



Town of Garrett Park
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Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Town Council Meeting: 13 November 2017

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Councilmembers McClintock, Paczkowski, Schulp, and Wegner. Also present were Town Manager Swearingen, about a dozen Town residents and Ed Lincoln representing the Bugle.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

Presentations by Residents: Ajay Bhatt, who lives at 10933 Montrose Ave. expressed concern about the impact of the sidewalk project on his property. Dick Pratt of 11112 Rokeby Street requested that the Town be willing to consider changes to the sidewalk design before it is finalized. He was told that it would. Marian Greene, 11010 Montrose Ave., spoke of the need for a Town archivist. Resident Human Hidarian asked if the Town had considered using a pervious surface for the new sidewalk. Mayor Benjamin explained that the Town had explored that option but that the Town was told repeatedly by state agencies, by other municipalities, and by pervious pavement manufacturers that pervious pavement did not work well or last long in an area with many deciduous trees.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 9, 2017 meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Action: Removal of Town tree at 10920 Kenilworth Ave. Town Manager Swearingen explained that the building permit for the new house on this property, including the removal of a Town tree in front of the property, was approved before the Council had a chance to approve that action. In a poll of the Town Council in late October, the members had no objection to the removal of the tree. However, because the Council is required by Code to approve the removal of Town-owned trees, the Council was asked to take official action at the November meeting. Councilmember Wegner moved approval of the removal of the tree and Councilmember McClintock seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion: Finding by the Maryland Historic Preservation Officer/Director of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) regarding the Town sidewalk project. A copy of the letter from MHT is attached to these minutes. Mayor Benjamin explained that MHT determined that the sidewalk project had no adverse effect on historic properties in Town. A second finding of the Trust was that the Schwartz property, 10919 Clermont, is a

contributing property to the Town's status as a National Historic District. The Town needs to obtain an easement for a tiny portion of the Schwartz property in order to complete the storm water portion of the sidewalk project and will be required by Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966, which protects historic properties, to obtain Federal approval for the easement.

Town Manager Report: The Town Manager provided a financial report for October. The Manager's Report is attached to these minutes.

Councilmember McClintock asked about the composting of leaves and recommended that the Town make residents aware that composting bins may be obtained free.

Adjournment: Mayor Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer