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**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
October 9, 2018

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Billy Becker called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

He asked for a motion to approve the September 13, 2018 minutes and the October 9, 2018 agenda. The motion to approve was made by Dave Miller and seconded. The minutes and the agenda were approved by acclamation.

GOCA representatives, alternates, invited guests, and members of the public introduced themselves.

## **NOTES ABOUT THE COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT**

Olney Community Night Out on October 8, 2018 from 4:30 to 8:00 PM was quite well attended. The photos at the GOCA table generated many good questions and much conversation about projects in the Olney area in which we have been involved.

## **CANDIDATES FORUM**

There will be a meet and greet event for the candidates running for County Executive and County Council At Large positions at the Brookeville Beer Farm on Monday, October 22, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Sponsors include the Olney Chamber of Commerce and the Olney News. 10% of beer sales will go to Olney Help. The candidates for County Executive will be inside and the At-Large candidates will be outside.

## **CULVERTS AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Dave Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, spoke about a culvert questionnaire that will be shared with

associations in the Olney area in order to get a count of the number of properties that have a culvert pipe under the homeowner's driveway. He introduced three guests who came to speak and answer questions about stormwater management and facilities. Pamela Rowe is a Montgomery County Stormwater Management Planner. She noted that the culverts and pipes that run under homeowner driveways are actually Department of Transportation (DOT) issues. The county Stormwater Management program falls under its Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It oversees watershed management including:

- planning and problem solving
- pollution issues
- solid waste services
- water and wastewater planning

The state and the county work to ensure that we are in compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act by inventorying and tracking what exists.

Facility types include:

- wet ponds
- dry ponds
- sand filters
- infiltration
- grass swales
- bio retention (above and below ground aspects)

Steve Pullum and Darlene Robbins work with Stormwater Facilities as Inspectors. They oversee maintenance issues which include weeding at least two times a year, as required by law, mowing, and trash pickup. Guidelines are on the website at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/stormwater/maintenance.html>

There are two types of maintenance categories, structural and non-structural. Structural maintenance includes the manmade portions of the facility and the non-structural portions which include woody vegetation. There are a variety of maintenance options. Structural maintenance may be transferred to DEP or it can be contracted out (a transfer is also recommended here). If a contractor is used, make sure they are certified. There is a transfer program and the county can help with the process. If facilities are located on HOA/CA common areas, the process includes: gathering documents, submitting an application, and recording the documents.

Non-structural portions of facilities are always the responsibility of the owner of the property. Environmental site design is now required for new developments. The property owner is responsible for working toward smaller projects.

The county inspects all facilities every three years by region. They are currently working on an education campaign.

## **EMERGENCY RADIO TOWER**

In late August, a letter of concern was sent out regarding the 350 foot emergency radio tower that is proposed to be built near the ICC at the entrance to Olney. We didn't get a response until September 22 from Darian Manley due to an office move. They are looking at multiple locations now for spreading out services. We might involve local elected officials in the process. This is a joint project between the state and county that would send signals to other counties. On a related note, we have learned that small radio towers to supply 5G service will become more prevalent. The structures are about the size of a refrigerator. On the matter of the large radio tower, the board decided we need a resolution from GOCA to oppose the current location and size in the present plan. Jeff Weiler made a motion that a letter be sent to Governor Hogan. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

**[Subsequent to the meeting, the board decided that we needed to draft a formal proposal that would be put in writing and then presented to the board at the next meeting for a vote].**

## **GIANT LOT**

After looking at plats, we found that there is a separate parcel for the bank and that the liquor store appears to be part of the Giant parcel which also includes the police substation. Billy Becker sent a letter to the owner of the property inquiring about possible uses of the property. We haven't received a response yet.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be at least four vacancies on the GOCA Board of Directors for 2019.

Primrose School wants to make a presentation at the next GOCA Representatives meeting regarding their proposed plan for an Olney site.

The Board is exploring upgrading the GOCA website. Corresponding Secretary, Katie Harris, has obtained quotes and narrowed it down to four possibilities for a host to update the website. It would cost from \$5,000 to \$8,000. We will also need to consider what might we might need to do regarding regular updating and dissemination of information on the website. Is it something that could be done by a board member, representative, or volunteer? Is it something for which we should pay someone? Is there a possibility of getting an intern for such a job? GOCA also needs to consider multiple ways of getting information out to the community in a timely manner. We will have a recommendation by December whether to upgrade.

The next meeting of GOCA officers will be on November 13. The full board with representatives will

meet on November 15, 2018.

Carolyn Knight made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary

In attendance:

**GOCA Officers**

Billy Becker, President – Ashley Hollow; Matt Quinn, Executive VP (Cherrywood), Dave Miller, 1st Vice President – Norbeck Meadows; Carol Frenkel, Recording Secretary – Olney Mill; Katie Harris, Corresponding Secretary – Norbeck Meadows

**GOCA Representatives and Alternates**

John Blachere (Ashley Hollow), Kathleen Salanik (Brookeville Knolls), Ryan Martin (Brookeville Knolls), Helene Rosenheim (Highlands of Olney), Gervais Crouch, Norbeck Chase Townhouse, Matthew Bernhard (Norbeck Grove), Ed Weisel (Norbeck Meadows), Ravin Howell (Oatland Farm), Diana Littlefield (Olney Acres), Carolyn Knight (Olney Oaks), Lori Nelson (Olney Oaks), Jay Feinberg (Olney Oaks), Jeff Weiler (Preserve at Small's Nursery), Alden English (SEROCA), Aleka Kapatou (Tanterra), Ruth Laughner (Williamsburg Village), Francesco Paganini (Individual At-Large)

**Public**

Charles Honig (Cherrywood), Stephen Dudzik (Oatland Farm), Terri Hogan (Greater Olney News), Ira Ungar (for Delegate Bonnie Cullison, 19<sup>th</sup> District)