

COUNCIL REPORTS

March 2013

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Joe Clark

Music weekend is set for June 14-16. The next meeting of the Recreation Committee is Wednesday April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Room. The public is invited to attend. Summer in the Parks will be held from July 2nd through the 26th and every youngster in the Grove is invited to be part of it. Enrollment forms are due by April 30, 2013! Emily Cavey at [240-838-1840](tel:240-838-1840) or via email at emily.cavey@comcast.net.

WEBSITE – Joe Clark

Nothing to report

CONTRACTS – Joe Clark

The budget for FY 2012-2013 was not used for snow removal and a big reason was the great work of remedial efforts by Steve Werts plus his part time assistant Terry Cox and volunteers Bill Robertson and Bruce Rothrock. They were out sanding trouble areas when there was ice and removing slush from the roadways before it became a problem. All this resulted in roads safe for travel and we did not have to have the outside contractor do the work. Of course, had there been a significant snowfall, the call would have been made.

FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION – Audrey Maskery

Nothing to report.

MEMORIALS – Audrey Maskery

Nothing to report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Joli A. McCathran

Project Reviews: A permit application from Liz Robertson for a new free-standing garage at 315 Brown Street was reviewed. The written review will be submitted to the Planning Commission by Mimi Styles.

PC Meeting Report: Mimi Styles reported on several items from the PC meeting. There was discussion regarding a possible height violation of the Shank's new garage. The PC will have to have it measured by the Inspector. Jim Snyder has submitted an address change to Montgomery County who in turn informed the Town. No action was recommended at this time.

Deer Park Bridge: Bob Booher reported on progress the Bridge Work Group has made. Meetings have been held with both CSX and MARC to discuss improvements to Railroad Street and the area at the MARC station. Both organizations appear very receptive to working with the Town on coordinating these into an overall plan that would have support. The County will also be contacted to ascertain their level of support.

Preservation Maryland: A tour was scheduled for March 20 for two members of this organization. Shelley Winkler and Wendy Harris volunteered to provide the tour. Determination of the inclusion on their 10 Most Endangered List for 2013 is anticipated. We

should strategize on how to use the award to help in our communications with the other Historic Preservation jurisdictions.

WAMU: WAMU interviewed Joli McCathran for an episode of their Saturday spots on interesting neighborhoods in the DC area.

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Joli A. McCathran

The FY2014 budget does not include any funds for maintenance of the two clay tennis courts. In the CIP there is a line item to pave the courts in future. There are mixed views on this change. A subcommittee headed by Greg Silber and Joli McCathran was set up to discuss concerns.

WASHINGTON GROVE CONSERVATION MEADOW PARK – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report.

ROADS AND WALKWAYS – Bill Robertson

Town maintenance cleared brush along Center Street and Maple Avenue, chipping brush into the woods.

MAINTENANCE – Bill Robertson

Maintenance of all Town equipment continued through the month.

Christmas tree collection and disposal continued into the month of March.

Due to the slight amount of snow during the month, Town Maintenance sanded and scraped snow from notorious areas around Town and the school bus stops. To date all road treatment for snow has been performed in house, utilizing available Town equipment.

The foot bridge to the island in Maple Lake was repaired and resurfaced. The water and air systems were repaired and are back in service.

Cleanup of tree debris at the lake was begun. Debris was chipped into the woods.

The street lights on Brown Street extended were serviced and repaired by the Town Maintenance crew. These are Town-owned fixtures.

The back stop at Grove Stadium was rehabilitated.

MAPLE LAKE – Greg Silber

The Lake Committee met on Wednesday 20 March to continue planning for the 2013 summer season. The annual lake clean-up day is set for 13 April. Plans are underway for the purchase and delivery of beach sand, barley bales, and algaecides. The Committee continues to seek lifeguard applicants. Lake water levels are being maintained and repairs have been made to the bridge that connects the beach to the island. The presence of several geese at the lake has been noted. The next Committee meeting will be held on April 17th at 7:30.

SAFETY – Greg Silber

A letter from the Mayor and Council was sent to Town residents who had requested that shields be added to Town lights near their homes. The letter indicated that neither the Town nor Pepco could add or modify shields because Pepco has a policy against making such modifications. The letter reminded these residents that the lights and poles belong to Pepco (not the Town) and therefore, light shielding requests could not be granted.

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee continues to meet regularly and is focused on developing a long-range plan for Town lighting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Greg Silber

At the Mayor's request, various Council members plan to attend upcoming monthly meetings of the Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance at which various issues of common interest to the Alliance and the Town will be discussed.

MCCATHRAN HALL – David Young

On March 25, the Town Council voted to accept Oak Grove Restoration's bid to repair and re-roof the octagon of the Hall and a bid from T. Johnson to re-roof the rest of the building. This for a total of \$63,250, with some funds available to ensure quality control for the project. In the Hall, pictures of the Town mayors are being moved from upstairs to downstairs.

PLANNING COMMISSION – David Young

Building Permit Application: A permit for the addition of a garage at 315 Brown Street was reviewed by the Commission. Peter Nagrod recommended approval at the April meeting after the HPC completes its review.

Public Ways and Property Permit (As established by Ordinance No. 2012-07): The Commission reviewed the draft application permit and agreed to amend the application by adding email contact, a specific time for which the permit is valid (90 days unless otherwise specified), and a stipulation that the permit is not transferable. The Commission authorized the use of the application, as amended, to begin the Town's implementation, with an expectation that it would continue to update and revise the application and information as it accumulated experience and advice. To accommodate granting of permits without always having to wait for the next PC meeting, Steve Werts was delegated with authority to review and authorize such permits, with reports to the PC each month to review our procedures.

Deer Park Bridge Update: Chairman Challstrom reported that communication with all involved parties continues. The target date is June 2014.

Draft Ordinance No. 2013-02: After discussion, it was decided that Article IV, Section 5 of the Town code should be amended to reflect that decks of any height will now require a permit from both the Town and Montgomery County. This leaves the only exemptions from Town building permits as follows: trellises, clotheslines, arbors, pergolas, and patios.

Schank Garage (302 Ridge Rd.): The Commission decided that because the height is so close to the maximum allowed by our ordinances and there is still insulation, plywood, paper and shingles to be installed, a reminder letter about accessory building height requirements should be sent to the Schank's.

201 Maple Rd.: Owner Jim Snyder applied to Montgomery County for a change of his address. The County referred him to the Town.

Special Report from Dave Young: Development of Reed Brothers Property:

On March 27, 2013, the Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance heard presentations on the proposed development of Reed Brothers at Shady Grove Metro (also listed as Bainbridge at Shady Grove). Jeremy Hurlbutt of the City of Rockville Community Planning and Development and Josh Wooldridge of Bainbridge Companies made brief remarks.

Description:

- located at intersection of 355 and Shady Grove Access Rd (leads to Metro)
- 417 units are proposed, with 63 MPDUs
- they will all be rentals, with costs averaging \$1800/month; no plans to convert to condos
- 70% are one BR and studios, rest are 2 and 3 BRs
- 477 parking spaces (assumes 1.25 ratio, and many 25-40 year olds won't have cars)
- will seek LEEDs certification and has no plans for retail
- includes amenities like swimming pool, club house, BBQ area
- will highlight history of Reed Brothers dealership

Next Steps/Timing:

City of Rockville waiting for detailed engineering plan (stormwater runoff), building permits
Bainbridge states they are close to getting permits, hope to start in 30 days, take 2 weeks to
demolish Reed Brothers, 21-month time frame from start to finish, will begin leasing units in 15-
16 months.

Carmax: Mr. Wooldridge says this will move to the where former Great Outdoors was located
on Shady Grove Rd. Also the Arena for graduations and sporting use (will generate tax revenue
for Montgomery County) is planned for ground level metro parking spaces behind Carmax and
adjacent to their development.