



# GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

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*General Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of the month.*

President Maureen Carr York called the Greater Severna Park Council Delegation Meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

## Speaker Presentations: Legislative Wrap-up

### [Delegate Michael Malone](#)

Delegate Malone was appointed by Governor Hogan 3 years ago after Cathy Vitale was appointed to the bench, and serves on Judiciary Committee. Highlights of the session include HB 1 addressing rapists' parental rights; fentanyl dealers are going to face tougher prosecutions; second time violent offenders will face tougher sanctions. Governor Hogan is setting up a bill to appoint bipartisan committee to put together congressional districts addressing gerrymandering. Delegation voted 13 bills down on gerrymandering. There is a census coming up and a case before Supreme Court. [Primary Election Day](#) is on June 26 from 7am to 8pm. Early voting begins on June 14.

### [Delegate Sid Saab](#)

Delegate Saab is still in his first term, and serves on the Health and Government Operations Committee, which looked at drug commission and insurance rates this year. He supported a Bill requiring notifying the Attorney General of significant price increases, but it did not make it to the Senate. Opioid Bills were passed about doctors educating the use of opioids and allowing people that suspect doctors and pharmacies distributing too much to call a hotline when people suspect doctors are overprescribing. He also co-sponsored gerrymandering bills and supports tougher immigration letters. Term limit bills still have not made it out of the Rules Committee.

### [Delegate Tony McConkey](#)

Delegate McConkey serves on the Budget Committee, and for the first time, there was not a lot of drama and not a huge deficit, so it was a fairly non-controversial year for budget. No tax or fee increases this year, however, there will be a mathematical tax increase when Federal government cut taxes and changed the way the feds collect taxes. It altered 757 million dollar increase in taxes due to federal bill. Governor said this needed to be fixed right away. General Assembly had press conference and said they would fix. At end of 90 day session, returned 70 million out of 757 million dollar increase. Trying to increase 70 million next year. Governor has to rank road projects, but the measures they used would have meant Anne Arundel county or rural counties. Giving money to transit system does not help Anne Arundel for the most part, and only about 8% use, while 59% of that budget goes towards mass transit.

## Senator Ed Reilly

- Senator Reilly has been a member of the State Senate for 9 years and represents D33. He has 9 grandkids and just celebrated his 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- The budget is at 2%, and when the Board of Revenue estimates got together, they estimated that MD will naturally grow at 3% rate of growth for taxes, and governor has allocated 2% to spend, keeping an extra 1%. Reasons: Coming out of shadow of No Child Left Behind. Each year they give record spending to local boards. A new commission is coming to recommend more money to public school system. Tax revenue is being set aside for these changes. Strange session because just a few weeks in was shooting in Florida. The shadow of that tragedy and then in Southern MD. Guns, gun violence, and school protection. Governor set aside 12million to harden protections for schools. Teachers want least-restrictive environment. Talk about metal detectors and armed officials at every school. Became a common struggle of discussion—what is the best way to protect our kids? Came up with a few minor suggestions, but always comes to dollars and cents. How each school system wants to handle the money will be left to their discretion (e.g. Talbot v. Baltimore City).
- General Assembly passed a restriction to do away with bump stocks in MD, taking a dangerous tool out of the hands of crazy people.
- Wind farms off of Ocean City have OC residents convinced it will deter people from going to beach. They are afraid nighttime visibility with red blinking light to keep airplanes off will interfere with Ocean City tourism and impact residents. Instead of 12 miles off the beach, they want it 18 miles off the beach, but that would kill the whole project. Wind turbans are coming for alternate energy.
- Term limits: estimated that MD state senate will turnover 25% at next session. There is a natural turnover that occurs whether they pass term limits or not.
- Gerrymandering means legislators are picking the voters, not the other way around. Hurting an opponent means cracking their district. Average number of votes per district is 125k. In 2012, this district had 132k people because they packed us to the maximum as a super Republican district. In 2022, we will be taking parts of district off because there will be 3,000 new homes. Governor Hogan wants citizens to redraw the lines, not politicians.
- No new taxes, no new fees, and good government from Governor Hogan.
- The Amazon incentive package: They will be given tax incentives to produce jobs, but they have to build half a billion dollars in capital investments, and must to hire 40k employees with average income of 100k. Once they have become permanent, hired all these people, then they can get incentives. They have to establish permanency. If it happens here, it will probably be in Montgomery County, but would be a good thing for everyone in the region. Because of the deferred tax incentives, Senator Reilly voted for the bill. Other states voted to pay upfront to try and coax Amazon.

~The Legislators presented Art Timmons with a Maryland Flag flown over State House for his many years of faithful service and contributions to the Greater Severna Park Community, including his work as Vice-President of Public Affairs from the G.S.P.C. Board of Directors and Delegates~ May, 2018

Secretary's Report (Holly Slack)

*Motion to accept March and April minutes and seconded. Motion adopted.*

Treasurer's Report (Steve Poland)

\$455 dues deposited.

Chamber of Commerce (Dylan Roche)

- Shop Local Family Fun Festival from noon – 4 in Park Plaza. Celebration of all locally-owned businesses.
- Successful Women in Business networking opportunity tomorrow.
- Chambers General membership meeting on May 22 at noon at Hotel Preserve.
- Applications for 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade available at chamber website.

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

- The Community Meeting on the property known as 18-1079 Valley Hi is located at the East Edge of Ritchie Hwy at Cattail Creek (near Berrywood). They are planning 12 single family homes on land zoned commercial, open space, and R-5. Community meetings are the best time to get into it and come to GSPC for assistance.
- 1061 B&A Blvd is just south of Fishpaws where Ritchie Hwy and B&A Blvd almost meet. Fishpaws wants to pave over the remaining trees to provide additional parking.
- 1061 wants to rezone to commercial and build an office building on a lot that also has no room for parking. Discussing at the county level. This will not be a large building.
- The Preserve at Severna Park has some neighboring communities asking questions from last month's Community Meeting.
- Seven of the 10 Administrative Hearings will be discussing waterfront properties and one is an up-zone from C-3 to C-4. Everyone wants to move closer to waterfront. Hopefully some rules are beginning to tighten up. Plans are online. You can look and see what they are going to do.
- The Nabil Badro Property: This application to rezone two parcels of land from open space to commercial at the intersection of Benfield Blvd and Veterans Hwy was denied on December 6, 2017 by the Administrative Hearing Officer. It has been appealed to the Board of Appeals and will begin hearings on May 1, now past, and May 10, 2018, later this week.
- BA 14-16A (Sub#1989-383, Proj#2014-0008-00-NS) BA 15-16A (Mod#13318A) Anarex, Inc./Sabrina Park Thu. April 26, 2018 5:30pm - 6:30 PM Arundel Center. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Deliberation occurred: We will have to wait for the written decision by the Board. To briefly summarize, in a 5 to 2 vote, the Board decided the western end of the project will not be disturbed or built. The lots on the eastern end must meet a 50 foot minimum width to be comparable with the existing lots along Idlewilde Road. Several specimen trees must be preserved, and the forest retention must meet minimum standards. Put another way, the plan as submitted has not been approved.
- A Side Note: The December 22, 2014 GSPC Watch List contained the following: Sabrina Park III Re-submittal due in late November. It was submitted and will be reviewed Dec 18, 2014. A **3 ½ year battle** awaits a new submittal.

## Councilman Peroutka

A number of things happening leading into GDP. Introducing charter amendment to put some teeth into GDP. Once plan is adopted, if a change in zoning is suggested is desired by council member, then it will have to be approved as consistency with the plan with Planning and Zoning officer. Council has legislative authority to change zoning, but now it will be much harder. Resistance and nature of debate will be balancing all branches of government. Councilman Peroutka has worked closely with Phil Hager on this issue.

## Education Committee (Brad Myers and Holly Slack)

Cluster Meeting (*This is made up of PTO Presidents or their designee from each Severna Park Cluster school, CAC Severna Park Representatives, and a GSPC Education Committee Representative*)

- Significant discussion about overall decline in volunteerism – seems to be more people working and community turn-over so that most families have their oldest just entering school, with many little ones at home, precluding volunteering. Discussion about recruiting, retaining, motivating and incentives.
- Ideas about promoting/coordinating childcare – perhaps tapping into high school seniors with early release.
- Using Facebook and other social media to create grade level pages and communications for each group; particularly effective for SPMS.
- Lots of exchanges about promoting and networking, particularly from elementary to middle and high school.

## High School Fields:

- No electrical outlets in concession stand.
- Someone was going to give a scoreboard to the High School, but the County said no because it would not be fair.
- The current scoreboard is on the 30 yard line.

## Police/Community Relations (Doug Nichols)

- May 12 is Paper Shredding Day at various police stations.
- Opioid crisis and cyber telephone scams involving bank credit cards.
- The next PCRC meeting will be on May 16, and the speaker will be Jim Fredericks.
- National Night Out is on August 7 this year and volunteers are meeting. There will be booths for health, children, etc.
- The Police Chief is putting together Police Community Relations Chief's Council. Doug Nichols has been nominated to represent GSPC.

## Public Works (Erin O'Neill)

- Truckhouse light is a major concern to the community. Several pedestrians have almost been hit by turning vehicles that do not know to yield to pedestrians AT crosswalk at the light. Nestor Flores has said he will address this soon, but has yet to do so.
- There is a pothole at B&A that bottoms cars out.
- Cedar and Evergreen continues to be a concern.
- Resurfacing of Evergreen may occur during 2019 construction season.

#### Airport Noise Committee (Linda Curry)

DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable: The FAA presented their solution to the Nextgen issue on April 24. They had one small fix for departures in Howard county. They did not feel it was necessary to address arrivals and offered absolutely nothing. The storyboards they presented and the subject matter experts that explained them were no better than the last FAA storytime in October 2016. The RT asked the MAA, our self-proclaimed technical advisors, to evaluate the FAA presentation. They have been instructed to compare it to our resolution to revert. The MAA allegedly will have that report in the May 15 BWI Roundtable meeting. Over the next two weeks the Senate will be discussing the addendums they will be attaching to their bill. Please contact Senators Cardin and Van Hollen to let them know what you want added to the addendums for the Senate FAA Reauthorization Bill such as: a better way to evaluate noise levels to replace noise averages; require complete environmental impact studies for any changes to flight paths and airports; require effective ways to inform communities of changes; address arrivals at all airports, not just departures.

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

- “Coming Soon: No Discharge Zone” May 22, 7pm at Union Jack’s.
- This Thursday, SP library is hosting a book signing with Mary Ann Taylor, author of My River Speaks. Books on sale for \$29. Maps on sale as well.
- June 2 Tree planting and cleanup at Beechwood park. Planting white Pine.
- June 10 celebrating Magothy River Day (when Captain Smith went into Magothy River on June 12, 1608) at Deep Creek Restaurant, now called Donnelly’s Place.
- June 12 special ceremony at Beechwood park to dedicate Charlie Nolte’s bench from noon – 1.
- BOA property on West Haven Old Man Creek. 7 out of 10 variances have to do with water. Section of critical area law that says cannot build within 100 feet by establishing habitat protected areas.
- Not been a good year for spawning the yellow perch.
- 25 locations for monitoring now. Next few days will have large algae blooming, which is not good news but is what it is.

#### ASPIRE Report (Amy Leahy)

There is a meeting next week. Focus in now on the Severna Park museum.

#### Unfinished Business:

None.

#### New Business:

- *Mary Voglesang of Light Street Avenue made a motion to donate \$100 to National Night Out. Seconded by Doug Nichols of Shipley’s Choice. **Motion unanimously adopted.***
- *Ben Roberts of Chartridge motioned for GSPC to express concern of lack of appropriate notice as new community (near Woodberry) being developed, and seconded.*  
Discussion: Woodberry has concerns over the new development that would be a visual intrusion and has drafted a letter . All denied getting letter within distance. GSPC had no idea cluster development was going in. Sign is not visible from Ritchie Hwy. **Motion unanimously adopted.**

- John Norville: The Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management is currently updating the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA requires the County to have a current Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County to remain eligible for certain kinds of federal aid and grants following natural disasters. The plan includes descriptions of the types of natural hazards that can affect the County, their potential effects, and the actions and projects the County is considering to reduce damages. The County and its consultant will be presenting the draft plan and answering any questions from the public at a meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Henry L. Hein Public Service Building, 7480 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. The presentation is open to the public. Please direct questions to Chrissy Cornwell, Emergency Management Planner, at 410-222-0605 or via email at [emcorn00@aacounty.org](mailto:emcorn00@aacounty.org)
- Concerns about Raptor Rescue developing in Severna Forest community raised.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.

Next meetings:

- Delegation: June 12, 2018 SP Library 7:30pm
- Board of Directors: May 22, 2018 SP Library 7:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Slack.