

**College Park Village Association  
September Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2017**

**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM** by President Ted Stanley. Members present were, Secretary Marti Meerscheidt, Treasurer Dave Mulberry, and area representatives Ken Morris, Joel Barnes, Jake Miller, Steve Lamotta and Johanne Stanley. Member absent was Mike Larson. Regular contributors present were Village Liaison Peggy Krysiak and Deputy Coroiescu. Also present were MCSO officers Sgt. Armstrong and Deputy Wroski. Visitors present were Township Director John Brown and residents Keith Evans, Michelle Vondereau, Natalie and John Adams, Jeff DeGraff and Michael Mc Inil.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was followed by the **MCSO report presented** by Deputy Stephanie Coroiescu. She reported on feature captives for the month of October. Feature captives were suspects apprehended at the Walmart on 242 for allegedly passing counterfeit bills. Township statistics for the month included 1,602 vacation watches, 59 burglaries of a motor vehicle, 8 burglaries of a habitation, and 67 arrests. An upswing in the narcotics arrests (8) in College Park were the result of routine traffic stops. College Park had just four of the motor vehicle burglaries and at least one was the result of a car left unlocked. Once again we advise our residents to *lock your doors and hide valuables!* All data presented is available on the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office web site.

There was a question about when to report the nuisance of a barking dog. Deputy Wroski said the first step is to speak neighbor to neighbor; "communicate". A barking dog does not fall under consideration as noise nuisance since the decibel level of a barking dog does not approach the 85- decibel limit. If there are numerous reports of the same location the police *could* be asked to intervene. *The take away is to be a good neighbor and keep your dog inside or bring the pet in the house if it continues to bark outside.* There was another question about the recent shooting incident at a resident's home. There are currently no suspects and the incident is still under investigation.

Following the MCSO officers report the guests present were introduced.

**2. Residents' Comments** - Director Brown asked for resident feedback reflecting interest in funding either a Cultural Performing Arts District or a Natural Science Museum. Studies show that our community which is currently forth in the arts would be able to support a cultural arts center. Mr. Brown asked the residents to contact him with their thoughts as to how this should be funded. He advised that income from property taxes has leveled out with build-out about complete in The Woodlands. Sales tax revenue is stagnant with more people purchasing on-line which hurts local business and sale tax revenue. Hotel occupancy remains a viable factor to increase revenue. There is a focus to market The Woodlands by providing more entertainment and recreational amenities to increase tourism. A study related to this topic is available on the Township web site.

Resident Jeff DeGraff identified himself as an employee of the Union Pacific Railroad in the department for railroad public safety. He expressed concern for safety when individuals trespass onto railroad property which extends 50 feet on either side of a railroad track. Trains extend up to 6 feet beyond the rail. Twelve to fifteen trains pass through Harper's Landing each day. He promised to be a visible resource in the community and to advocate for public safety.

**3. Township Report** was presented by Peggy Krysiak. Information is available on the Township web site. Of note was Township election results and that the Township came in number one in the Nation for our National Night Out celebrations.

**4. Village Liaison** Peggy Krysiak gave us a presentation on the newest Village Challenge sponsored by the Heart Cardiac Group. The challenge is to train 2000 residents on the Hands Only CPR method. A flier was provided to all board members with a list of training sessions throughout the spring months. In addition, it is possible to set up a training at your workplace by contacting the Township Neighborhood watch at 281-210-2883. The training takes only 20 minutes, but the life you might save is timeless. The Villages with the top three number of trained residents will win cash to be used to fund various Village activities. Check on line under Neighborhood Watch for training dates, times and locations. The kick off is February 3, 2018.

**5. Administrative Reports: Minutes for September** were sent via email by Marti Meerscheidt. Minutes were approved unanimously by a motion from Dave and seconded by Johanne. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Dave. The board unanimously approved a budget amendment of \$76.69 to cover the overage for the Spooktacular with a motion by Marti and seconded by Joel. A second budget amendment was approved with a motion from Jake and seconded by Johanne. Marti requested up to \$30.00 to purchase supplies for the Polar Bear Challenge on New Year's Day in Windsor Hills. Marti abstained.

**6. Village Activities: SPOOKTACULAR** - Once again Johanne did an outstanding job and the event was a success. Ted briefly noted that there was much support from the board with most attending to help. **Flea Market** – It was noted and appreciated that Ted, Dave, Joel and Steve worked at the Flea Market which was the same day as the Spooktacular this year. This is our main funding source for scholarships. Dave invited the residents who were present to consider volunteering for this fund-raising event. **3R Bazaar**- Ted, Johanne, Dave and Marti worked at the Bazaar. Turn out and participation from College Park residents was almost non-existent with Dave contributing most of the few CD's and cases that we collected that day. We will get a small cash participation award. The **Christmas Lighting Contest** will take place with preliminary judging in all sections of College Park on December 9 and 10. Final Judging will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the awards presentations on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Johanne will arrange for the fire truck. Board members will communicate their recommendations through email throughout the process. **End of year gathering** will take place on December 13 at Macaroni Grill starting at 6:30. These plans will be confirmed by Johanne and an email sent out to board members.

**7. Other Village Business: Bandit Signs** –Ted reported that fifteen residents were trained by the County Attorney's Office to be legally permitted to pick up bandit signs. **Township and Village Elections** –Ted reported that In College Park we are still in need of three area representatives in addition to our current board. Up for election this year is the Treasurer and Vice-president positions. Marti added that she has written an article for the Windsor Hills newsletter to invite residents to consider serving on the College Park Board in 2018. Filing begins in late December. **TWT Council Reports** - The PARD committee did not meet but Marti attended the dedication of the Kevin and Kathy Brady Recreation building at the Rob Fleming Recreation Center. Discussion of **January Meeting time change**. The meeting will be rescheduled to the fourth Monday in January 2018 due to the Township Offices being closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. **Discussion of meeting time change**. – Ted polled everyone present and there was general agreement that a time change to start meetings at 6:30 would not negatively affect participation on the board. This will be an agenda item for the next few months so that the final determination can be made and posted if necessary, in time for the annual March meeting.

**8. Other business:** none

**9. Resident comments:** Resident visitors expressed appreciation.

**10. Board Member Comments:** Members asked for an update on a fellow board member.

**11. Adjourn at 8:50 PM**

Respectfully submitted

Marti Meerscheidt