

**College Park Village Association
Annual Meeting
March 21, 2016
The Woodlands Township**

1) **The meeting was called to order by President Ted Stanley at 7:05 P.M.** and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Secretary Marti Meerscheidt, Treasurer and newly elected Vice President Dave Mulberry, re-elected board members Johanne Stanley, Steve LaMotta, Joel Barnes and Larry Faith. Newly-elected board members Kenneth Morris and Jake Miller were installed. A motion was made by Dave Mulberry and seconded by Joel Barnes to reinstate Mike Larson who was also present. The motion passed unanimously. Board member absent was Cherish Cahoon. Also in attendance were Village Liaison Peggy Krysiak, and Officer Jason Hopper plus resident Scott Dreesy.

Deputy Hopper gave his monthly report including feature captives of the past month. He reported there were 366 vacation watches, 79 arrests and 5,731 calls for service throughout The Woodlands in the month of February.

Dr. Chris Nunes, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a report on the mosquito management plan. He noted that of priority is source reduction. That means we are all participants in managing mosquitos. Monitor your standing water situations such as bird baths, drains, and covers that house your water gauges. Do not over water your lawns. Did you know that new grass growth does not start until the soil temperature is 55% or higher? He emphasized there is no need to water your lawn during the winter months when grass is dormant. Save water and prevent breeding grounds for mosquitos. The Township stopped using foggers a number of years ago since they do not destroy the source. Mosquito dunks work well and are both easy and safe for residents to use. The Township works with the county to locate sources for breeding.

2) **There were no resident comments.**

3) **The Township Board Meeting Report** - Peggy Krysiak noted items of interest including National Night Out parties are back on the calendar this year in August. She highlighted many bids awarded. The Board agreed on and presented a resolution to Montgomery County that they not add any extra days for firework sales. The board also declared their opposition to some road projects. They directed staff to have a policy in place for public spaces. Details of the meeting are available on The Township web site.

4) **Village Liaison report** – Peggy reported that the Drug Take Back Day is set for April 30 at The Woodlands Township. This is a safe way to dispose of your expired and unused medications. Bag them up and drop them off. Be sure to remove and destroy the labels. There will be Emergency Preparedness events and fire station open houses at all the fire stations this summer. Dates and locations will be on The Township web site.

5) **Treasurer's Report** – Dave Mulberry provided copies of the budget and noted that we would be closing out expenses for 2015. Outstanding expenses included board member shirts which would come under meeting expenses plus \$245.00 would be added under revenue for our participation in the Oral Care Challenge last November. An audit will be forthcoming for the budget year.

6) **Minutes** were sent electronically prior to the meeting by secretary Meerscheidt for all board members to review. Motion made by Larson and seconded by Joanne Stanley to accept the minutes. Motion carried with new members Morris and Miller abstaining.

7) **Presentation of College Park History** was given by Ted Stanley and noting the uniqueness in the geography of our village. He presented all board members with a hand out of local elected officials who represent our area.

8) **Unfinished business:**

a. Larry Faith reported on the logistics and history of the **Flea Market** and that the booth sales the past Saturday went well. About 30 spaces sold during the four hours at Panther Creek and with upwards of 120 expected to be sold before the event on **April 9**. Board members signed up to work shifts: Ted Stanley, Joel Barnes, Dave Mulberry, Marti Meerscheidt, Steve LaMotta and Larry Faith. Dave reminded everyone that the 4:30 shift is where we need to have the most help. Our typical average income for this volunteer work each year is \$2,000 and funds our scholarship program.

b. **Green-Up** is also on **April 9** and Mike Larson will be in the Harpers Landing Park that morning at 8:00 AM to register our volunteers. We are challenged to have 70 volunteers from College Park or about 1% of our population. This is an event for families, scouts and businesses to participate. Ted will find out how many we have pre- registered for the event but we are encouraged to recruit friends and neighbors. Everything you need to clean up your assigned area is provided by the Environmental Services Department.

c. "**Poolooza**" has replaced the formerly named "Spring Fling" on **May 21** and Johanne Stanley reported that once again there will be free admission to the pool, hot dogs and a bounce house. The park is reserved and she will contact the parks department to be sure they have sprayed for ants plus cleaned up the pavilion for that date. She will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting for all board members to designate where they will help. Being one of the two major events we sponsor each year for the residents it typically involves the participation of all board members. Mike Larson requested to look into "free" services of a DJ. Johanne asked Marti to recruit student volunteer help from College Park.

d. **Sunday in the (Tapestry) Park on April 17** is renamed "Sundae in the Park" this year and with Steve LaMotta once again chairing the event in Grogan's Forest. Steve reported on his findings that Baskin Robins would provide ice cream sundae cups for \$4.21 each. Along with the purchase of the ice cream they would provide free popcorn, servers, balloons and signs. There

was much discussion about using a vendor vs. setting up a do-it yourself ice cream bar. But in the end all agreed that this was worth doing and providing residents with a quality product. Tickets will be used to be sure that each resident is served. There will be a child's size plus an adult size. Baskin Robbins will not charge for ice cream that is not distributed. There will be balloons, sidewalk chalk drawing, soap bubbles at the playground and an opportunity for Grogan's Forest residents to come out and meet the board and their neighbors. The time of 1 – 3 PM was also agreed to.

e. Mike reported that there were no applicants to date for the scholarships but typically they do not come in until the due date which is April 15. He also sent us all a survey this week by email regarding scholarships provided by the other village associations. Our past practice of providing 2 in the amount of \$1,000 seems to be in line with the other villages.

f. Water Wise Village Challenge is on and residents have until April 15 to join. Marti gathered a dozen or so at Windsor Hills. Dave promised to beat that number by reaching out to his neighbors to sign the pledge to turn off sprinklers until April 15.

g. there was no other unfinished business reported

9) New Business: Under new business the board planned for the coming year.

a) 2016-2017 Activities List Review – President Stanley reported that we will conduct the same activities as last year. (Secretaries note: At previous meetings we streamlined some major events by defining when they will be held. *Poolooza will scheduled each year on the Saturday in May that falls BEFORE Memorial Day weekend. Sundae in the Park will be the third Sunday in April unless that conflicts with Easter. Spooktacular will be the last Saturday in October.*)

b. 2016-2017 Committee Discussion and Appointments – Appointments are as follows:

Committees prescribed by the CPVA By-laws

Audit - Mulberry, T. Stanley and Faith

Civic and Residential - Morris

Communications – Larson, Morris plus web site facilitator Jennifer Robinson

Social – J. Stanley, Barnes

Scholarship – Larson, Miller, Mulberry

Appointments of the CPVA board to represent us and serve as our liaison:

Law Enforcement Advisory Council – T Stanley , Larson

Parks & Recreation Advisory Council – Meerscheidt

Mobility Counsel –LaMotta

Village Officers Association – T. Stanley

Parliamentarian – Mulberry

c. 2016-2017 Budget review- Mike made a note that we change the line items of Spring Fling and Sunday in the Park to reflect the new names respectively of Poolooza and Sundae in the Park. Johanne advocated for budget increases for Poolooza and Spooktacular. Ted noted that

these activities were already awarded an increase over actual costs from the previous year and Treasurer Dave noted an increase of 20%. The Sundae event was increased from \$500 to \$750.00. The budget projected year-end balance of \$860 was moved to the line item of Discretionary Funding. There was a suggestion from LaMotta to make fliers to distribute at our events that listed our major activities for the year. Everyone agreed that was a good idea and the printing costs would come out of the line item Admin and Treasury fees. There was a motion from Morris and seconded by Larson to accept the proposed 2016 - 2017 budget of \$11,890.00. The motion passed unanimously.

d. By-laws change – Item 6.01 of our bylaws has been a discussion for a few months. A motion was made by Dave Mulberry to change the bylaws. Meerscheidt requested that some wording be removed. The motion was amended to include the removal of some excess verbiage and then seconded by Mike Larson. There was unanimous agreement to the change. The bylaw now reads:

Section 6:01 Elective Officers:

The elective officers of the Association shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. Other offices and officers may be established and elected by the members of the Association at any duly organized meeting of the members. All officers must be in good standing with The Woodlands Township and not in violation of The Woodlands Covenants. Candidates for these Executive Officer positions shall have completed a minimum of one year of service as an area representative on the [College Park Village] Association board.

e. Other new business:

Ken Morris asked that we consider reviewing Article 1.02 of our bylaws.

There was discussion about our support of Aging in Place, a program that was presented to us by Grogan's Mill board member Bruce Cunningham a few months back. Initially we were invited to contribute to the pilot program. Recently we were asked to endorse the program. After much discussion it was generally a consensus that we did not believe it was our place to endorse any particular activities in the community. Ted Stanley was asked to draft a letter to Bruce in support of the project but that we respectfully declined an endorsement of any particular activity or organization.

10) **Resident Comments – none**

11) **Board member comments – none**

12) **State of the Village** – Ted reported on our 501C.3 status for 2015. Previous reports and updates had been provided to the board. Our status was in question due to some changes in filing paper work. We are requesting that The Township release the 2015 Village Association funds to us now that our status is back in place. There is a concern that this cannot happen because the 2015 budget is closed. Ted presented a plan to replace these funds through a Capital Campaign to raise \$10,000.00 from businesses in College Park. The idea is that we reach out to them and in turn they find the value in supporting the community. Perhaps there

can be signs listing our contributors at our events. There was discussion about web advertising and other comments that our 2016-2017 budget was a sound one. Some preferred that these funds be named as sponsorships. It was agreed that Ted would bring us a proposal at a future meeting for consideration.

13) Ted Stanley adjourned the meeting at 9:58 PM.