

**College Park Village Association
September Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Mike Larsen. Members present were, Secretary Marti Meerscheidt, Treasurer Dave Mulberry, and area representatives Ken Morris, Joel Barnes, and Jake Miller. Members absent were Steve Lamotta (arrived just as meeting adjourned), Ted Stanley and Johanne Stanley. Regular contributors present were Village Liaison Peggy Krysiak and Deputy Coroiescu. Also present were MCSO officers S. Smith and D Kutz. Visitor present was Township Director candidate Carol Stromatt who took a few minutes after the pledge to introduce herself.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the **MCSO report presented** by Deputy Stephanie Coroiescu. She reported on feature captives for the month of August. Feature captives included a gang member of the 59 Bounty Hunters. Board members applauded the report that included cases solved and captures made by our proactive police department. There was more good news for College Park residents in that our crime statistics for the month were very low. There were 2 unlocked cars burglarized. We continue to remind residents to STOP/LOCK/HIDE valuables. It works! Statistics for the month included 309 vacation watches in College Park. All data presented is available on the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office web site. .

2. Residents Comments – None

3. Township Report was presented by Peggy Krysiak and a list of highlights were provided. Information is available on the Township web site. Of note was debris pick up for storm Harvey. She reminded us of the Public Safety Expo on Saturday September 23 at Northshore Park. Some of the previously cancelled Labor Day activities will be added into the Expo. Lots of emergency vehicles will be on hand for lots of hands-on interaction for kids of all ages.

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 Dave will be at Northshore Park from 12 – 3 and other board members are invited 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. She handed out fliers to explain how to sign up for a *cloud* account to be used to document valuables. It is referred to as a Citizen Property Inventory System. For more information visit www.reportit.leadsonline.com.

5. Administrative Reports: Minutes for August were sent via email by Marti Meerscheidt. Minutes were approved unanimously by a motion from Ken and seconded by Dave. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Dave. All scholarships have been paid out but not all checks have been cashed to date. Liability insurance is due in the amount of \$1445.00. Dave and other board members were interested in knowing just what this covers. A recommendation was made by Dave that we review the plan and consider shopping for a new plan. Dave reported that attempts to reach the insurance agent listed on the policy renewal by phone were not returned. Dave will follow up with Ted on the matter and report back to the Board. \$360 (half the total of \$720) was paid to Fun Jumps for the Spooktacular. We received \$533 for the Spring Flea market, \$100 for Water Wise participation and \$440 for Green up participation. This money typically goes to the scholarship fund.

There were no **Committee Liaison Reports**. The PARD committee did not meet due to the Parks Department's added work load from Harvey.

6. Village Activities: NNO is October 8 in **College Park** and October 17 at **Windsor Hills**. Mike contacted K-star for local entertainment and to date there was none available. Mike would like to have the bicycle parade and food bank donations and some games. Peggy reminded us that September 26 is the supply pick up. She offered to schedule us for an ID the burglar. It was recommended at the meeting last month to contact a hot dog vendor but this year the refreshments will be cake (cupcakes recommended at the last meeting) and something to drink (water). Marti will order and deliver the cakes for Windsor Hills.

SPOOKTACULAR is still set for October 28. The recommendation is to change the time to 2 – 4PM due to the conflict with the Flea Market. *There was consensus that this might be a good idea.* We have three of the board members present commit to the Flea Market (Mike, Joel and Dave) and five present that committed to working at the Spooktacular (those being Marti, Dave, Mike, Joel and Jake). Board members will need to be present from 1 PM to 5PM 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 can 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. The discussion of the Spooktacular and Flea Market conflict (being held on the same date) led to some discussion about prioritizing one event over the other. At least two board members noted that the Spooktacular is one of the ways we serve the entire Village and seems to be a component of our mission. The flea market has become much less significant as an income source as it continues to decline. We received only \$533 for the Spring Flea Market which is less than half of our previous income for providing volunteers. There was further discussion about how to use our funds to help Harvey victims. The conversation and discussion entered into much back and forth dialogue about the budget. Marti suggested that the topic of the budget should be addressed as a line item at a future meeting.

7. Other Village Business: Bandit Signs –Several residents and board members expressed an interest last month in getting trained to collect signs. Mike contacted the Commissioner to set up the training and had not heard back. It is suspected that Harvey has caused that to be postponed.

8. Other business: none

9. Resident comments: none

10. Board Member Comments: Mike thanked Ted for the contacts he made on behalf of residents during the storm. It was noted that 8 homes in Harper's Landing were damaged by floodwaters. A note of thanks was also made to the Parks Department for the new playground equipment.

11. Adjourn at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted
Marti Meerscheidt