

College Park Village Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 20,2020

- 1) **President Ted Stanley called the meeting to order** at 6:00 P.M. Present were Secretary Marti Meerscheidt and the following Area Representatives who are returning to the board to serve another one-year term: Johanne Stanley, Steve LaMotta, Jeff Gross and Dave Mulberry. Also present was Kelly Rickard who was unopposed for the position of Vice President in the February Township elections. Kevin Pollock was absent, but he returns to the board as Treasurer for another two years after being unopposed. Kelly and Kevin were officially installed to the Board for their two-year terms. Also present was Village Liaison Julie Quinn and our web site manager Jennifer Robinson. All of those in attendance participated via video conference due to COVID19 restrictions.

- 2) **Resident Comments:** none

- 3) **Township Report:** Village Liaison, Julie Quinn asked if we were all getting the daily Township updates for the COVID19. The Township will be responding to the *Opening Up America Again* initiative. No timelines are set as the Township Board awaits direction from the Governor. Texas is currently under a stay-at-home order by Governor Abbott until April 30. We can expect an update on April 27. Jason Nelson has been appointed to fill the Board position vacated by Brian Boniface who has been called to full time service in the US Army reserves to aide for COVID19. The Board is currently holding meetings via videoconference. Our playgrounds remain closed and pathways are open.

- 4) **Village Liaison Report:** Julie Quinn reported on upcoming activities as well as those that have been cancelled. She reminded us to beware of scams that seem to be on the rise. She shared that she has enjoyed her Township work for the Township Help Our Heroes medical supplies drive.

- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** This was moved to be covered under New Business.

- 6) **Presentation of Minutes:** Marti asked for a motion to approve the February minutes. Minutes were approved by a motion made by Jeff and seconded by Johanne.

- 7) **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Spring Flea Market – cancelled;
 - b. Earth Day Green Up – cancelled;
 - c. Poolooza - Based on feedback from the board and by show of hands the decision was made to cancel this year;
 - d. Sundae in the Park – cancelled. Steve requested a refund on the park reservation. There are no outstanding costs to cover.
 - e. Scholarship Applications - Kelly is leading the scholarship committee. She has been in touch with College Park. Two \$750 scholarships will be awarded. The recommendation letters are waived. Students must provide an unofficial transcript and an essay chosen from one of three topics provided. After a brief discussion it was decided that an extension was

not necessary. **By unanimous vote, the two \$750 scholarships were approved to be available for the current graduation class.** The information and application will be added to our website and facebook. Dave asked about the teacher grants and Ted replied that they will be addressed at a future meeting. **F. Other unfinished business – None.**

9) New Business:

a. Activities List Review: Ted reviewed for us, and we updated the calendar of events and activities for 2020-2021. He noted most dates are tentative. Julie said the Township Board will make decisions about this year's National Night Out (NNO) at the **April 21** Board meeting. Windsor Hills has set NNO for October 6 with a rain date of October 13.

b. Committee Discussion and appointments:

Scholarship Program - Dave presented a new proposal for the Scholarship program. An applicant could renew the scholarship amount (\$1,000) annually up to a four-year period by fulfilling guidelines set by the scholarship committee. For example, that might be maintaining a 3.0 average, taking 30 credits per-year and providing transcripts and proof of registration. An applicant could potentially receive \$4,000 over the four years if said candidate meets the criteria each year. A few board members expressed interest in the idea. There is concern about the feasibility of the four-year commitment given that our average annual scholarship budget has been \$2,500. Ted cautioned that this should be carefully reviewed in the budget. Marti added that this should be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. It would also bring into play the sustainability of the Teacher Grant program. Jeff added that he would like to see the teacher grant program continue.

Business Vendor Fair -There was consensus from the board to continue discussion and possible implementation of a business fair to support businesses in College Park. Marti said we should collect vendor fees to generate scholarship money. Vendors could also donate an item for a silent auction, or a raffle and tickets would be sold. She recommended that we create the event in combination with a new village activity that would draw a crowd. She suggested a Winter event with a free snow mountain and hot chocolate for sale. Ted stated that it would need to be clear, in promoting the event, that it was for College Park Businesses. Marti said it would be important that we get a survey of the business community to determine if business is interested and to gauge of how much they are willing to pay for a table. The new activity would guarantee a draw of people to the fair. It must be worthwhile for us to put this on (determined by scholarship money potential and ample business participation) and we would make it worthwhile for the business by drawing the crowd.

Committees as prescribed according to CPVA By-Laws.

- Audit: Kevin, Ted, Dave
- Civic: Kelly, Jeff
- Communications: Marti, Kelly, Ted
- Social: Johanne, Steve
- Scholarship: Kelly, Dave, Jeff

Appointments:

- Law Enforcement: Ted
- PARD Advisory: Marti - meetings every first Monday
- Village Officers: Ted - *currently no ongoing meetings*
- Parliamentarian: Kelly

c. 2019-2020 Budget Discussion and Approval: Ted reviewed line items budgeted versus actual expenditures for last year and then presented the 2020 budget for discussion. We are reminded that any variances can be discussed and approved on an as-needed basis. Dave asked that the budget for Sundae in the Park be added back in and the event rescheduled. He pointed out it is our only event in the Grogan's Forest. As the chair of the event, Steve agreed. Marti requested if this could be the year that we review the balance of funds and determine what is available for discretionary use. There was agreement that this could be achieved. The 2020-2021 budget was unanimously approved with a motion by Steve and seconded by Jeff.

d. Other New Business - none

10. Resident Comments: Ted reported that a resident was seeking help with flooding from a sprinkler. He has submitted a request to the MUD to look at the problem. Ted reached out Windsor Hills manager Tammy Hench to see if the senior community needed any help. She said that some of the seniors were feeling isolated because of stay-at-home orders and social distancing due to COVID19. The community held a "Night Out" which started at 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 16. Residents were encouraged to get out, to sit in driveways, take a walk, drive around or ride a bike and see each other. Social distancing rules applied. Marti reported that it was a success.

11. Board Member Comments: Dave asked that we consider a donation to the food bank. After discussion about the dire need for volunteers, donations of food and cash, a motion was made by Marti and seconded by Jeff to donate \$1,000 to the Montgomery County Food Bank, to look into a Township one time exemption to allow us to use non-discretionary funds provided by the Township and to seek the participation of the other Villages. It was approved by unanimous show of hands.

12. State of the Village: Ted reported on the success of our Village and our strength as a Board of Directors.

13. Adjournment: 8:10 PM