



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: 12 March 2018

### Minutes

**Call to Order:** Mayor Benjamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Councilmembers Schulp, McClintock, Paczkowski and Welch. Also present were several Town residents and Ed Lincoln representing the Bugle.

**Approval of Agenda:** Councilmember Schulp requested a discussion of the wind damage to the fence separating the Town swimming pool from the dog park. The item was agreed to and the agenda was approved as modified.

**Presentations by Residents:** Resident Suzi Gifford expressed concern about the planned removal of the tulip Poplar tree in front of 10916/10918 Clermont Avenue. She also invited Councilmembers to attend a presentation of the material "Flexi-Pav" as a possible solution to save the tree. Resident Eileen Kelly expressed concern that the discussion of the tulip poplar tree might be holding up the construction of the sidewalk.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting were approved as presented without objection.

#### **Action:**

- Approval of the FY 2019 Capital and Operating Budgets. The budget ordinance had been adjusted to remove the Mayor's discretion to move money among subcategories within the Capital Budget. Councilmember Welch moved adoption of the FY 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McClintock and was approved unanimously. The adopted ordinance is attached to these minutes.

#### **Discussion:**

- Receipt of a \$350,000 sidewalk construction 100% Safe Routes to School grant amendment. Mayor Benjamin announced that the Town has been awarded this additional amount which makes the total grant amount \$911,286. This amount should cover the cost of the project including the storm water work. He added that the project appears to almost be ready for soliciting construction bids.

Repairs to the damaged fence between the Town swimming pool and the Town dog park. Councilmember Schulp noted that the fence had been badly damaged in the recent wind storms. He asked that the fence be replaced and that a gate be installed

large enough to move heavy equipment into the swimming pool area from the dog park. The Council discussed the need to remove the growth around the fence and to repair other sections of fence. Mayor Benjamin requested that a fenced area be installed at the entrance gate to the dog park containing a second gate which would prevent dogs from escaping the park when the single gate is opened. After discussion, the Council agreed informally to replace the damaged section of fence, build an "air lock" area at the dog park entrance and make other repairs to the rest of the fence as needed. Councilmember Schulp told the Council that if privacy screening is needed on the fence along the swimming pool property, the Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association would cover the cost of such screening.

**Town Manager Report:**

The Manager's report included a status on the hiring of a search firm to assist with the selection of the new Town Manager.

The February financial report is attached to these minutes.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene Swearingen".

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer