

Commissioners of Poolesville

March 2, 2020
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Klobukowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Commissioners Brown, Radigan, Cook, Town Attorney, Gullo, Town Manager Rivard, and Town Engineer John Strong. Commissioner Dickerson was absent with notice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CENSUS PROCLAMATION:

Commissioner Klobukowski read a proclamation detailing the importance of the census.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Radigan moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020 and the record of the closed meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook. Motion to approve the amended minutes was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Klobukowski:

Attended an MML Meeting

Discussed that Montgomery County is considering distributing some, but not all, funds back to communities where tax duplication exists. Under the current proposal, Poolesville would receive \$89,971 of tax duplication funded to the Town.

Commissioner Martin Radigan

Discussed historic welcome signs on Fisher Avenue and that grants are available for this initiative. Sarah Rogers with Heritage Montgomery is the point of contact.

Commissioner Cook

Reminded everyone that Councilmember Andrew Friedson will be at elementary school Thursday March 5, 7:30 to 9pm.

There is a parent versus teacher contest at the high school

Commissioner Brown:

Had no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ling Tan – Spoke in support of the Town adopting the pesticides ordinance.

Mary Travaglini – Manager, Organic Lawn and Landscape Program at Montgomery County, Maryland. She manages the pesticides ordinance at the county and discussed how the ordinance works in other parts of the county. Of the 21 jurisdictions in Montgomery County, 10 have not opted into the ordinance.

Joyce Brenner – Spoke on behalf of applying for a Commercial Resilience Planning Grant. She noted that Khalid Malik is the point of contact. She also spoke in favor of the County’s pesticide ordinance.

JD and Julie Kuhlman – Supports the Beulieu project. Oppose the Town adopting the Montgomery County pesticide ordinance. There can be unintended consequence of not applying pesticides.

Bernie Mihm – Stated the State of Maryland does a good job at regulating pesticides and that the Town should not adopt Montgomery County’s standards. He presented a list of household clean products that were more harmful than Roundup.

Michael Jamison – Noted that the Town should not adopt Montgomery County’s standards.

Bob Cissel – spoke against adopting Montgomery County’s pesticides ordinance.

Bob Roy – concerned that increasing county regulations would increase county bureaucracy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Map Amendment – Asuncion

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Map Amendment – Fyffe

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NEW BUSINESS:

Beaulieu – Forest Conservation Easement Agreement

The applicant and her Attorney, Roger Hayden, requested the agenda item be postponed to the next meeting. Mr. Hayden noted the Town Commissioners haven't had enough time to discuss the issue and that there needed to be more vetting of the request. The Commissioners discussed whether the item should be tabled to the next meeting. After significant discussion, Commissioner Radigan proposed to table the request for two weeks to ensure that Commissioners Dickerson could also hear the request. Motion was second by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Klobukowski voted for the motion and Commissioner Cook voted to abstain.

Historic Medley District – Maureen O'Connell

Ms. O'Connell detailed the work completed on the John Poole House and the Historic Medley District's is appreciative of the Town's support. The following items have been finished on the structure: exterior lighting, painting on the inside, basement repairs, chinking, handrail repairs, repairs to the upstairs, and kitchen. Ms. O'Connell requested \$2,000.00 in the Town's budget for additional assistance.

Montgomery County Pesticide Code – Mary Travaglini

Manager, Organic Lawn and Landscape Program at Montgomery County, Maryland. She noted that there are scientist in her department that understand the impacts of pesticides and their advice is the reason for the expansion of the limiting how pesticides are used in Montgomery County. Her role is to support communities that adopt the county's pesticides from education to enforcement.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Tpwmm Manager Rivard reminded the Commissioner of their budget meeting at 8:00 AM on March 7.
- Noted that bids for the pedestrian crosswalks on Fisher Avenue were submitted and only one bid was received. The bid was for \$60,731.21. The anticipated cost of the project budget was \$25,000. Twn Manager Rivard noted the Town will proceed forward with the project using Town staff to control cost and could do under \$25,000.
- Announced that the President of the Commission agreed to starting the meetings at 7:00 PM. All the Commissioners in attendance agreed with the new start time.
- Well House #11 passed inspection by the MDEP.
- Treatment plant had a malfunction in one of the valves and will be repaired or replaced based on cost. No impact to water quality will result due malfunction.
- Event Coordinator Bupp's active planning 2020 events.

- Parks and Recreation team is tending the mulch beds and adding additional mulch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Commission – Commissioner Radigan noted there could be a role for the Planning Commission to present their decision on controversial topics to the Town Commission.

Parks Board – Commissioner Cook discussed speed humps on Hillard, however no decision has been made. The Board is assisting JPMS Floating Garden project that would increase water quantity of the stormwater pond and provide a science project for the middle school. Exploring's the ice-skating rink feasibility.

Events Committee – Commissioner Dickerson was not present and no update was provided by others.

School Liaison – Commissioner Klobukowski deferred to Commissioner Brown to discuss this topic under Fair Access.

Fair Access – Commissioner Brown has been in communicate with Craig Rice, Rich Alberaz and others. There will be a meeting on Friday March 20 for an update.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Radigan motioned to adjourn at 9:48. Commissioner Brown second and was approved unanimously.