

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAY 2012

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Joe Clark

Missy Yachup is heading up the 4th of July festivities.

The Summer In The Parks program is ready to go and all is progressing as planned.

WEBSITE – Joe Clark

Nothing to report.

CONTRACTS – Joe Clark

I met with Bill Robertson and will begin work on upcoming contracts for snow removal as the next order of business.

HPC – Joli A. McCathran

The members of the HPC congratulated Chair Bob Booher on being selected as the 2102 “Citizen of the Year.”

Projects: 117 Washington Grove Lane - The HPC reviewed the permit application to install solar panels on the roof of this property. Mimi will draft an HPC permit review. Gail will search for guidelines for solar panels in historic districts.

Street Lighting: Carolyn Rapkievian, chair of the ad hoc Street Lighting Committee, presented background on the Street Lighting Committee, its activities to date, and its future plans. Carolyn asked for HPC input on incorporating historic preservation considerations into their future activities. The HPC voted to recommend in writing to the Council that decisions on individual requests to the Town to change street lighting be deferred until a Street Lighting Plan, in conformance with the Town’s 2009 Master Plan, has been accepted by the Town. Gail will research any NPS studies of street lighting in historic districts.

Archive Report: Pat Patula submitted a report on the work she has done on the archives. The HPC appreciates all Pat has done.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Jim Snyder (201 Maple Rd.) is pursuing his appeal of the PC’s ruling on enclosing his carport.

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report

WASHINGTON GROVE CONSERVATION MEADOW PARK – Joli A. McCathran

I recently viewed the area along Ridge Road and noticed the non-native invasive plant material particularly at the near 211 Ridge Road. A resident pointed out the continuance of private mowing in one area of the park near Ridge Road. I asked Chair Ernie Kawasaki to see if he would contact Brenda Sandberg regarding these matters.

ROADS AND WALKWAYS – Bill Robertson

Paving: Nothing to report.

Walkways: Cleaning and debris pick up continued on all walkways.

MAINTENANCE – Bill Robertson

Monthly inspection of Town Hall and office area was performed.

Eleven loads of brush and debris from the walkways and parks were taken to the transfer station.

The storm water drainage structure at Brown and Grove was cleaned of accumulated sediment

The Lake was treated with an algaecide and barley bales were submerged in the water.

Extensive effort was put forth at the tennis courts. The clay surface material was unloaded and transported to the court. Watering and rolling multiple times after spreading and prior to line installation. Grass was trimmed from fence and the area inside the fence was cut. The old clay material was loaded and hauled off.

Steve and I went to a meeting of Montgomery County disaster preparedness.

The plantings and signs at Grove Road entrance were rearranged. New plants were installed.

Trees planted by Stadler Nursery were watered

Water fountain in the Park was disassembled, cleaned and repaired.

Cleaned and mulched the beds around the Women's Club

The water heater in the shop catastrophically failed and was replaced.

The mowing season is in full swing. All public areas continue to be cleaned of tree debris and trimmed with a string trimmer then mowed.

Brush was removed from roadways where it was infringing on access ways.

The playground equipment was repaired and the chip enclosures cleared of grass.

FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION – Audrey Maskery

Spring planting took place earlier this month. Stadlers planted the following trees and ornamental bushes;

Town Hall – 2 Pieris Japonica

Field gate/tennis court – 1 Crape Myrtle

Morgan Park- 1 Star Magnolia

1 Redbud Texas (white)

1 Styrax Japonica

2 Sweet Box

2 Pieris Japonica

With the help of Town Maintenance F&B will be re-setting the 'daffodil' garden in Morgan Park as soon as the weather permits.

MEMORIALS – Audrey Maskery

Nothing to report

MAPLE LAKE – Greg Silber

Next Committee meeting – Wednesday, June 20th

Here are the Life Guards for this summer:

Returning: Kelley Schreiber, Chris McConnell, McKenna Price

New: Thomas Hunt, Emma Strother, Maddie Brasunas

Swimming Instructor – Adam Booher will be the swim instructor this summer.

Algae - was bad, but Steve Werts treated it before the Lake opened, and it is now fine.

John Mudre will no longer be able to apply aquacides to the pondweed and cat-tails, but Tom Land is doing research, and I feel we can contain it.

Bees – Bees were nesting in the sand and soil near the beach in early May, but are now gone.

Geese - They are gone (never made a nest)

Fishing - Several instances of taking fish, fishing from the dock, and using barbed hooks need to be dealt with.

SAFETY – Greg Silber – Nothing to report.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Greg Silber

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee met on 5/24 and refined our mission statement, "The mission of the Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee is to advise the Town Council and town residents on lighting as dictated by the Town Master Plan."

We also drafted our recommendations for the Town "Outdoor Lighting Concept Design" in preparation for developing a comprehensive plan. Based on the current Town Master Plan, our goal is to "replace the existing streetlights and walkway lighting system with a more efficient system that also preserves safety and is in keeping with the historic aspect of the Town, yet minimizes glare, light trespass, and light pollution. The plan should consider differentiating lighting for roads, walkways and recreational facilities, (e.g. use of foot-level lighting along sections of the Town walkways, rather than pole lighting). Lighting should be chosen to illuminate only the target area using only the amount of light needed."

Lighting zones to be considered:

- Roadways: even lighting, shielded
- Walkways: foot-level lighting

More work will be completed at our meeting in June.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Joe Clark/Greg Silber

The Town hosted the Montgomery County chapter of the MML on May 17 at McCathran Hall.

MCCATHRAN HALL – David Young

There is no expected activity of the Hall Needs Committee until fall.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Joe Clark/David Young

May 2, 2012: The Planning Commission received applications for a sun room at 416 Center Street and solar panel installation at 117 Washington Grove Lane. Both were approved. Also approved were the Block surveys of the Johnson Alley Plat and Block 10 and approval of authorization to proceed for Block 3. Finally, there was a discussion of the annexation proposal for some of the neighbors on Washington Grove Lane and an update on the Towne Crest Redevelopment project.

There was a notice of the BZA hearing on June 9 for the enclosure of the carport at 201 Maple Road.

Upon the request of the Towne Crest representatives, members of the Planning Commission met with them on May 16 (Towne Crest developers also met with the GSGCA on May 23). The representatives provided a revised proposal that contained several improvements compared to the earlier proposal. But the Planning Commission still has substantial concerns regarding community compatibility and negative impacts on adjacent properties within the Town. The Commission will provide a finalized evaluation of the revised development proposal for the Town Council meeting in June.