

College Park Village Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2016

1) President Ted Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:01P.M. Members present were Marti Meerscheidt, Johanne Stanley, Joel Barnes, Kenneth Morris, Mike Larsen, Jake Miller, Larry Faith, and Dave Mulberry. Steve LaMotta was absent. Also present were Village Liaison Peggy Krysiak and Deputy Jason Hopper. There were no guests or other residents present.

Following the pledge, Deputy Hopper gave the MCSO report covering the topic of current trends in the Burglary of a Motor Vehicle. To date there have been 197 reported cases during the period of January through July of 2016. This compares to 247 covering the same time period last year from January through July 2015. Deputy Hopper showed us statistics that reveal many of these crimes could be averted if residents would lock cars at night. College Park holds one of the lowest instances of burglary among the villages with 18. But 30% of those showed no forced entry. The lesson to learn is that we can help lower instances of burglary by locking our cars, removing expensive items and parking in the garage or under a lighted area. These recommendations are also relevant if we are out shopping or parking in front of the house.

2) **Resident Comments:** Ted reported that the residence concern that was previously reported as needing yard maintenance has been addressed. There was some discussion about lawn care in general and that there has to be some leniency given the efforts towards water conservation in our community. All are encouraged to use the on line resource for reporting concerns to the Township.

3) **Township Report:** Peggy Krysiak highlighted Township news. The topic of National Night Out (NNO) is being addressed by the Township Board. Input from the Village Associations is sought in reference to future scheduling of the event. The full Township Board of Directors report is available on the Township web site.

4) **Village Liaison Report:** Peggy Krysiak encourages all residents to access the Neighborhood Watch Page, visit the blog and sign up for alerts. She reported on upcoming activities for October including NNO parties in Windsor Hills and Mason Pond (Grogan's Forest). She also reminded us that 911 is changing. Sign up at Smart911.com.

5) **Administrative Council Reports:** Presentation of the Minutes – Minutes were approved for August with one change noted and made. Parks & Recreation Advisory – Marti gave a summary of the proposal for changes in the Township Special Events Policies and Procedures that will be presented to the Township Board for approval. Law Enforcement Council – Ted stated he will report to us next month.

6) **Village Activities:** a) NNO at Windsor Hills on October 3. CPVA will provide cake as is our tradition. b) NNO Activities There will also be a celebration in the Mason Pond neighborhood. Boots and Badges baseball game rescheduled for October 22 at Alden Bridge sports fields. c) Spooktakular/Fall Festival is on October 29. There was lengthy discussion about what refreshments to serve. There were those that preferred something simple and effortless and others who wanted something different. Several suggestions were considered. Johanne will make some phone calls to vendors mentioned. Bounce house and trackless train have been scheduled. Dave received confirmation that the Bounce House this year will not be an obstacle course type inflatable. There will be the Trick or Treat Trail, Costume Contest and face painting. Mike has the plastic pumpkins purchased last season for this year. Johanne wants to add a canned food drive. Mike has been working to add this to all of our festival events. There was agreement that once we establish this there will be more participation. Mike communicated that he may have a business underwriter for the event and will share that contact with Johanne to determine if it meets appropriate guidelines. Discussion included signage and permission to put up signs in local parks for a period of one week before the event. Set up is at noon and all board members are asked to be present. The festival is from 1 -4 and clean up follows. Marti has contacted the Ambassadors and Junior ROTC at College Park for 20 volunteer helpers. Johanne will send out an electronic email for board member sign-up. d) Flea Market is on November 5. Ted asked for volunteers to sell tickets at Panther Creek Village Center on October 15. Ted will send out the sign-up through email for the ticket sales and the Flea Market workers. This is a main source of

scholarship funds so all board members are needed to work. Larry Faith is our liaison for the activity. e) 3 R Bazaar is on November 12. Volunteers will be needed to work at the College Park Village collection point for oral care packaging to be recycled. Dave reminded us that if you sign up, you show up. f) Fall/Winter Water Wise Challenge – Ted reported that new rules will apply and sign up will be awarded points based on how quickly residents sign up to participate. More information to come next month.

7) **Other Village Business:** Ted reminded everyone to review and comment on the Pathway connectivity survey. A major investment estimated at \$740,000 is being *proposed* to the Township Board to provide a side path to connect Harpers Landing and 242 East to West.

8) **Other Business:** Election for the Township is on November 8. Ted encouraged us all to be informed and to vote. Proposed NNO changes – following conversations among the Village presidents they were asked to seek input from their Boards regarding NNO. It was unanimous among the College Park board members present that we return to recognizing NNO in October when the weather is cooler. Further we agree that it should be a one night community-wide event. c) Our tax exempt status is still in the works and will soon be resolved with both the IRS and the Township. We were also informed of an organization named Incorporate Max that is used by other village presidents to be a registered agent regarding our tax status. The yearly fee is very affordable at \$50.00. The advantages to doing this will be presented and discussed at a future meeting.

9) Resident Comments: none

10) Board Member Comments: We were reminded of our meeting change next month to October 24.

11) Adjourn at 8:33