



GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL

Meeting August 13, 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: The July meeting minutes were not mailed to the membership in July. They will go out with the August minutes via email. Without objection the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Poland submitted the July 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 \$0.00, Money Market \$0.00, CD interest \$24.79, Monthly Service Charge -\$2.00*

Account balances (as of 07/31/2013)

BB&T checking	= \$	3245.68
SmithBarney money market	= \$	910.10
SmithBarney CDs (5)	= \$	25,000.00

Beautification Trust Fund
(closed 10/2011)

President's Report: Maureen introduced Zach from the SP Voice who is new to the assignment of covering the GSPC meetings. Oscar Hayes president of the McKinsey Park Condos HOA was a first time attendee. There are 51 Communities in Good Standing with only 5 who have not paid dues.

Special Guests: There were no speakers for the evening. Councilman Dick Ladd was present tonight.

Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce: Maureen addressed the delegation regarding a Chamber of Commerce event - Chris Phipps – the Director of the Department of Public Works - will be at the Ledo Pizza in Park Plaza at 8AM on Wednesday August 15 to discuss the Rain Tax and how that money will be spent.

Education Committee: Brad Myers told the delegation that the High School project is moving along. No other real changes have occurred. The County wide CAC selected new members. The Board of Education replaced every member of the CAC. Brad Myers is the Severna Park Secondary School representative.

Environmental Committee: No report

Police Relations: Lock your doors and cars – put your cars and GPS' away.

Public Works: The re-surfacing of Ritchie Hwy will continue for 2 weeks. Severn School is set to begin construction in Spring of 2014 at the same time as the construction of Severna Park High School.

Nominating Committee: Chairman John Norville nominated Wes Adams to serve as Secretary of the GSPC. Committee moved to accept Wes Adams as the Secretary and the motions was passed unanimously.

Website Update: Brad Myers described the updates to the website. www.GSPCouncil.org is the new website – we have updated the site to better serve the communities. Suggestions included adding links to the various communities on the website. There are tabs on the site to various services and items relevant to the GSPC and the communities. Comments and suggestions to improve the website are invited. The President will send out an online survey with respect to whether a community wants its website linked to the GSPC site.

Bylaws Revision - Nothing new to report.

Aspire Report –Nothing to report.

Zoning/Legislation: No pending bills as the Council has voted that this be a month off. Maureen raised a discussion about a proposed construction project of concern to the membership. Michelle Collins from Chartridge addressed the delegation regarding a proposed project of 28 houses with 55’ x 90 or 50’ x 70 plots. Chartridge is concerned about the water drainage especially given that there common areas have flooded for the past few years. They have an additional concern about their privately maintained parking areas and the parking areas. Builder feels like he does not need a variance. Dick Ladd addressed the Delegation on this. Cluster Housing requires specific code requirements. There seems to be plenty of problems with creating the community within the existing code. The Council has not seen what the plans are for the development thus they cannot form an opinion. Any people who abut the property should sign a letter with the president of their respective HOA and submit it to the County for consideration if there is an objection to any new development. Ameristar Homes is the builder. No plan has even been submitted. Any letter should be addressed to Larry Tom – head of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Lisa Bender from Carrolton Manner moved to ask the GSPC to continue to monitor this project and to continue to make inquiries about the project. The motion passed unanimously.

Two other zoning matters:

103 Boone Trail in Linstead – applications for a variance to add an addition in the critical area. There is a hearing on August 27, 2013 10:30 am at the County Council Chamber.

Meeting regarding the renovation of the furniture store into a CVS at the corner of Arnold Road and Ritchie Hwy on August 29, 2013 at AACCC Flouristano Bldg. at 6 PM, room 101.

New Business: Nothing New.

Unfinished Business: Nothing New.

Next Meetings: General Meeting: September 10, 2013 7:30 pm Severna Park Library

Board Meeting: August 27, 2013 7:30 pm – Severna Park Library

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wes Adams

GSPC Secretary