



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Meeting May 15, 2013 Minutes



The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Carr York at 7:30 pm at the Severna Park Library.

Secretary's Report: Julie Krause & Maureen Carr-York distributed the April meeting minutes to the membership via email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Poland submitted the April Finance report which was read to the membership. Below are the key numbers from the report which will be filed for audit. **All** GSPC moneys are FDIC insured.

Income – Dues \$175, Service Charged \$2.00; Money Market \$0.00, CD interest \$54.90

Account balances (as of 4/30/2013)

BB&T checking = \$ 8,094.68

SmithBarney money market = \$ 5,888.19

SmithBarney CDs = \$20,000.00

Beautification Trust Fund balance (Closed as of 10/2011)

Anne DeMajistre addressed the delegation in regard to the Audit Committee and requested volunteers.

President's Report: Maureen Carr York introduced our guests for the evening – Cathy Vitale, Sen. Ed. Reilly, The Honorable Ron Silkworth. Diane Jennings, Councilman Ladd's Office and Amy Leahy, from the County Executive's office, and Sid Saab There are 54 Communities in good standing, 7 in arrears, and 15 unpaid for 2013.

Special Guests: Delegate Cathy Vitale – Addressed the delegation regarding the legislative session. Talked about all of the tax initiatives and the various pieces of legislation heard and passed during this past session. She highlighted the gas tax – starting 7/1/13 – 1% tax of the wholesale gas price with a possibility of it raising depending on if the Federal Government passes the internet sales tax. Gas Tax tied to inflation rate – first time in history. See attached Highlights of the 2013 Legislative Session. Our Budget is going up and not going down. Discussed the gun bill and its potential changes and how it will affect jobs. They repealed the illegal alien licensing prohibition. Discussed the widespread availability of synthetic marijuana and its dangerousness.

Senator Ed Reilly – Discussed how gas tax being tied to inflation rate is a tax that no one is held accountable for because it is not voted on. Continued the discussion on the gun ban – including the training provision. Offshore Wind – is expensive, doesn't fit the summer wind pattern and it does not solve the problem of clean renewable energy and the costs are going to be passed on to consumer with a \$7M Administration Fee. Legislature failed to act on a pit bull legislation. Death Penalty has been repealed.

Both the Senator and Delegate answered questions from the audience.

The Honorable Ron Silkworth, Circuit Court Judge – Addressed the delegation regarding his role as a judge and the pervasive role drugs play throughout the cases in the court system.

Sid Sabb who discussed how he is running for Delegate in District 33.

Education Committee: Time to contact the County Executive regarding school repairs is NOW. ALSO, Please attend the various Budget Meetings held before the County Council. \$18M in the County Executive Budget the SPHS to begin its project and \$5M for Benfield to start its project. The Board of Education is advertising for the Citizens Advisory Committee – there is a spot open for the Severna Park Area. June 3, 2013 is a public

meeting for the public to review the SPHS project – an e-mail has been sent to the delegation. May 23, 2013, public hearing at 9:00 AM at the County Council Chamber.

Al Johnston Memorial Scholarship – To Anne Arundel Community College – Law & Jurisprudence Program. Contributions can be made payable to Anne Arundel Community College Foundation, Inc. – Al Johnston Memorial Scholarship.

A Roll call was made before a vote was taken regarding the Al Johnston Memorial Scholarship was voted upon – it was determined that a quorum was present – by way of 28 communities and 4 directors. A motion was made to take \$5000.00 from a matured CD and donate it as the initial money to the Al Johnston Memorial Scholarship Fund. The vote passed unanimously.

Environmental Committee: Ann Jackson and the Berrywood Community Association spoke regarding a Hearing tomorrow night at Jones Elementary school at 6:30 PM on the culvert project on Asbury Road and its impact on Berrywood and storm water runoff in the area. The proposal is to increase the culvert from 1 hole to 3 holes, thus increasing the storm water flow.

Police Relations: Seventh Shred-o-Rama, May 18th, Police Headquarters on Veterans Highway, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Additional locations - Brooklyn Park Middle School, Arundel HS, South River HS – there is a 4 box and bag limit.

Public Works: Asking residents not to park on shoulder where it is re-seeded on Dividing Creek Road. Leonard Hill from County Crusaders expressed a problem with the folks coming through Truck House Road with respect to speed and the ability of the School Buses to turn into the communities there – especially given the fact that there are four new communities.

Centennial/ASPIRE: Recipient of the “Great Give”

BWI Noise Committee: No Report

Nominating Committee: No Report

Zoning/Legislation: Appeal regarding a new site development plan for Severn School – specifically 110 Maple Avenue, Severna Park – the hearing date is May 28, 2013 at 6:30 PM – Board of Appeals Hearing, Council Chamber, 1st Floor, Arundel Building.

New Business: County Executive is appearing at Wednesday May 22, 2013 at 7PM for which the GSPC is a tri-sponsor. It is a great opportunity to meet the new County Executive.

Unfinished Business: None

Next Meetings: General Meeting: June 11, 2013 7:30 pm Severna Park Library

Board Meeting: May 28, 2013 – Severna Park Library

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

E. Wesley Adams

Acting GSPC Secretary