

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2015**

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

VISITORS: Julia Wilson, The Echo reporter
 Aaron LaRocca, National Park Service
 Aaron Hirsch
 Emily Parsons
 Mary Parsons
 Edie Springuel
 Renny Springuel
 Raya Bodnarchuk
 Norman Knopf
 Ron Bolt

Debbie Beers called the meeting to order at 8: 04 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. Bids from contractors were due to the NPS by August 19th. Work should start on the house by late September early October. At the time of construction, the house will be completely closed. Visitor Services staff is creating a new ranger program to continue to interpret Clara Barton National Historic Site. The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase, the roof replacement project is scheduled to be completed by Spring 2016. The second phase, the fire suppression installation will start once the roof replacement is completed. There will be an impact to the area of the parking lot referred to as the dogleg. For the entire project, the parking spots in the dogleg closest to Clara Barton National Historic Site will be closed for a construction staging area. During the fire suppression construction the entrance road to the main parking lot, the small Clara Barton NHS parking lot and areas of the flat lawn will be closed.

Glen Echo Park Partnership Agreement

A meeting has been re-scheduled to September 16th 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.

Then and Now

A special event hosted at Glen Echo Park entitled *Then and Now* will take place on September 27, 2015 from 11 a.m-4 p.m. The annual event is a celebration of the park's past and present. The NPS will have an interpretive tent featuring some exhibits and junior ranger activities.

Councilmember Long was commended for her leadership of the Labor Day Art show which she has been shepherding for 45 years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2015-48 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the August 2015 Town Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Long seconded. Councilmember Matney abstained because he was absent for the July meeting. Motion passed.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilmember Stiglitz indicated the Board met in early September. He was unable to attend. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

TOWN HALL USE

Councilmember Long reported the Town Halloween Party will be October 31 at 5:30 pm. Wednesday evening English Country Dances are scheduled as usual and nurses from Sibley Hospital will hold an event October 23.

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Councilmember Long reported the Town Hall walkway repointing project had been completed. The Town Hall parking lot paving project was discussed. Mayor Beers would like the option of milling the entire parking lot (not just failed areas) to be explored. Clerk Treasurer will contact vendors.

RIGHT OF WAY – PEPCO

Mayor Beers indicated Pepco will plant trees on the trolley Right of Way this fall to compensate for the removal of numerous trees. PEPCO has allocated up to 50 trees. Their arborist will design a planting plan which may include dogwood and crape myrtle. If there are leftover trees Town residents will be notified for first come, first served pick-up. For the first year of planting Chapel Valley will need to water the new trees during summer months.

YARD SALE

Raya Bodnarchuk announced the town wide yard sale scheduled October 3.

TWO VASSAR CIRCLE

Multiple attendees voiced overarching concern that drawings provided by Aaron Hirsh are difficult to interpret and don't provide enough information. Clarity is needed regarding current dimensions, proposed changes and road widths at various points.

Motion 2015-49 was made by Councilmember Matney to go into Closed Executive Session for purpose of meeting with Town attorney for legal advice merely to educate Mayor and Council. Councilmember Stiglitz seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Deborah Beers, Mayor

Date