

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor  
Dia Costello, Councilmember  
Nancy Long, Councilmember  
Steve Matney, Councilmember  
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer  
Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember

VISITORS: Ron Bolt  
Aaron LaRocca  
Martha Shannon, The Echo reporter  
Aaron Hirsch  
Renny Springuel  
Eddie Springuel  
Raya Bodnarchuk  
Emily Parsons

Mayor Beers called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REPORT**

Aaron LaRocca provided the following written report.

**Union Arch Trail**

No update- The Trail Supervisor for the George Washington Memorial Parkway has tentatively scheduled the Union Arch Trail restoration project for July. The project is being vetted through the compliance process and should receive the most streamlined review allowed under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a categorical exclusion.

**Programs**

Washington Folk Festival at Glen Echo Park was a success. The National Park Service presented stationary interpretive programs about the history of Glen Echo Park and the National Park Centennial. The same program was offered during Family Day.

**Clara Barton Rehabilitation Project**

The first phase of the rehabilitation project, the roof replacement project is scheduled to be completed by July 2016. Contractors continue to make good progress and should, weather depending be able to complete the work by the identified deadline. The second phase, the fire suppression system will run concurrently. Originally the fire suppression work was to begin when the roof was replaced. The National Park Service is working on obtaining permits from WSSC for the fire suppression work. The contractor for the work has been onsite and construction will begin once the appropriate permits are in place.

Clara Barton National Historic Site is closed to the public for a two part rehabilitation project. The site closed on October 3, 2015 and will remain closed for approximately one year. The Visitor Service staff has developed interpretive programs to educate the public about the site during the closure.

#### Glen Echo Park Partnership Agreement

In late May, the park received a first draft written by Montgomery County for the new agreement between the County, the Park and Glen Echo Park Partner for Arts and Culture. The park reviewed that draft and sent it back with comments and edits to the National Park Service, National Capitol Regional Office for review. Once reviewed, it will be returned to the park to be shared with the County.

In addition to the information above, road repairs were discussed. The rough patch of pavement near Sycamore Store on MacArthur Blvd will be milled and paved this week, Also a milling and paving project is planned for north bound Clara Barton Parkway.

Director Order 21 about how the Park Service engages with philanthropic partners was open for public comment. Comments have been received. Expect follow up in late fall/early winter. An (incorrect) narrative that is floating around is the Park Service plans to sell naming rights to the Grand Canyon.

#### **TRAFFIC SIGNAL**

Mayor Beers indicated Kyle Liang of DOT wants to meet with the Town as soon as practical to discuss the installation of the traffic signal at MacArthur Blvd and Clara Barton Parkway and how it will operate. Dick Leggin contacted the Mayor to voice his concern about the possibility of closing Oberlin Avenue. He is specifically worried about vehicle access.

#### **POLICE CITATION REPORT**

Attached.

#### **POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

Councilmember Stiglitz indicated the board will reconvene in September 2016.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion 2016-75** was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Town Council meeting as amended. Councilmember Long seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 2016-76** was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2016 Town Budget Hearing. Councilmember Matney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 2016-77** was made by Councilmember Matney to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2016 Town Budget Meeting. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MODIFICATIONS TO TWO VASSAR CIRCLE**

Aaron Hirsch gave an overview of a storm water management administrative change that impacts lot 3. The Town has three weeks to comment on proposed changes. A lengthy technical discussion ensued. Aaron Hirsch encouraged interested residents to contact the engineers listed on the plan. In short, the driveway on lot 3 will be moved to accommodate an existing hill. Marie LaBaw, Fire Department Access and Water Supply Department of Permitting Services, has approved the changes. Since Montgomery County storm water management requirements are strident the Town will not second guess a ruling by Montgomery County. The Town attorney, Ron Bolt, will write a letter to Montgomery County, DPS indicating the Town will not conduct an independent review. Renny Springuel raised concern about redirection of water and possible need to build up sidewalks on corners. Mayor Beers assured that if water issues arise the town would examine the problem and consider options to address it.

### **Motion 2016-78**

Councilmember Stiglitz made a motion to approve the new site plan solely as it relates to altering the location of the driveway and house on lot 3. In all other respects, the prior subdivision plan, labeled exhibit 3 and approved at the previous hearing, remains in full force and effect. Councilmember Matney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **TOWN HALL USE**

The Town Picnic will be Sunday, July 10, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Long noted the Town Hall has been recently used largely by Town residents for children's parties. Aaron Hirsch asked about the possible weekly use of Town Hall by a non-profit community orchestra. Councilmember Long indicated the rental fee would be \$75/ per week. Mayor Beers suggested approving the booking for three weeks and see how it goes.

## **TOWN MAINTENANCE**

Councilmember Costello indicated she is collecting three bids for the exterior painting of Town Hall. She also had an informal discussion with a resident who has experience and expertise involving elevators. His initial advice to the Town is to upgrade, instead of replacing, the elevator. \* [N.B. To enlarge the elevator would require demolition of the existing shaft and building a new larger shaft.] To replace the elevator he estimated the price of \$250,000. He thinks with an upgrade the elevator could run for another 10 years. Discussion ensued about the size of some wheelchairs not being able to fit into the current elevator dimensions. It was suggested the Town keep a wheelchair onsite that (fits in the elevator) and could be used by visitors as needed. Councilmember Costello will also contact Ironworks about replacing the weathervane on top of the Town Hall cupola. Councilmember Costello will contact Eastern Contracting about speed bump installation on Oxford Road where engineers recommended they be placed. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated curb striping is scheduled for June 26, 2016. Mayor Beers indicated 25 sidewalk blocks will be replaced by Charles Cooley.

Councilmember Long reported that a Town resident told her she had observed a post office visitor trip at a broken pavement area at the entrance/exit of the post office. In emergency, it was decided to move ahead with the lowest bid, Stanely Asphalt to repave the Post Office parking lot.

The Post Office lot will be closed for one day. Araron Hirsch said items from the parking lot could be temporarily stored at 2 Vassar Circle.

**PESTS**

Raya Bodnarchuk reported rats in her yard as did Mayor Beers (who also mentioned a snake). The Echo will print a reminder about best composting practices and tips to reduce attractions to pests. Speaking of pests, the home at 6000 Bryn Mawr Avenue has a colony of termites.

**KUDOS**

Councilmember Stiglitz offered praise (as did others) about some of the recent changes to The Echo.

**Motion 2016-79** was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to adjourn. Councilmember Matney seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

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Deborah Beers, Mayor

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Date