

GREATER SEVERNA PARK COUNCIL  
Draft Minutes General Meeting  
April 12, 2016

**Welcome:** Brad Myers, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm  
New Delegates included Joseph Wires from Chartwell Community  
Matt Johnson and Stefanie from Severndale  
Christine Davenport Chairman of AAC Democratic Central Committee

**Secretary's Report:** Erin O'Neill Approved with one change made

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Poland 48 Dues are paid to date \$350 dues deposited

**Account Balances (as of 3/31/2016)**

BB&T Checking	=\$ 4,169.36
SmithBarney monkey mkt	=\$ 6,174.05
Smith Barth	= \$20,000.00

**President's Report:** Steve Poland Maryland Business Property Tax Form for Community Associations that are incorporated is no longer mailed out; due on Friday, April 15.  
To print out form, go to: [dat.maryland.gov/SDAT Forms//pp1\\_2016.pdf](http://dat.maryland.gov/SDATForms//pp1_2016.pdf)  
To file online, go to: <https://egov.maryland.gov/businessexpress>

**GUEST SPEAKERS** Candidates for Circuit Court Judge

Claudia Barber: Administrative Law Judge for over 10 years. Appointed then the electorate elects and the term is 15 years. Explained how the Circuit Court judges are selected

Mark Howes: Former County Police Officer; Maintains a law practice overall; 25 years of practical law experience

Reverend Ricky Nelson Jones: People are able to evaluate ---worked for law practice for many years; multi-state experience. Multi state practice;

Glenn Klavans: running with 3 other sitting judges; practiced law for 37 years. Former special state's attorney; involved in the fabric of this community. Circuit court judges are generalists. All 4 sitting judges were nominated by Judicial Nominating Committees.

Stacy McCormack: Term of 15 years once appointed and elected. Worked as a Public Defender; married to a police officer; clerked for an Appellate Judge; read through many cases of judges ruling; Raised in Anne Arundel County.

Donna Schaeffer: lived in AAC 21 years. Went to College of Ohio. Moved to Annapolis working as a clerk; Did insurance defense; then went into family law; vast majority was heard in Circuit Court;

Cathy Vitale: former councilman; former State Delegate; served with the other appointed judges; 26 year practitioner; member of community advocating for residents; Local legislation is important for a judge to understand;

**Questions:** Do you think the term of 15 years is too long, too short or just right? Majority answered that 15 years is appropriate –forces them to not be political and gives continuity of and length of time on the bench.

Barber: 15 years is appropriate: brings solidarity to the position. Comfortable length of time.

## **Committee Reports**

**Chamber of Commerce Report:** Megan Orzechowski July 4<sup>th</sup> parade forms are ready to apply; upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

**Planning/ Zoning/ Legislative Committee:** Art Timmons

**Cluster Development at work.** The **Sabrina Park, Phase 3** sketch plan was approved on 3/30/2016. The Chartridge Community is considering an appropriate reaction. **Severn Acres** on St Martins Lane will have 85 homes on what was 22 lot when present plans are completed, but St Martins Lane itself will have no curb, gutter or sidewalks. **Brightview** has taken steps to reduce resident parking.

**Current Legislation. The Peer Review Program:** will allow P&Z to qualify certain engineers to review sketch plans rather than County engineers. Developers can pay these qualified engineers to expedite the review. So developers can pay engineers to review plans that the developer just paid other engineers to create. We see a possible conflict of interest in this program.

**Notice Requirements:** The County Executive's staff will no longer maintain a list of changing events in land development or a list of interested parties who were notified of these events. Interested parties will have to watch the website closely to find these notices of these events.

**Cluster Development:** A proposed bill is in the works to tighten the restrictions on this Code.

**Airport Noise Committee:** TBA

**Education Committee:** Brad Myers New Board of Ed appointed Eric Grannon. Saturday, April 16, Earth day Celebration at the SPMS. Many events occurring

**Environmental Committee** Paul Spadaro Cattail Caucus—meeting at Berrywood Clubhouse 195 Berrywood Drive, Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 pm. All residents around Magothy River should join the Caucus; meeting to address issues more collectively; lawyers are involved to meet the communities ProBono work offered. Power in numbers, please come to the meeting.

Cattail Commons—County shall maintain water quality—Anne Arundel County has not maintained this. Will be meeting with the RiverKeepers.

MRA cleanup at Beechwood Park on Sunday, 10 am – noon Very nice park.

April 20<sup>th</sup>, monthly meeting ---mosquito spray discussion. How effective they are and their impact to environment.

Steve Schuh appropriated \$5 mill for public access and \$590,000 for boat ramps.

On MRA webpage see Yellow Perch study and unique Mother's day sale –

Lisa Bender

April 16<sup>th</sup> Walk in the woods in Crownsville 7-3 Different types of Subjects discussing for the hikes.

Tuesday April 19 7 pm SRA series meeting; Dennis Whigham, PhD, Sr. Botanist with Smithsonian is speaker

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Harps Concert on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 viewing of beautiful Swimmers, the Blue Crab 7pm Pleasant Plains Road

May 12 Community Yard sale and rain garden information Carrolton Manor

**Police / Community Relations:** Cindy Mitchell theft from auto is highest crime. Lock vehicles. Chartwell and Brittingham have been targeted.  
May 14<sup>th</sup> Shredorama 9-noon Millersville Police Headquarter

**Public Works Committee:** Dan Nataf Chief of County DPW Traffic Engineering Jim Scroll on East West Highway---creation of hiker biker trail along Benfield to East West along Governor Stone Boulevard, planning in the future when Capital funds obtained. In consultation with idea. County Crusaders wanted to verify with White's Road; Dan did not see much high traffic volumes and speed as reported.

Earleigh Heights road---Dan reported construction a bit congested; should be resolved soon. This is not the case at night or during the day. Dan was told that the Traffic engineer will be in touch. He will give a call and perhaps we could have a meeting.

Paul Spadaro suggests that the Leland Road new businesses are impacting the traffic.

**ASPIRE Report** Maureen Carr York not present Brad Myers reported that Amy Leahy was recognized for the Aspire Leader award; In June Capitol Steps will be at the High School; get tickets on GSPC website

**Audit Committee Report:** Anne DeMajistre not present

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:** Cypress Creek Improvement Association is 90 years old

**Next Meeting Dates:**

General:	5/10/2016	Severna Park Library 7:30pm
Board of Directors:	4/26/2016	Severna Park Library 7:30pm