

MINUTES
WALKERSVILLE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
June 28, 2017

The Town meeting of the Walkersville Burgess & Commissioners was called to order on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Burgess Chad Weddle, Commissioners Gary Baker, Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, Donald Schildt, and Russell Winch, Planning and Zoning Administrator Susan Hauver, Town Manager Gloria Long Rollins, Public Works Director Bob DePaola, and 8 citizens, including Delegate Kathy Afzali, and Nancy Lavin of the Frederick News-Post. Commissioner Debbie Zimmerman was absent.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

1. MINUTES

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to approve the Town meeting minutes of June 14, 2017. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0, with a correction by Commissioner Russell Winch.

2. DELEGATE KATHY AFZALI

Delegate Kathy Afzali handed out a summary of projects passed in the past legislative session for the benefit of Walkersville residents. She also gave out her phone number for use by constituents and encouraged attendees to stay tuned for her future plans to be announced this Fall.

3. IMPROVEMENTS TO POND IN COMMUNITY PARK – BILL DYKE

Mr. Bill Dyke, 210 Old island Court and Parks Committee member, reported that there are spots in the pond in Community Park that are completely dry, that it's a mud hole, filled with sediment from Glade Creek. He noted there are no longer any egrets, herons, ducks, or turtles. At Commissioner Zimmerman's suggestion, Mr. Dyke got a price from Mr. Bob Shoemaker in the amount of \$35,000 to dredge the pond. It was noted that MDE, and/or DNR, town commissioners, and town engineers need to be involved in the process to get this done. Experts need to be consulted in order to determine if this needs to be done and to follow the correct process for this project.

4. PARKSIDE LETTERS OF CREDIT

Ms. Hauver reviewed the resubmitted letters of credit for the developer of Parkside. The letters of credit are from Frederick County Bank, rather than the previously submitted Pennsylvania bank.

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Baker, to approve the \$36,575.87 letter of credit for Parkside Forest Conservation Plan and the \$957,321.50 letter of credit for Parkside Standard Public Works Agreement. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

5. FOREST RESOURCE ORDINANCE – COMMUNITY PARK

Ms. Hauver updated the commissioners on the FRO area acceptable by Frederick County. It is located on the upper bank of Glade Creek and not far from the aforementioned problem pond.

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Russell Winch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, to pay the attached bills. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

7. COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Burgess Chad Weddle congratulated Mr. Ron Layman on his 30 year career with Boy Scouts, as chronicled in the Frederick News-Post this week.

Burgess Weddle reminded everyone of the upcoming fireworks in celebration of the Town of Walkersville's 125th anniversary to be held Monday night, July 3rd at 9:30 p.m. There will also be a parade in celebration on Tuesday, July 4th starting at 4:00 p.m. that will start on Glade Road and proceed down Frederick Street to the carnival grounds. The fire company will hold their fireworks on Friday night, July 7th at 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis reported on the upcoming community picnic to be held September 9th at Heritage Farm Park. Some of the activities include the sale of composting bins for \$20, food served by Nina's Curbside Café, a sno cone vendor, music by a DJ, Scouts event, and biodegradable water balloons.

Geocaching event will be held during the month of August.

Commissioners reviewed the map presented for the location of the ARIA Memorial. The location was pinned down and the memorial faces the direction of the crash site. Town staff is planning to pour the concrete slab sometime in September.

Ms. Rollins reported that two of the current resident troopers have passed the corporal's exam and are on track for promotions. TFC Gary Conklin, who has been a Walkersville Resident Trooper for 4 years, is interested in staying on in the supervisory capacity as a corporal.

Commissioner Gary Baker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Russell Winch, to send a letter in support of keeping Trooper Conklin as a Resident Trooper should he be promoted to Corporal. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. DePaola reported that the new town banners have been installed, in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Town.

Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis reported on her attendance at the Planning Commission meeting and the during the Rutters presentation, she noted that several citizens had a lot to say.

Commissioner Donald Schildt reported that the camera at Five Points is in process.

8. CITIZENS' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

David Ennis, of 118 Challedon Drive, Chair at Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting, reported that the Rutters conceptual plan was approved with conditions as follows: 1) no truck traffic on Sandstone Drive, and 2) set back exemption request was not approved. He noted that 10-11 residents spoke against the store citing traffic issues, and drug dealing potential at a 24/7 facility.

Mr. Ennis also commented on the Glade Creek issue at Community Park noting that the creek falls under the Waters of the U.S. regulations, and we need MDE (Maryland Department of the Environment) and the Army Corps of Engineers (not DNR). He also stated there should be grants for stream restoration projects if this should qualify as such. He also noted it may be possible for us to gain some credits for the Town's NPDES permit.

Mr. Kolin Bernardoni, 292 Maplewood Place, noting he is a 2 year resident of the Town, announced his resistance to Rutters and his support of the Circle K. He stated we don't need another convenience store, and that approving this would be a mistake, and that Walkersville won't be the same.

Ms. Pat Yoingco, 303 Glade Blvd., and 40 year resident of the Town, stated that we don't need a Rutters, we have a Sheetz.

Ms. Yoingco also noted that some residents on Glade Blvd. had placed "slow" signs on the Town street. She was directed to call police or town staff when there are unauthorized impediments in the Town streets.

Burgess Weddle reviewed all the future meeting dates and upcoming events listed on the agenda. He also reminded everyone to come out and support the Walkersville carnival!

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Long Rollins
Town Manager