



Greater Olney Civic Association
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Our New Website Address: <http://www.goca.org>

GOCA MEETING – September 14, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Kelley. The floor was opened for Public Comments.

– Joe Hess presented a copy of a letter he had obtained from a property owner adjacent to the Olney Golf Center at Georgia Ave and Emory Church Rd. It was from Westland Golf Inc to the sign permitting officer requesting permits for 2 signs for the golf driving range. They are proposing to put one on Georgia Ave near the large tree still remaining there and one at ground level on Emory Church Rd near their entrance. The one on Georgia Ave will be 11' 7" high x 6'4" wide sign and will consist of a 6' 4" diameter golf ball and a 10" x 3' sign with their phone number. It will be a 2-sided, v-shaped sign with the point facing Georgia Ave so that it will be visible heading both north and south on Georgia and would be taller than the sign at the Amoco station. The sign on Emory Church would be 3'6" high x 10' wide, at ground level. The letter indicated that if there is no public objection they would proceed. Chuck Graefe has objected. Joe had received a call from the zoning office notifying him of a hearing on Oct 14th. Because the golf center is under a special exception in a residential zone and the proposed sign is larger than permitted in a residential zone and they need to get a variance. He felt that SEROCA would object to both signs. He understood that the Center needed to advertise, but felt that they had gone over the limit with what they were proposing. He had a conversation some time ago with the manager in connection with their lights in which the manager indicated that if they could put up a 40' balloon they would. He noted that the special exception for the center was originally obtained by Gerard Levay with the assistance of his son, Richard, a Maryland State Delegate. Gerard Levay died and Richard sold the center to Westland Golf, a company that also owns a golf center in Fairfax County, VA. Levay is still the landowner. Westland reduced the size of the clubhouse in the special exception plans and they eliminated the porch railing that had been proposed. When Joe questioned the manager about that, the manager indicated that the plan in the special exception was just an intention. As long as they did not build anything bigger than what was described in the special exception they were okay.

The minutes were approved with no corrections or additions and the agenda was approved with 2 additions.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Art Brodsky noted that the correspondence included the routine correspondence from County agencies and one bill he had for the Treasurer.

TREASURER S REPORT

Lori Wilen was unable to attend the meeting, so there was no Treasurer s Report.

FIRE AND SAFETY REPORT

PRESIDENT S COMMENTS

Mike reported that

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ray Ammon

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Special Presentation –

Respectfully submitted,

Helene Rosenheim
Recording Secretary

People in attendance: Rick Coburn, Helene Rosenheim, Mike Kelley, Rich Kopanda, Art Brodsky, Peggy Vaughn (Gazette), Sharon Elswick, Claudette Hamerski, Joe Hess, Sandy Shulman, Ellen Bogage, Ron Berger, Nora Blau, Patricia Sullivan, Paul Jarosinski, Roy Mead, Kathy Knight, and Khalid Afzal