

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
November 14, 2016 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Jack Orrick, Bill Moore, Julie Webb, Rob Gorman, Stefan LoBuglio, Sindy Udell, and Seth Hertlein. Other association members present included: Jo-Marie Green and Catherine Remijan.

President Jack Orrick convened the meeting at 7:36 pm.

The Board approved minutes from the September meeting as it had not met in October. Instead, the CSCA had held a community meeting in October focused on traffic safety. Next, Treasurer Rob Gorman reported that the association received an additional \$800 in dues payments from residents who had responded to the association's reminder letters sent in July. There was additional ad revenue from the newsletter in the amount of \$325, and Rob added that he was in the midst of ensuring that payments were made for the daffodil planting project and the newsletter delivery service.

The Board's first agenda item concerned the County's recent installation of a streetlight of colonial design at the intersection of Hamilton Spring Road and Park Overlook Court. This had had been brought to the Board's attention by Jo-Marie Green. This streetlight replaced one of a modern design that had been damaged during the renovation of gas lines in the neighborhood. Jack Orrick contacted the County which explained that the Carderock-style streetlight design was no longer manufactured and the colonial light was their standard replacement in residential neighborhoods. In subsequent conversations with Jack, the County indicated that they are using a modern design streetlight for commercial purposes and gave the example of lights recently installed in Wheaton Veterans Park. Besides the design, the board discussed that the brightness and quality emanating from the LED light in the replaced fixture was quite different from the illumination provided by the previous street light and bulb. Jack Orrick indicated that he would write an article for the newsletter, and that the Board would continue to discuss this issue with the county to seek a solution after members had a chance to view the commercial lights installed in Wheaton.

Next, the traffic safety committee reported that they are waiting on data and continuing to develop a survey that will be administered to the Carderock community to solicit their thoughts and opinions on the need to address speeding issues on Fenway Road. The committee anticipated sharing new information with residents in January including the most recent traffic data conducted by the County Department of Transportation. All totaled, the committee will share four studies – three conducted by the DOT and one by the police. At some point, the traffic committee will arrange for the County DOT and police to come to a final community meeting to discuss recommendations after the community has had a chance to review all data from the traffic studies and survey.

The committee exploring sound barriers along the interstate reported that they had no new information to share. The Board did review the budget which includes the contingency fund. It approved discretionary funds to be used by the C3 Storm management committee, the traffic safety committee, outdoor camping group, and to help archive some community historical documents.

Under New Business, the Board discussed a recent zoning change for cell towers that was actively being discussed in the community online chat. The changes allow for an expedited zoning process for the installation of micro towers which are much smaller than standard cell towers and are no higher than 30 feet. These new towers can also make use of existing poles in the public right-of-way. There is an application pending for micro tower in the Upper Fenway area. The Board agreed to make this the topic of a newsletter article.

There was a reminder that the Board would not meet in December, and its next scheduled meeting was January 23. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 for the Good of the Order.