32-17: AN ORDANANCE concerning: Zoning-Administrative Hearings – Board of Appeals – Rezoning in Residential Districts. Introduced by Mr. Grasso. The first hearing is May 15. It says that property cannot be up-zoned administratively unless failure to do so would make property worthless.
- Resolution 18-17: Request to begin the comprehensive review of the 2009 General Development Plan during 2017 and to incorporate citizen participation into the review. **This Passed.** They are gearing up to get ready for the general development plan. They are encouraging administration to put things together and get plenty of public input.
- 54-17 was introduced but will not be heard for a while. If school has one seat open, the developer can build. This new bill says that if a school is at 95% capacity, it is considered closed to developers. This gives more leeway to build.

Education Committee (Brad Myers)

- Please fill out survey.
- They are putting commission together to fill vacant board seat.
- Guest speaker next month is Superintendent Dr. Arlotto.

Police / Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- The police are trying to warn residents that people are breaking into cars. Please lock your cars and get everything out of visibility.
- The next meeting is week from tomorrow, on May 17 at 7:30 at Eastern District Station just off Ritchie hwy / Pasadena rd.
- National night out will be on August 1 at Earleigh Heights Fire Department from 5:30 to 8pm.
- Can show up at police station and ask to ride along. Prefer to do for at least half a shift. Not a lot of people asking for it. If anyone wants to have home evaluated for security, police willing to do that.

Cattail Caucus (Adrienne from Berrywood)

They are exploring better options for Cattail Creek. She will keep us posted.

Public Works Committee (Dan Nataf and Erin O’Neill)

- Nester Flores has accepted the job full time, and met with Dan and Erin.
- Earleigh Heights is giving more time to eastbound traffic at peak hours, so it takes much longer to get across. Harris Teeter has its grand opening on May 16.

ASPIRE Report (Maureen Carr York)

Nothing new to report.

SPHS Demo Committee (George Foote / Carol Boudman)

- AACPS Project Manager, Erik Schuster, sent the following update:

- Interior asbestos abatement of old school is complete.
- Demolition of the old school will continue throughout the month, and is schedule to complete towards the end of June, weather dependent.
- Onsite crushing and debris haul off will continue.
- Grading of new athletic fields will continue.
- Topsoil and permanent seed will be placed where possible.
- Storm drain will continued to be installed as site grading allows.
- There was a multi-week period when the tear-down and water fogger application imposed loud noises and windborne particulate matter circulation. Because the tear-down is as advanced as it is, the windborne material is mostly soil-dust from the on-site crushing. The other addition to airborne material is the large sifting process for recycled soil. The last segment of the building is in the center of the site and it is being taken down this week.
- Recently there was also communication from Dustin Ferris re: a mostly blocked storm-water drain that was discovered as a main source of sediment run-off into Coolpond (possibly Cattail Creek and the Magothy also?) Dustin contacted Erik Michelsen (AACo) and John Logan (Oak Contracting) about 1) Suggesting the county partner with Oak to correct the situation, though it is a County, old storm-water pipe issue, not an SPHS construction site issue. 2) Suggested use of Grant Funding project that has been utilized in other parts of the county to rejuvenate storm-water drainage pipes and run-offs. This funding option was presented by Mr. Michelsen at a GSPC meeting. There is also the potential suggestion to receive the funds through the Magothy River Keeper non-profit, if the reclamation project is accepted and moves forward.

Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

Linda Curry is not sure when the next Airport Noise committee meeting is, but will send Maureen the information as soon as possible. That way it can be sent out to community delegates with neighbors interested in joining the committee.

For further information, see Attachment B.

Environmental Committee (Lynne Rockenbauch)

The normal monthly education meeting is Monday, May 22 at 7:30 at Union Jacks across from Whole Foods in Annapolis Towne Center. They will have interactive maps on computers and can explain how to discern information from those maps. Severn River Association is partnering with watershed stewards academy on clean water to reduce stormwater pollution. The topic is on landscaping maintenance, reducing pollution and beautifying yards.

Councilman Peroutka's Update

There is a major traffic problem at the Bay Bridge. On May 25, there will be a presentation outlining solutions. Some problems are beyond our control since it is state park, but they are putting the appropriate pressure on them. The County Council is currently in the middle of budget proceedings every morning, so it is a very busy time at the council. They voted for a resolution to begin planning process. Councilman Peroutka comes to these meetings so you can let him know what you're thinking about, because he wants to be effective and let him know what you want him to know. This is why he is spearheading the Jumpers Hole Road sidewalk project.

Old Business

Ben Roberts, Chartridge: What is happening with the Jumpers Hole Road sidewalk? Last year Lucas Frye created a petition to get communities together on this issue. GSPC votes for it unanimously every time.

- Public works is holding a meeting on May 23 from 6-8pm at Severna Park Middle School regarding pedestrian / bicycle options for Jumpers Hole road. It is a round table event where different representatives from Anne Arundel County Public Works will sit down with citizens to talk about multiple approaches. Anyone can go, and this is an opportunity to sit up close to the plans where you can look at plans and read them. This has been resurrected at the request of Councilman Peroutka.

New Business

- Amy Leahy, Olde Severna Park: There is an unsafe ramp closed for use by Pedal Pushers. It is not Anne Arundel County Park property so it will need a community effort to get ramp replaced. GSPC Director Bill Lippincott will see if the Eagle scouts are available to fix it.
- Linda Curry, Severna Forest: Made a motion that GSPC send letter to superintendent's staff pertaining to construction project requesting they add more parking spaces for sophomores and juniors. Motion seconded. **Motion adopted.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack.

**Attachment A
GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL**

**Membership UPDATE
May 09, 2017**

55 Communities “in Good Standing”

Blue paid for 2016 and/or 2017 (55) Red are “past due” for 2015 and/or 2016 (8)

2017 Dues Pending marked with (xx)

Arnold Preservation Council,

Bellemeade,

Belleview Estates,

Ben Oaks,

Bendale,

Berrywood,

Berrywood South,

Bluff Point,

Brittingham,

Cape Arthur,

Carrollton Manor,

Cattail Passage, **xx**

Chartridge,

Chartwell,

Colchester,

Cool Pond,

County Crusaders,

Crain West,

Cypress Improvement,

Cypress Landing, **xx**

Erin Garth, **xx**

Evergreen,

Fair Oaks,

Fairwinds,

Glen Oban, **xx**

Harlequin,

Hollywood,

Kensington,

Kilmarnock,

Lake Waterford,

Lakeland II,

Light Street Ave, **xx**

Linstead,

Lower Magothy,

North Cape Arthur,

North Severna Park,

Oakhill,

Oakleigh Forest,

Olde Severna Park,

Robinson Retreat,

Round Bay,

Severna Enclave,

Severna Forest,

Severna Gardens,

Severna Park Gateway Condo, **xx**

Severndale,

Shiple's Choice Community,

Shiple's Choice Homeowners,

Shiple's Retreat Homeowners,

Solomons Ridge,

Sullivan's Retreat,

Swann Point,

Tam Glade, **xx**

Twin Harbors, **xx**

Westridge,

West Severna Park, **xx**

Whitehurst,

Williams Woods,

Woodbridge Forest.

Former member Communities

Arundel Plaza, Berrywood Ridge, Chartwood, East Earleigh Heights, Jennings Road, Jones CA, **Magothy Forest**, Manhattan Beach, McKinsey Park, McKinsey Woods, Point Field Landing, **Pointfield West**, **Severn Heights**, Sheffield Park, Whitney's Landing, **Woodberry Farms**.

Attachment B

Airport Noise Committee May 9, 2017 Report

April 9th – Meeting with Roundtable Chair and members

The focus was on how to involve our legislators. In March the Roundtable voted unanimously on a resolution to “Revert to flight paths and procedures that were in place prior to implementation of NextGen”. We needed our legislators to send a letter “calling on the FAA to accept the Roundtable’s resolution and take swift action”. It was important that both letter reached the FAA at the same time. We also discussed ways our two groups could help each other in the future. Cynthia Schultz, Vice President of Airports with JDA Aviation Technologies Solutions reported strong community involvement is important to the success of a Roundtable. The flow of information between the two is vital.

April 18 – Legislators Letter

Our legislators did send the letter. One of the signers was Senator Anthony Brown.

April 18 – Roundtable meeting

The FAA said they cannot revert back to pre NextGen status because the old instrument procedures no longer exist. The Roundtable members stated the BWI communities were not knowledgeable enough to communicate what the procedures were before and the FAA would need to provide that information. It was clear that the dispersion of the flights played an important part in the noise level. The lower flight paths did as well. The RT is still waiting for a meaningful response. An FAA rep disclosed that the flights were at 1100 feet over the Severna Park area. Copies of the minutes are available at maacommunityrelations.com.

Ongoing

The Airport Noise Committee has tasked themselves with recruiting addition members for the BWI Coalition. We have had numerous inquiries from around the area and expect the next meeting will be considerably larger.

We are also turning our focus to our legislators. In the near future we expect to meet with everyone who signed the FAA letter.

The next Roundtable meeting is May 16. The public is welcome to attend, but only the RT members are allowed to speak.

The next BWI Coalition meeting is June 21. We will have new information to share as well as a speaker. I would like to invite the GSPC communities to send one or two representatives to this meeting. Together we can be louder than BWI.