

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Willem Polak, Mayor
Dia Costello, Councilmember
Nancy Long, Councilmember
Dan Spealman, Councilmember
Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember (absent)
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS: Aaron Hirsch
Emily Parsons
Thom Amdur
Holly Shimizu
Renny Springuel
Aaron Hirsch
Leah Hertz
Anne Specca
Will Strang
Peggy Edwards

Mayor Polak called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Angela Hirsch was praised for the festive July 4th parade she organized for the Town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2017-19 was made by Councilmember Costello to approve the June 12, 2017 Town Council minutes. Councilmember Long seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WEED CONTROL

Holly Shimizu provided updates about ongoing efforts by Montgomery County to eliminate non-essential use of pesticides, specifically Round-Up. Mrs. Shimizu is working with the Town's landscaping company (Chapel Valley) who will experiment with organic weed control in Town. Weeds will be sprayed 3 times per year. Mrs. Shimizu will monitor progress.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND INITIATIVES

Councilmember Spealman presented a document that contained a framework for existing Town Council responsibilities and engagement opportunities for the community. This fluid document currently includes the following interest areas: Town Directory, Constituent Outreach, Utilities, Environmental Management, Town Hall Reservations and Maintenance, Streets and Sidewalks, National Park Engagement, Police Advisory Board, Fire Board, Quiet Skies, Ordinance/Charter, Town Records, Outside Funding Opportunities, Social Events, and Livable Town Improvements.

VASSAR CIRCLE ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Polak has formed an advisory board of residents and non residents to review the proposal from Aaron Hirsh about 2 Vassar Circle possibilities. The group has expertise in land acquisition and valuation, architecture, finance, zoning, tax and will meet several times to develop options that will be presented to Town Council in early Fall 2017.

EMPOWER-MD

Thom Amdur has volunteered to serve as primary contact for a new Pepco program, EmPOWER Maryland. As part of that plan, Pepco will ask the Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve a Municipality Program (MP) that seeks to engage and partner with local municipal customers to support and expedite energy efficiency efforts. Through the MP, Pepco will provide energy efficiency incentive funding, technical expertise, outreach and educational programs to local municipality customers. Mr. Amdur will arrange for an assessment and identify potential vendors for the Town’s needs.

TOWN HALL

Quality Air Solutions, LLC, provided a proposal to clean the Town Hall duct work. The cost is \$2,175 and work would begin once temperatures cool down in September/October 2017.

TOWN DIRECTORY

Alec Graham and Patty Sieber continue work on the Town Directory project. Residents will be able to approve/edit a proof at the July 16, 2017, Town Block party.

OXFORD ROAD

Mayor Polak reported he is working with Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner’s office on possible funding for a solar powdered stop sign with blinking lights for the intersection of Oxford Road and University Avenue. Mayor Polak is also exploring other traffic control measures for that intersection. The conversation continues with the National Park Service about alternative entry points to the Glen Echo Park parking lot for park visitors.

Motion 2017-20 was made by Councilmember Spealman to adjourn. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Willem Polak, Mayor

Date