

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2007

Attendance: Debbie Beers, Mayor
Nancy Long, Councilmember
Eve Arber, Councilmember
Steve Matney, Councilmember
Robin Kogelnik, Councilmember

Visitors: Kym Elder, NPS
Dave Chitwood, Echo Reporter

Mayor Beers called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT

Kym Elder gave the council updates on various renovation projects:

- Adventure Theater may open their September show in the new space
- Pre-construction discussion is ongoing with the Federal Highways to discuss the Minnehaha Bridge stabilization project.
- Design and fabrication of the maintenance facility is still on hold
- There is a new textile artist in the Yellow Barn
- Chimney was removed from the rear of the caretaker's cottage (the chimney was not part of the cottage structure).
- GEPPAC and NPS are now working together on the rehabilitation of the yurts – which were not part of the construction agreement with Montgomery County. The county will continue to bear the costs – NPS will do the permitting and inspecting.

Upcoming Events:

- Clara Barton annual lamp lighting September 15th with an open house and an art show – particularly featuring artwork related to and by Clara Barton
- Clara Barton interactive experience has recently been launched – which is an Internet-based tour of Clara Barton's house

GEPPAC Meeting:

- A new entity will take over Discovery Creek called Living Classrooms – they are no longer interested in the Crystal Pool area at this time, but they may reconsider
- Beers: “we want to keep our eyes on any development projects on the Crystal Pool”
- Any information on the Federal part of the funding? “Congress is at recess and has not decided on the funding. The House had approved the initial \$750K, so we're optimistic that it will go through.”
- \$130,000 Pepco bill is in dispute between GEPPAC and Pepco.
- Labor Day Art show is coming up – GEPPAC is adding new attractions to that weekend: music events in the Bumper Car pavilion

Other Park-Related Issues:

- We will request a meeting with Living Classrooms after the camp season and after the transition is over – NPS has the agreement with Discovery Creek which is different – all other agreements are with GEPPAC and Park cooperators

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2007-16 to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007, Town Council meeting as amended:

- Change to Page 3, paragraph 4: Councilmember Arber mentioned that a Montgomery County plan is to put a is studying the possibility of putting in a traffic camera near the crosswalk to monitor the traffic.

Motion passed as amended.

Motion 2007-17 to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2007, Town Council meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

STREET REPAIR PROJECT

There was discussion of the E.E. Lyons proposal to repair the street problems which need to be undertaken before winter. Mayor Beers noted that Council has the power to bypass the \$5,000 limit as necessary – in light of the time sensitivity for the repairs based on the weather and the fact that E.E. Lyons has done asphalt work for the town before. Councilmember Kogelnik made

Motion 2007-18 to approve the funding with the provision added by Council members Arber and Matney that E.E. Lyons coordinate the timing of closing Oxford with Glen Echo Park.

Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN PARK LANDSCAPING REPORT

- A decision on a \$9,000 proposal from Trace will be put on hold until the receipt of alternate proposals.
- Councilmember Long is meeting with another company - John Shorb for another proposal this week.
- Mayor Beers has requested more proposals from other companies.

TOWN HALL USE REPORT

Of particular note, there has been a request by a Town resident for a large group of Hungarian musicians evening event.

The council expressed concerns about attendance and parking. Councilmember Arber suggested that we request that attendees park at the Park. Mayor Beers was inclined to grant permission since it is a one-time event, to encourage car pooling or using the GE Park parking lot. Councilmember Long will request that town residents be free. Also, requesting that the resident attend the event.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML)

There was nothing to report at this time.

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Miscellaneous Items

Reserve the town hall for the children's Halloween party on October 31; English Country Dance will be notified that the Town Hall will not be available.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.