

**College Park Village Association
August Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Ted Stanley. Members present were, Secretary Marti Meerscheidt, Treasurer Dave Mulberry, Vice President Mike Larson and area representatives Ken Morris, Joel Barnes, Johanne Stanley and Steve Lamotta. The member absent was Jake Miller. Regular contributors present were Village Liaison Peggy Krysiak and Deputy Coroiescu. Also present were MCSO officers Brian Fleming and Phillip Vianos. Visitors present were Alden Bridge residents Garrett and Todd Groen, and College Park resident Vanessa Lincoln. Township Board members Bunch and Brown also joined us.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the **MCSO report presented** by Deputy Stephanie Coroiescu. She reported on feature captives for the month of July. Due to a resident's quick thinking and reporting of suspicious activity, five suspects were apprehended in College Park while driving a stolen vehicle. Statistics for the month included 405 vacation watches in College Park. All data presented is available on the Township website. *NOTE: She advised us the on September 1, 2017 it will be illegal to text and drive in Texas with a \$200.00 fine for the violation.*

2. Residents Comments –We welcomed Boy Scout Garrett Groen who is working on a Merit badge.

3. Township Report was presented by Peggy Krysiak and a list of highlights were provided. Information is available on the Township web site. She provided press releases to the College Park Board and reminded us that the budget is on the Township website. Mr. Bunch gave us a status update of our assessments and the current state of sales tax, hotel tax and the overall business community in The Woodlands. He explained that appraised values went down 1% overall but that there are neighborhoods with as much as a 15% decreased in valuation. Our 2018 assessment will remain at 23 cents per \$100 of valuation. Trends effecting sales tax revenue is the increasing use of online shopping and overall more competition both internet and local with surrounding communities building their revenue bases with new businesses. With two new hotels the hotel tax income remained flat. The Township is fiscally sound for the coming years and with reserves available. He reminded us that Harper's Landing is to get the pathway connector as a result of the pathway planning initiative.

4. Village Liaison Peggy Krysiak provided a list of Neighborhood Watch events that included National Night Out scheduled for Sunday October 8. Fliers were available for the Watch Talk and Community Safety Expo. Ted and Mike will be at Northshore Park from 12 – 3 and invited any other board members to join them at the EXPO. Harper's Landing currently has 2 registered neighborhood parties and there is another major party at Windsor Hills on October 17.

5. Administrative Reports: Minutes for July were sent via email by Marti Meerscheidt. Minutes approved unanimously by a motion from Mike and seconded by Dave. **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Dave. We received \$533 from the Flea Market. This is considerably less than we typically get. This impacts our Scholarship program. There are still two outstanding expenses as Dave waits to hear back from scholarship recipients so he can send them their checks. There were no **Committee Liaison Reports** but Marti did ask for someone to cover the PARD meeting on 9/11 in her absence. Ted suggested that he could attend.

6. Village Activities: NNO is October 8 in **College Park** and October 17 at **Windsor Hills**. Mike will contact K-star for local entertainment available. Mike would like to have the bicycle parade again. *We still need to consider the hot dog vendor.* Marti will order and deliver the cakes for Windsor Hills. Ted suggested that cupcakes could be ordered instead. Johanne reported on the **SPOOKTACULAR** which is set for October 28 from 1 - 4. Board members will need to be present from noon to 5 to help with set up and clean up. Our DJ, Ken will be out of town but he offered to lend us the sound equipment if anyone else is up to taking on that assignment. We will discuss the event more at length next month. Marti has already contacted our volunteers at College Park and the JROTC is looking forward to helping us again.

7. Other Village Business: Knightsbridge – A letter of violation was sent to the homeowner advising legal action to be taken and now the trailer is gone and the occupants have moved out. Ted noted that as a result of the College Park Board action and getting this matter on the agenda of the DSC and the RDRC we were able to influence a positive outcome on this matter. **Bandit Signs** -Resident Vanessa Lincoln reported on the community effort to clean up signs in the neighborhood and surrounding areas of Harpers Landing. Mike met with Commissioner Clark. One must be trained to legally pick up these roadside signs. Several residents and board members have expressed an interest in getting trained. Mike will contact the Commissioner to set up the training.

8. Other business: Ted reminded us of the filing date deadline for the Township Board and that one of the three positions is contested. He advised us to get to know the candidates.

9. Resident comments: none

10. Board Member Comments: Ted thanked our visitors for joining us and Mrs. Lincoln for her interest and initiative in helping with the bandit signs.

11. Adjourn at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted
Marti Meerscheidt