

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2015**

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

VISITORS: Martha Shannon, The Echo reporter
 Aaron LaRocca, National Park Service
 Jim Bohi, Resident
 Kelly Bohi, Resident
 Aaron Hirsch, resident
 Matt McFarland, resident
 Edie Springuel, resident
 Renny Springuel, resident
 Raya Bodnarchuk, resident

Debbie Beers called the meeting to order at 8: 01 p.m.

GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT

Aaron LaRocca provided the following report:

Clara Barton Rehabilitation Project

The park has completed the process to comply with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Environmental Assessment (EA) was finalized when the Regional Director signed the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on June 5, 2015. The construction for the rehabilitation project is in the process of being contracted. Work should begin later this year. Plans are being made to remove the last of the office furniture and supplies out of Clara Barton National Historic Site.

Glen Echo Park Partnership Agreement

A meeting is being scheduled for late July, early August to discuss the status of the agreement between the National Park Service and Montgomery County for management of Glen Echo Park. The Superintendent of the GWMP is committed to involving the public in this process.

Union Arch Trail

The George Washington Memorial Parkway's trail crew, in response to discussion at the June 2015 Glen Echo Town Council meeting, completed trail work on the Union Arch Trail. Six roads and trails workers from the division of maintenance completed trail improvements and brush trimming along the trail.

Following this report, Mayor Beers raised the issue of vegetation overgrowth on Columbia Avenue. She indicated Columbia Avenue residents have complained. She mentioned there will be a walk through with Chapel Valley Landscaping on July 16 to address this as well as other concerns. It was noted that the NPS has been neglecting to cut back overgrown vegetation on the NPS side of Columbia Avenue. She said the Park also needs to do its part. There have been reports of vines on telephone lines causing interrupting of service. Aaron LaRocca indicated a work order had been submitted.

A resident mentioned buses from Calleva have been running the Oxford Road stop sign during morning summer camp carpool. Aaron LaRocca said Calleva has a concession contract with George Washington Memorial Parkway that can be enforced if there is written documentation of infraction dates and times. Clerk Treasurer was instructed to increase police presence and make sure tickets (not warnings) are issued.

TOWN BUSINESS

Mayor Beers has been in contact with Pepco about recent power outages. Noting some outages occurred during zero storm activity. Resident Renny Springuel referred to these as “blue sky” outages. Mayor Beers announced that a representative from Pepco will attend the August 10 Town Council meeting to address concerns.

Clerk Treasurer is gathering estimates for repaving the parking lot at the Town Hall/Post Office. A contractor that is willing to work Sundays or Federal holidays is required.

Discussion ensued about the new plantings on the County right of way at the street corners where Town streets enter MacArthur Boulevard. Suggestions were made regarding delineation of the space. There will be follow up with the County about their plans.

ONE VASSAR CIRCLE

Mayor Beers proposed that the residents of 1 Vassar Circle, 6108 Bryn Mawr Avenue, and 5 Cornell Avenue enter into an agreement with the Town regarding their backyard footage. The Town attorney will draft a new lease agreement granting access to the homeowners for an annual rent. The Mayor asked that the chain link fence at the top of Wellesley be replaced with something more suitable. Matt McFarland, prospective owner of 1 Vassar, agreed to replace the fence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2015-45 was made by Councilmember Matney to approve the June 2015 Town Council meeting minutes as amended. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilmember Stiglitz was not present to give the police advisory board update. A concern was raised about Mohican Pool swim meet parking overflow onto MacArthur Blvd. It was suggested that Councilmember Stiglitz mention this issue to his contacts in the police department.

TOWN HALL USE

Councilmember Costello was thanked for all her help with the Town Picnic. The addition of the card tables as well as the blocking off of Harvard Avenue was a big success. The weather was great and fun was had by all.

Councilmember Long reported the Merrimack Pool Dive Club dinner will be held July 18. The C&O Canal Association Board meeting will take place on August 2 and is open to all. The Wednesday evening English Country Dances are also open to all residents.

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Council Member Long reported that the Zelcova tree in front of Town Hall was examined by Bartlett Tree Experts and is in good condition. She also reported that the annual inspection of the Town Hall fire extinguishers is scheduled for July 23, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Deborah Beers, Mayor

Date