

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2011**

PRESENT: KEVIN CARMACK, BUTCH ZACHREL, DOUG MCKENNEY, KURT BEHREND, JIM BROWN, JEFF MCINTYRE AND TIM PIKE. ALSO PRESENT WAS TOWN STAFF, PRESTON KING.

Call to Order

Mr. McKenney: Call to order the June 8 Poolesville Parks Board Meeting, it is 7:40. In attendance are Kevin Carmack, Butch Zachrel, myself Doug McKenney, Kurt Behrend, and Tim Pike as well as Preston King.

Announcements

Mr. McKenney: First order of business is our next meeting is July 6.

Mr. Pike: I don't think I will be here.

Mr. McKenney: I will be.

Mr. Pike: I'll be in town.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McKenney: Ok next item is the approval of our May minutes. We have a quorum for that as well.

Mr. Behrend: Quite a discussion that we had.

Mr. Carmack: Well no the narrative I guess we were listening, I didn't realize we talked for that long. Preston has got to be careful about what he says about the Scouts.

Mr. King: Just being honest.

Mr. McKenney: Oh I do believe that certainly the Scouts that do an admiral job know that, those that maybe did less than, it is communicated too but so that it is constructive feedback in the attempt to try and make sure that the next time they enter into a project they set the bar higher.

Mr. Carmack: So I make a motion to approve the minutes as is.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you, is there a second.

Mr. Pike: Including the history lesson?

Mr. Carmack: Yes.

Mr. Pike: I will second.

Mr. McKenney: It has been moved and seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye.

Mr. Carmack, Mr. McKenney, Mr. Behrend, Mr. Pike: Aye.

Mr. Zachrel: And Butch abstains.

Citizens Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. McKenney: Ok so next item is citizen comments on our agenda items. Does anybody have any initial comments or questions?

New Business

Mr. McKenney: The first item of new business is Chris Martin and his Eagle Scout Project, so if you want to come up to the table there.

Mr. Behrend: I will note for the record that I am blanking on the word but...

Mr. McKenney: Abstain?

Mr. Behrend: No not abstain, recuse as I did earlier.

Mr. Martin: So should I do my name and everything? My name is Chris Martin I reside at 16905 Hoskinson Road in Poolesville, Maryland and I just wanted to report to the Board that the project went successfully, 6 trees were planted, 3 Cypress, the Norway Spruce, the Cleveland --- and the American Red Maple, were all successfully planted, staked, set up and as well as gator bags were put around all of them. Even the Norway Spruce I kind of had to rig it a certain way but the drip bag is around the Norway Spruce. Now I do have one more question for the Board, even though there is a policy in place to replace the trees once they are dead, would this project be considered beyond routine maintenance, would you guys consider this an addition or a positive...

Mr. King: Beneficial to the Town.

Mr. Martin: Beneficial to the Town, would you gentlemen consider that.

Mr. McKenney: You mean as a one time project or I'm not quite following you.

Mr. Martin: As a one time project, the planting of these trees, replacing the three trees and placing the three new trees as well as tagging 213 of the existing trees in addition to the three new trees.

Mr. McKenney: Yes it was clearly a benefit to the Town.

Mr. Martin: So it was more than routine maintenance.

Mr. McKenney: Yes more than routine maintenance because you did replace trees I believe that had been deceased or removed more than just the last, for a longer period of time than just the last winter, you went forward with tagging trees, which is not maintenance, that is something that had not been done before.

Mr. Pike: You made it better.

Mr. Martin: Thank you Sir.

Mr. King: And also you enhanced our property by the Cypress to help with the wet spots so you are trying to improve. You also took action to improve a wet area with the trees you planted so that was not scheduled, so you are going to enhance that part of the park with those trees. And we weren't planning to do that.

Mr. McKenney: Were those trees on the back part of Halmos 3, did you guys work Sunday, it was muddy back there.

Mr. Martin: Yeah it was the first...

Mr. McKenney: No that was the second day.

Mr. Martin: I think it was April 30 and May 1st, were the two dates.

Mr. McKenney: I remember seeing you guys on Sunday the day of the 10 Commandment Hike remember.

Mr. Pike: You are completed, all done?

Mr. Martin: Yes everything is done.

Mr. Pike: In the Park.

Mr. Martin: Oh in the park yes.

Mr. McKenney: And he got the answer to the question that he needed just now.

Mr. Behrend: Side conversation on the technical point, which is why I can't answer I am recusing on the Eagle...

Mr. McKenney: Well you could certainly explain things to us.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah and the technical point, the previous Eagle Project, the Board has given a motion of approval or acceptance of the project and it will be taken forward

to the District Eagle Advisor to justify to them why he needs to sign off on the project.

Mr. Martin: I see here that I have no other questions, comments, or concerns and I have to as much as I would love to stay for the meeting, I must leave, so thank you gentlemen.

Mr. McKenney: You have already completed your citizenship in the community merit badge so you don't have to sit through another Town meeting.

Mr. Martin: No I would love to stay you guys are great, but I have obligations.

Mr. King: Chris before you go I would like to make a comment, fantastic job, absolutely best project done to date, paid for wise, attitude wise, and performance wise, thank you.

Mr. Martin: Thank you.

Mr. McKenney: And hopefully that makes it in your jacket. And as I am sure and yes very good job and you and I spoke about that before, hopefully as you talk to other potential Eagle Scouts about their projects and things like that, you will relay the important things that you did to make everything go smoothly.

Mr. King: Yep you set the bar.

Mr. McKenney: Congratulations.

Mr. Martin: Thank you Sir.

Mr. McKenney: Do you need us to sign anything?

Mr. Martin: Not yet. I will be presenting the tree guide, a survey map and tree legend to Mr. Yost later. I had trouble contacting the person who prints out the large engineer maps so I could not get it to you guys in time, but I will get that to him and get back to you.

Mr. McKenney: Is that part of the project or is that just an addition.

Mr. Martin: Part of the project.

Mr. McKenney: You will have that, you won't run up against any deadlines with that

Mr. Behrend: When do you have to have everything before Council and the District?

Mr. McKenney: As soon as you can.

Mr. Martin: Next week.

Mr. Behrend: I don't know if they meet in July.

Mr. Pike: People are at summer camp.

Mr. Behrend: Talk with Ms. Jefferies about what you need.

Mr. McKenney: I think based upon what Kurt said we need to take some sort of formal action.

Mr. Pike: What finished complete.

Mr. McKenney: No the fact that we make a comment or a...

Mr. Behrend: Yeah on previous projects the Board has accepted the project and I realize you are not quite finished because of your map, but we can accept it from pending that and if you want to say something to the quality of it that would be fine and we would ship that record to the District Advisor.

Mr. McKenney: Ok I can't think of a parliamentary thing to do with that.

Mr. Behrend: It could be the decision of the Board or a not really a motion but...

Mr. McKenney: It's the minutes of the meeting, are they going to get attached, you did a great job, you completed it and it was a value to the community on an ongoing basis, not a one time...

Mr. Pike: What about Wade saying it's completed.

Mr. McKenney: We can ask Wade to do that.

Mr. Behrend: That never hurts.

Mr. McKenney: We'll do that. Chris thank you.

Mr. Behrend: Nice job Chris.

Mr. McKenney: All right park permit applications. Is anyone here for Poolesville Triple Edge Lacrosse, is that Mark Agnew.

Mr. Pike: Those are the teams that play up at Boyds right. They want to practice on these fields and then they play their games at nighttime at the Soccerplex.

Mr. Carmack: So does it look to you like they want every day from 6/21 to 8/15, 7 days a week?

Mr. Behrend: Yeah somehow I don't think 7 days a week is reality.

Mr. Pike: West Willard.

Mr. McKenney: Well looking at West Willard, it said on this one field will not be available until July 1st so that last week and a half or so of June, almost 2 weeks.

Mr. Carmack: Not available because somebody has a permit?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I'm assuming so, this is a note from Maggie.

Mr. Behrend: The soccer folks are up there.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah could be the end of the season stuff.

Mr. Pike: Who has the permit for the soccer?

Mr. McKenney: I don't know this was in my packet when we got here, so I didn't have a chance to look and see on the schedule who it is that is in the way.

Mr. Zachrel: But no conflicts from 7/1 to 8/15.

Mr. Behrend: If we approve it we say they have to conform to their actual schedule, so if they are not there on a Saturday or a Sunday that date gets released back to the Town. Not that we are going to have a lot of activity there but...

Mr. McKenney: I think that if you create a motion such that we capture the fact that first of all it is not available until July 1, second of all if they are not using the field that they turn them back in, I mean this is a big block of time rented, it may not be used much, none the less we have other organizations that block out large chunks of time and when they get a schedule they return that time so that it is available for others.

Mr. Behrend: Other than those 2 weeks we were talking about I would like to make a motion that we accept the permit modified to reflect the conflicts until 1 July and run the permit from 1 July to 15 August, conformed to their actual dates of use, so if they have open time it must be returned to the Town.

Mr. McKenney: Right so they have to let Maggie know what times they are actually using it.

Mr. Zachrel: So I will second that.

Mr. McKenney: It has been moved and seconded, any discussion.

Mr. Carmack: I am looking at the website right now, it says there is a West Willard 1 and a West Willard 2.

Mr. McKenney: And this is seeking West Willard...

Mr. Carmack: Probably both.

Mr. McKenney: I'm assuming. They are playing lacrosse they probably need both over there almost.

Mr. Behrend: Its half fields for soccer I think.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah because they use them for practice fields mostly.

Mr. Behrend: Right.

Mr. Carmack: PAA Lacrosse has it from 4 to 6 and then whoever is UCSC has it.

Mr. McKenney: That is soccer yeah and that is through?

Mr. Carmack: July 1 probably.

Mr. Pike: June 30.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah June 30.

Mr. McKenney: So that is where the conflict is, it is booked up for PAA Lacrosse and soccer.

Mr. King: This is going to take effect July 1?

Mr. McKenney: Right. They are asking for June 21 but there is a conflict so we can give them the field but not until July 1.

Mr. Pike: Unless the soccer people don't need it.

Mr. McKenney: Unless the soccer people don't need it again. So it has been moved and seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye, or any further discussion.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Moved and seconded, all passed. The next one that I have here is Lee Robinson, Stevens Park July 9, 4pm to 9 pm, is anybody here for that, come on up, I'll make it worth your while you came all the way out here.

Mr. Robinson: Because I was thinking about having a fairly large party, I guess Maggie is that her name...

Mr. McKenney: I'm sorry I need to have you...

Mr. Robinson: My name is Raymond Lee Robinson, I go by Lee, I am at 19324 Hempstone Avenue in Poolesville. Basically I have a list now, an invitation list of about 55 couples, I don't expect to add to that too significantly but I have seen a couple people around town that I would like to invite that aren't on that list. So that is the basics of it. It is the weekend after the 4th of July, I talked to a few folks at work that I am inviting and they are saying they are out of town, I'm expecting that to be a fairly common response, I expect about 50% of who I invite to show up.

Mr. McKenney: So you planned it well, you can over invite so you don't have to exclude anybody but get the people that you can manage. You don't need the softball field?

Mr. Robinson: I was going to ask you about that, I don't know what the scheduling is but if there was any possibility for us to set up a volleyball net or something like that, we might do that, we thought about using the softball fields.

Mr. Zachrel: If there are no conflicts I'll make a motion to approve.

Mr. Pike: Second.

Mr. McKenney: It has been moved and seconded, all in favor?

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions, none and none all right very good.

Mr. Robinson: Now do I pick up something here tonight?

Mr. McKenney: No they will make a copy of this and put some official signature and stamp on it and a date and then they will mail it back out to you, that way you have it in hand in case anybody says I'm here and I want to use the park, say no I have a permit you can't.

Mr. Behrend: It rarely happens that there are conflicts.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you. Let the record reflect that Jeff McIntyre joined us.

Mr. King: Jim is here also.

Mr. McKenney: Oh you are right, Jim Brown is here as well he snuck in when I wasn't looking. Speaking of Jim he is the next permit request. I find it rather interesting that Jim Brown, your organization is Poolesville Basketball looking for a soccer field.

Mr. Brown: Jim Brown, 19421 Fisher Avenue right down the road in Poolesville, outskirts of, so anyway yes there is a permit here that says for Poolesville Basketball because that is actually the parent organization, a little soccer camp that I helped the high school men's soccer coach put together for the last couple years. So I didn't want to put down Poolesville Soccer because there is no, at least I am not a part of anything that says Poolesville Soccer Association and PAA sports not really so yes it is Poolesville Basketball for a soccer permit. Any by the way someone else filled this out I actually filled one out and scanned it and sent it in with my signature on it, and I don't know why someone had to fill it out again, I didn't think my handwriting was that bad but it could be my friends were looking out for me. So the end results is exactly what I wrote on my application. We have had the soccer camp at the high school for the last couple of years, I have rented a lot of time from Montgomery County over the years and every year it is a crap shoot whether you will get what you are looking for or close to it, it depends on what you are looking for or close to it, it depends on who the business manager is, depends on who is dealing with it down at ICB. I have been called everything from a gym hog and that was from a person that does work for the County, to their best customer, so there is a wide range of issues that you have to deal with when you rent from the county. One of them is that we were told that the fields were not going to be available for use this spring and summer because the high school itself was not going to be able to be used. I don't kind of get how that works I mean you have to have a bathroom situation potentially but we weren't petitioning to use the bathroom. End result is I never heard back from the county on renting the high school field so I had to make this application in case for some reason they do deny us for holding the camp at the high school which is where we hold it traditionally on the practice field right by the parking lot. So I submitted this today, it was kind of last minute but once again haven't heard from, I inquired again today, I know who the right people are to talk to, email etc., but there is a holdup somewhere I am not sure where it is and it could be internal conflict at the high school but that is a whole other story, so anyway I did turn this in today, I did sign it, it is for 4 days, it is probably going to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 to 40 kids with 2 adult counselors, several high school counselors, we are not trying to turn it into a mega camp like the basketball camp is, just more or less for kids to play soccer.

Mr. McKenney: I was going to ask Kevin do you still have the, the only reason I am wondering is because if West Willard is booked through July 1, I am wondering if Halmos soccer fields are too.

Mr. Pike: That is probably nighttime.

Mr. Carmack: No I can see nobody has the field.

Mr. Pike: I make a motion we approve this permit.

Mr. Carmack: Second.

Mr. McKenney: Been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

Mr. Behrend, Mr. Pike, Mr. Carmack, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Zachrel, Mr. McKenney: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposition and abstain.

Mr. Brown: Thank you, appreciate it.

Mr. McKenney: You are welcome. Thanks Jim. Ok Seneca Soccer.

Mr. King: They normally give us a donation.

Mr. McKenney: Is it Everett? Come on up.

Mr. Hovencamp: My name is Everett Hovencamp I reside at 19821 Spurrier Avenue and I am here to renew the annual permit for the last weekend in August. I guess this will be our 3rd year.

Mr. McKenney: For those of us who don't exactly remember and anybody that is new or reading the minutes, just kind of briefly go over what you got going on there.

Mr. Hovencamp: The tournament last year was 265 teams, the year before it was 296. We used the Soccerplex we have a contract there every year, we use the Polo Fields and we sparingly use the Poolesville, we have smaller kids playing out here we use the outfields that are so big and some of the soccer fields, and we use them for small size because they are not, the soccer fields in Poolesville aren't actually full size fields so we can't have the older kids play there, so we use them and they work perfect for us. The reason we have come to Poolesville is because Park and Planning won't let anybody use the fields and we use Poolesville Elementary I get a separate permit through the county for that but Park and Planning won't let us use their fields from August 15 to September 1, they claim they grow better. So we used to use the park fields up around the Soccerplex, as a resident a couple years ago I said well why don't we try to use the Poolesville because we already use the Polo. We used to use Muldoon's Farm but we would rather use Poolesville.

Mr. McKenney: So how many, just kind of based on past experience how many teams do you think you will have coming through Poolesville and on those fields.

Mr. Hovencamp: I don't know the exact number.

Mr. McKenney: Ballpark.

Mr. Hovencamp: How many games or how many teams.

Mr. McKenney: Maybe how many games, maybe that is an easier.

Mr. Hovencamp: There are probably 6 or 7 games at each field.

Mr. McKenney: Ok throughout the weekend right yeah.

Mr. Hovencamp: Yes Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Behrend: And most folks are here all day right.

Mr. Pike: And I think last year you requested Town help also? Did you ask for Town help for something?

Mr. King: We supplied Town workers to open the bathrooms and everything.

Mr. Pike: Was that ok? How many guys did you need this year.

Mr. Hovencamp: Same as last year.

Mr. King: I just did it last year and it is a full day for me. I forget how much we asked for last year, was it \$1,000.00 or something like that.

Mr. Hovencamp: What we have done in the past was \$1000.00, \$900.00 or \$1000.00. \$500.00 was to pay the Town employee, the other half went as a donation.

Mr. Behrend: Always appreciated.

Mr. King: And actually the one field at Halmos, we fixed it, you might want to take a look at it.

Mr. Hovencamp: We'd love to use this field right outside here.

Mr. King: For Championship games?

Mr. Hovencamp: Championship games.

Mr. King: Donation.

Mr. Pike: What the cornfield?

Mr. McKenney: That's a new discussion.

Mr. Carmack: So when you say all, you mean Stevens, Halmos, West Willard 1 & 2 are you going to use 3.

Mr. Hovencamp: We used every field except Halmos 1.

Mr. King: Bodmer. What they do is 2, ball field 3 and Stevens Park, they put a field in the outfield and then they used soccer fields at Halmos and Stevens, so five.

Mr. McKenney: If you go on Google maps, did you see this, well yeah you can see all the soccer fields.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. Hovencamp: Yes this is the August Cup and I am the new August Cup Director, starting this year. What we like to do is smaller kids play here and then we like to have them play some at the Soccerplex and we also would love to play every game at the Soccerplex but we'd make no money. All of our money goes back to the club, Damascus and Seneca.

Mr. Behrend: For the record we have a lot of Poolesville kids that participate in this right?

Mr. Hovencamp: Oh yeah.

Mr. Behrend: Just want to make sure that is on the record.

Mr. Hovencamp: There is actually teams, Ventura, Ventura lives in front of me, he has got a Seneca team. There is MSI teams, there are a lot of teams with kids from this area.

Mr. McKenney: I do not believe there are any conflicts because I don't see anything attached. The only potential conflict would actually be the reason Terry is here PAA baseball for fall baseball, but we had the same issue last two years in a row. So I think that, you don't have anything on the calendar right?

Mr. Carmack: It doesn't go out that far.

Mr. McKenney: So really probably haven't booked anything.

Mr. Pike: We got a motion.

Mr. King: And then you have to check with Bobbie correct. The donation goes to Town Hall.

Mr. McKenney: Yes the donation goes to Town Hall.

Mr. King: I believe it was \$1000.00.

Mr. Hovencamp: Yes and we have had a discussion about the price and I couldn't be happier, I think you all should look at the price.

Mr. King: It's a donation.

Mr. Hovencamp: Well it is but as a Town resident it is also, you have to understand what Muldoon's is charging and what the Soccerplex is charging.

Mr. McKenney: We would greatly appreciate a donation in line with last year, if the organization feels that it is more gratuitous this year then it won't be turned away.

Mr. Hovencamp: And the only issue we had last year was the fire truck couldn't get down Seneca.

Mr. King: Into Stevens Park.

Mr. Hovencamp: We are putting signs up this year.

Mr. Behrend: Do we need to look into no parking signs?

Mr. Hovencamp: I am going to make sure they are put up myself.

Mr. Behrend: Well we need to do something I think officially too.

Mr. King: And you might want to drop a couple letters off to those four houses right there, just saying, I could even put some cones up or something, we can work together on that, that is the only major, besides the other staff member that worked with you last year, great feedback, I mean it went very well, good organization.

Mr. Hovencamp: Also the same weekend at the Polo they have a Frisbee tournament every year and they parked on the road and they were backed up all the way up River Road part. The police were down there and we had parking but the soccer parents thought there is no parking if people are parking on the road, they were backed up literally parked on River Road and walking to the Polo fields.

Montgomery County's finest was not happy.

Mr. McKenney: All right it has been moved and seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Any opposition, any abstentions?

Mr. Behrend: And then we need to look at when we get closer to doing recommending to the Commissioners for closing the street signs. We need to do something bureaucratically.

Mr. Hovencamp: It's just a narrow street, a referee actually passed out and fire trucks couldn't get in there.

Mr. McKenney: All right thank you, good luck. So the next one I want to talk about is lymphoma research, this is Robin Richmond. I have a note here that she will not be at the Parks Board meeting.

Mr. Behrend: They have been here a couple times.

Mr. McKenney: Yes this is their 5th year.

Mr. Behrend: It's the 18th which is a Sunday, 18 of September.

Mr. McKenney: It's a bike race.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah 50 miles, 25 miles.

Mr. King: Sunday, the day after Poolesville Day.

Mr. Pike: Is Poolesville Day the 17th?

Mr. McKenney: I think it is this year.

Mr. Behrend: Preston when is Poolesville Day?

Mr. King: 17th.

Mr. Behrend: So it would be the day after. I was looking at that before the meeting, worried about Poolesville Day but thought it was a Sunday so we are good with that.

Mr. McKenney: Do they have police, somebody did one year?

Mr. Behrend: Yes I think they do. They had a traffic plan, much like Vela, these guys do a good job.

Mr. McKenney: It does not appear that a check has been received here and I don't remember if the fees have been paid either. But they may want to get it approved first.

Mr. Behrend: Subject to receipt of the appropriate fees I move we accept.

Mr. McKenney: It's been moved, second?

Mr. Pike: Yep.

Mr. McKenney: Moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Shouldn't be any oppositions, abstentions, none and none.

Mr. Behrend: Butch just went out of the room.

Mr. McKenney: He snuck in a yes before he left. So this letter is to us right, generally speaking, so they'd be honored to have us as a guest at their wine tasting thing on June 26. Now I want to, I need to bring one thing up before we get rolling on something else. Terry since you are here you want to come up?

Mr. Pierce: Sure.

Mr. McKenney: Lets go through this again.

Mr. Pierce: Sure my name is Terry Pierce, I reside at 17416 Soper Street, Poolesville.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you. So I just need to say what I need to say, Terry and I spoke about this a little before, Terry put in on behalf of PAA baseball a permit request for Halmos 1, 2 and the Stevens Park from July...

Mr. King: I don't have that.

Mr. McKenney: You are right, it was put in just now, looking to permit these fields from July 1 through October 31, 12 noon to dusk essentially for fall baseball. Obviously I made him aware of the fact that we probably had this soccer tournament and it is not an issue. My bigger thought is that according to our procedures here granting him permits, applicants for the spring season submitted by blah, blah, blah, by July 30 for the fall season. So if we are looking at organizations apart from the soccer tournament and the long term thing, PAA baseball is one group that comes in with a chunk of time, there may be others, in theory my sense is that we can't approve this yet because we need to wait for anybody else that comes in by July 30 to know if there is conflicts or anything that we need to work around.

Mr. Pike: What are the dates on that?

Mr. McKenney: July 1 through October 31.

Mr. Behrend: To approve the section prior to July 30. We do some for July 1 to July 30.

Mr. McKenney: We have them now through July 30.

Mr. Pierce: So it would be an extension through July of what we have now, which is actually a subset.

Mr. McKenney: So it is kind of the opposite of the way I was looking at it. My thought was that Terry come in and ask for an extension of his existing stuff through August 15 then we keep these as received but subject to our August meeting and then we approve or look at all of them and approve them then. But I don't want, I know he wants to have that months coverage, I don't think well you said it only goes through June 30 anyway right.

Mr. Carmack: The calendar on the website only goes to the end of June.

Mr. McKenney: Right.

Mr. Carmack: So that is a little bit of a disconnect that we might want to get fixed.

Mr. King: We might want to move it to the end of June. Both recs program end in June because school is out, it ends, and then we might want to move that date up instead of July 30, move it up to...

Mr. McKenney: So whichever way seems to work, whether you want to try and put one separate permit in for those 30 days or if you want to see if Maggie and the Town approves an extension of what you have already.

Mr. Pierce: That is fine.

Mr. McKenney: That is fine and I would say when I give these back to you, are you going to call Maggie or come in?

Mr. Pierce: I can drop them off tomorrow morning.

Mr. McKenney: Ok that way she has them and she will put them all together and collect them and then we will look at this from the August meeting and go from there. I don't think there is going to be an issue but.

Mr. Pierce: So do you want me to do an extension request now?

Mr. Behrend: He is going to have about a week or so uncovered there, till we meet in July.

Mr. McIntyre: What if you just took the ones right there and took the end date and moved it to the end of July.

Mr. Behrend: That is what I was saying.

Mr. McKenney: What I am thinking is, what Jeff just said is if somebody makes a motion to take PAA's current baseball permits on those fields and extend them from the expiration date of June 30 to August 15, gets us into...

Mr. Behrend: Pending any conflicts that we are unaware of at this moment, I so move.

Mr. McKenney: All right so it has been moved and seconded that we extend the existing permits subject to what we just said, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Any oppositions, any abstentions. Get you where you needed to be?

Mr. Pierce: Yeah.

Mr. McKenney: All right cool.

Mr. Pierce: I did have one more request since this is new business. The --- of lacrosse taking off at Stevens, the tennis court has one big board...

Mr. King: A bunch of holes in it already.

Mr. Pierce: There are holes in it but more of the issue is the kids are playing banging lacrosse balls against it and sometimes they miss and I think Doug was there when a couple balls came onto the field.

Mr. McKenney: We were playing kickball and then there was a lacrosse ball in there too.

Mr. Pierce: So I am asking could it be moved to the other end where it is not going to impact the baseball field or take them down I don't know.

Mr. King: Well the other end the vehicles are in the parking lot.

Mr. Pierce: If you take it from where it is now and it is kind of right behind the dugout, take that to the other end it is more toward the outfield.

Mr. King: Oh I see just switch, like we have the one court here and then move it to the other court.

Mr. Pierce: Right put it on the one towards the water. We have an issue because they are throwing it and they don't know, it's really annoying and they don't know what they are doing so we asked them to stop and they did.

Mr. King: I could probably move that I don't see an issue.

Mr. Behrend: The other issue is the tennis courts are meant for tennis, not meant for lacrosse practice.

Mr. King: Is it practice or just people randomly going in there.

Mr. Pierce: We know that it is used for other stuff.

Mr. McKenney: The other thing that I noticed is the weight of that board is also pulling the fence off...

Mr. King: Actually a windstorm destroyed that fence.

Mr. McKenney: Is that what did it ok.

Mr. King: And when we redo the park here this springtime because there is existing money, I was going to try to see if we could have that repaired. There is still talk about putting a cinderblock wall the whole length of that, we have breached that topic a while ago.

Mr. McKenney: You had mentioned that you wanted to bring it up but I don't think you ever brought it up for discussion.

Mr. McIntyre: We actually talked about it during the budget session, if I am not mistaken, so if we could look at that again.

Mr. McKenney: That was standing. There was also discussion at one point in time about making, taking the plywood down and putting a cinderblock wall up right, now the whole length or just like a portion?

Mr. King: I think we will get two prices, a half and then a whole on it.

Mr. McKenney: If you do the half I would suggest do the far side. All right so we will at least get it moved and that will help a little bit.

Mr. Pierce: All right thank you gentlemen.

Mr. McKenney: So the next and I believe the last application at this point is request by Landscaping Projects for the use of Halmos Park on Friday, September 2 for a business picnic from 10 am to 4 pm, requesting pavilion and soccer and softball. Has everybody taken a look at this permit and the attached letter?

Mr. Behrend: Yes.

Mr. McKenney: Ok is Mark Mostram here. Ok come up.

Mr. Mostram: Should I introduce myself?

Mr. McKenney: Oh yes.

Mr. Mostram: My name is Mark Mostram, I work with Landscape Projects and we are located on 17605 Norris Road in Poolesville.

Mr. McKenney: So we have all read your attached letter. Well actually I will read it for the record but basically the request is that they be allowed to, or the request is that we make an exception to our park rules, the park rules prohibit the use of alcohol on our park property and the request here is that an exception be made to that rule and as part of the basis for making that request was the fact that Springfest was recently held at Whalen Commons.

Mr. McIntyre: Can I ask a question? Alcohol, no alcohol, will it affect you.

Mr. Mostram: Not a deal killer. It is a tradition we've had. The company has had this picnic for the past 20 years and it really is more of a world cup kind of soccer tournament for all the employees, so they are playing soccer from about really it is 11 to 3, I put 10 to 4 just as a little buffer there it is the first time we are doing it in Poolesville, our company moved here 3 years ago, less than 3 years, this is starting our 3rd year and we have done county parks, we have done Carderock Park over there on the Canal, but in actually in the process of submitting a bid for the mowing that the Town had requested the RFP, had a chance to show some of the guys, the supervisors, Halmos Park and all the other parks and everyone agreed that really that was the ideal setting with the pavilion, soccer field on one side, playground, softball, trying to introduce a little softball for the rest of the staff and the bathroom facilities, bbq, so it is not a deal killer we are real excited and just on the side very happy here in Poolesville, so much easier to deal with the Town versus the county, and landscapers fall into a very strange category when it comes to zoning and so we were welcomed with open arms and it is just great to be able to ask and make requests without a whole lot of red tape and delays, so it is not a deal killer and the last thing we want to do is come in here and make waves. We have tried to be low key and get along with everyone as best we can and not that we can necessarily set a precedent with Springfest although I am assuming Whalen Commons is park property. We were wondering if we could follow the same guidelines that were established to make it happen in Whalen Commons.

Mr. Behrend: Before I did in on there, the softball field is this one field you need at Halmos, Halmos 2 ball field or the Halmos 1 field.

Mr. Mostram: Just the one by the parking lot.

Mr. Behrend: Ok we want to make note of that before.

Mr. Mostram: It was just an idea it may not fly, I know the soccer field is a must but I'm hoping to broaden their horizons a little bit.

Mr. Behrend: You've asked for Halmos Park, which is 1, 2, 3 and the soccer field.

Mr. Mostram: Just 1 and a short period of time so again that is not a deal killer either.

Mr. Carmack: And I have to say even though it goes against my reputation as well as my nature as a marine, I would say that as long as there are no conflicts, but no alcohol. It goes against my nature and my reputation. You have had this picnic for many years have you been allowed to have alcohol at any of the other places.

Mr. Mostram: Just recently with Carderock we had to get a permit for the alcohol and there was strict guidelines, can't leave the pavilion, has to be in an unmarked container, and obviously no loud music, very strict guidelines, which were fine and we are willing to meet legitimate restrictions that you might apply to it, whether it is contained to the pavilion or certain hours, it may be only from 12 to 2 or however you wanted to limit. I can assure you it wouldn't be an issue in terms of heavy drinking but that's...

Mr. Behrend: This is the concern I raised when Springfest first came.

Speaker: (Inaudible) because there would have to be some way to enforce and quantify.

Mr. King: Well when we had our function, we hired police, we had which they give us the option to hire Montgomery County Police Officer.

Mr. Behrend: I think that is a requirement.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I think it is too.

Mr. King: It was a requirement that they do bring beer in no glass bottles, if they did the keg thing with plastic cups. (Inaudible) a local businessman he worked well with the Town, why not do this as a --- and see how it goes.

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Mr. Behrend: (Inaudible) set a precedent remove another, that was my concern and that is what I brought up at Springfest with the alcohol there and I spoke out on the record there.

Mr. Zachrel: A precedent set as long as it's in the guidelines and they are willing to hire a Montgomery County Police Officer on duty.

Mr. Mostram: I think we are getting a little bit ahead. We hope that all the employees come, it is not mandatory, we have 50 total, management and laborers and every year it gets a little bit bigger with one more kid added to the mix but generally about 75 is a fair number and that is adults and young ones and wives.

Mr. McKenney: I guess the other thing, first of all pursuant to our rules here, alcohol is prohibited except by prior written request, parks board recommendation, and approval by the Commissioners. So this is clearly a multistep process even to try and engage or get the exception. Second of all we are talking about guidelines, we don't have guidelines because generally speaking except for Springfest here so far we don't have to have guidelines because we don't allow it.

Mr. McIntyre: Tim you were a large part of...

Mr. Pike: Right we had to go through the County...

Mr. McKenney: You could explain what was...

Mr. Pike: We bought all the beer through the county and we had to go through the county licensing I guess.

Mr. King: It was a temporary license for selling alcohol.

Mr. Pike: 6 to 8 people had to go through training, they couldn't leave, had to fence in the area, two or three police officers, it was a 2 oz glass with 20 tickets, no more than 24 ounces.

Mr. Behrend: The difference was you were selling versus just having it available.

Mr. McKenney: If you looked at the minutes from the times where we talked about Springfest and the use of Whalens Park and the park property and things being done, there was a lot of discussion about alcohol, a lot of concern and a lot of concern about what does it mean for the future. A large part of the reason that Springfest occurred and had alcohol was the fact that the exception was made as a result of a Town function not a private or individual function. Obviously the Town had to go through a number of things even if it was not selling per se it still would have had to have done a number of things in order to protect itself I believe.

Mr. Brown: So Mark thanks for coming up and making the application and thanks for having your business in Poolesville too I appreciate it. If you were to make your application today for use of the park for your company picnic without the alcohol component, A) would you continue on with that and would you like to have your picnic here despite having no alcohol, that is number one; number two then is would there be a problem with accepting this permit as is, without alcohol, but letting him to continue to pursue, I mean I would like to see a complete application that says,

and may still be denied, but a complete application instead of just saying following all county guidelines, give us the specifics, because we are all kind of in a vacuum here, we haven't done this before besides what the Town did. The Town had to jump through certain hoops because it was being sold at the site and if you were to present and again no promise of a positive outcome but you wanted to make a presentation for still asking for permitted alcohol, you'd have to do it pretty quick because the timeframe for the way the meetings are stretched out versus the Commissioner meetings that come afterwards and potentially you could give it a go. I'd still like to hear it and if you had all your ducks lined up, meeting the county regs, potentially exceeding the county regs in some ways in an effort of a good will effort to show that you have got it covered, I could see I am speaking for me personally that would be considered a little bit better then just saying agree to meet, which we know you would, I have no doubt about that but we would like to see it in writing and have a proposal that would be all encompassing for it. I hope that is not too much paperwork but you understand where we are coming from with it.

Mr. Mostram: No and I think that was one of the reasons I had touched on the topic of possibly paying a permit fee, something to weed out either you are serious about it or your not, you are committed to being responsible or you are just going out there and having a big party, which in the end if it really fogs things down, probably not going to be worth it, we just are going to have a good time and try to get ready for our big fall crunch in the landscaping industry so I would be happy to do it, I can't promise that I have the time to go through a lot of hoops but it would be a good exercise and I am sure I would learn something from it, maybe we all would and again it is not a situation where I am asking for well you guys got to do it so we want to do it, and I understand the situation it is really apples and oranges but I figured I wouldn't know the real answer until I asked and maybe there was some new regulation or something that would spur some good conversation, maybe a source of revenue for the Town, to say you know what the park permit is free but if you want to go to the next level you have to pay a significant fee, maybe even post a deposit, something to cover all the bases and it really does weed out the knuckleheads if you will.

Mr. Brown: As a resident you definitely have the right to use the park, there is no question about that, and we want you to use the park.

Mr. Mostram: And that is not up for debate I appreciate that, I think it is fantastic, I was actually caught off guard when they said there was no fee.

Mr. Brown: But you are also in the unenviable position of being truly the first private organization that stepped up here and it will take probably some hoops.

Mr. Mostram: It happens quite often just with us trying to find a place and move the company too. And working with the county in the past has been kind of, we were ran over at Alta Vista which is over by the Pooks Hill Marriott, beltway, and that facility actually had a building so as long as we stayed inside the building, with the National Park it was stay inside the pavilion, so it may not be clear in terms of you are saying what the county requires because it is only for certain things, so I will do my best to put together...

Mr. Brown: You can use that as a guideline. I mean it is literally going to be what this group wants to hear and if in turn the recommendation is made from this group

to the Commissioners, then the Commissioners will want to hear it and as said, speaking as a Commissioner I will be very happy to hear, here is how I am covering all my bases, this is what our game plan is and we realize we are the first ones out of the shoot on this, but this is how we are going to do it up, I mean none of us are professional, we are treading on water here to that we have never been in before. So just coming up with an all encompassing, I mean I don't care if you copy and paste from what the county guidelines may be, but I can't speak for these guys but that is what I would like to see and I think that would create a next level if this group endorsed it.

Mr. Mostram: Sure I understand and the whole slippery slope aspect, I knew that going in and I could understand the position you guys are in so I don't want to contribute to anything negative.

Mr. Behrend: You are doing the right thing and Jim I think the solution you are proposing there, we can approve it, minus the alcohol now and let them come back and amend their permit later for the alcohol if we so choose to allow that.

Mr. McKenney: I don't even think you need to amend the permit it would be a function of requesting exception.

Mr. Behrend: Well yeah however we do it.

Mr. Mostram: And so are you folks meeting still every month throughout the summer?

Mr. McKenney: July 6.

Mr. Mostram: Ok.

Mr. McKenney: Whatever the first Wednesday after the first Monday of August is.

Mr. Mostram: And lets say I submit this permit and you folks potentially approve it, does it then have to go to...

Mr. Behrend: The Commissioners.

Mr. Mostram: And then when do they meet?

Mr. King: They meet every other...

Mr. Behrend: First and third Monday.

Mr. Mostram: So in theory we could meet the timeline and this is the Board that it has to be in front of asap.

Mr. King: July 6 and then within 2 weeks of that it will be reviewed by, if it goes beyond this, the Commissioners will make a decision on it, so you should know by the middle of July if you have everything in place on July 6.

Mr. McKenney: Going back to an earlier comment that I made, we now have more citizens then we do applications, I know why Terry is here, is there anybody that is left out here have anything to do with this permit, ok.

Speaker: (Inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: It can be but we will need to have you come up and do that. If we are opening for comments we can't approve yet. Thanks Mark. Jeff we got to have you go through the drill if you are saying something, so name and address and all that.

Mr. Yarmas: Jeffrey Yarmas, 17209 Whites Road, Poolesville. I just wanted to make a couple observations about the alcohol issue, I wasn't really aware about Springfest and I knew that we didn't have alcohol in the parks. Halmos is more of a residential park then Whalen is. I have been involved you guys know, one in Scouts and we

have a blanket prohibition against alcohol, and also with youth hockey, Montgomery Youth Hockey, I managed the high school hockey team. Down in Rockville we went through a big thing with the ice rink where they wanted to bring in alcohol and put it upstairs and again this is sales a bit different from this but the decision was made that we wanted to keep it separate from the youth. Again this is a little different but you do have a different impact on Whalen being more commercial even though there is a few residential houses right here versus Halmos, which is surrounded by residential houses. I would think personally you bring up a slippery slope with having approved Whalen, I don't think it is entirely appropriate for the residential area parks, commercial settings it is a little different whereas a sale in a supervised area it's a little bit more difficult to handle at residential parks and I would think you should really consider those affects and limit any alcohol to the single park in the commercial setting where it is not likely, but it does happen where somebody kids wandering up, the perception of what they see, somebody gets out of control, you never know what can happen, the likelihood is low but still the potential, so I would suggest the alcohol exceptions be limited to the commercial areas if you want to call it that way, the more commercial center of town area and I don't know that it is really appropriate even for that, we don't do it on Poolesville Day. I didn't know much about Springfest this year I just heard about it, this was the first I heard I had no idea they had alcohol in it and we are getting more and more with the CEDC and other things with a lot of people coming around and getting stuff going and it may come more, you may have to write regulations and look into it a lot deeper. People are going to want to do it, so you could start a slippery slope.

Mr. Behrend: The very first couple Poolesville Day's there was actually a beer tent and they got rid of it for many reasons, partly it was the atmosphere.

Mr. Yarmas: When I first lived here there wasn't a Poolesville Day and when I came back it has only been for eight years now. But anyway I just wanted to make that observation I think it is questionable.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you Jeff. All right unless there are any other comments from citizens, entertain a motion with respect to the permit on the table Landscape Projects.

Mr. Behrend: I think what we will do is I will move that we accept it absent any reference to alcohol use with the understanding that the organization will come back with suggestions and regulations and such at a later date but that the permit for the use of the pavilion, the Halmos 1 field, and the Halmos soccer field be accepted.

Mr. McIntyre: I'll second that.

Mr. McKenney: It has been moved and seconded. Any further discussion, previous question, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Any opposition, any abstentions, none, ok. Are you folks here for a permit?

Ms. Lalonde: (Inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: We are not real formal if you want to come on up. We have some other things that you probably won't necessarily want to have to sit through.

Ms. Lalonde: I know I have read your transcripts online.

Mr. McKenney: They are very exciting aren't they?

Ms. Lalonde: They are very lengthy and a little difficult to read because everything is a run on sentence pretty much. I am Grace Lalonde, 16915 Hoskinson Road.

Mr. Lalonde: And Francois Lalonde, the same address.

Ms. Lalonde: And we are here and I would kind of like to start on a positive note just because I am sure that you get people often making complaints. The parks are lovely and we have lived here for 20 years and seen a lot change and they really are in wonderful shape with one exception and that is what we are here about. Our house actually borders Halmos Park, we are on the curb, we border the parking lot and Halmos 1 ball field. So the issue that we are here today to bring up is the condition of the split rail fence that borders the park on our side. It is deteriorating very badly. There are a lot of rails that are broken. It is turning into an eyesore and also a hazard, we have kids who sometimes, they don't do it as much as they used to, but do climb that fence to retrieve balls and there are a lot of rails that are broken, some of the posts have rotted and so I know that there has been discussion about since conditions, I read the transcript from December, when you were discussing budget issues and there was talk about West Willard and then that fence was over 14 or 15 years old and hadn't been worked on, well the one at Halmos was up when we moved in 20 years ago and I haven't seen any work done. We did replace a couple rails when we had side fencing put in, just at our own expense because there were some problems there, but it is really in pretty bad shape and we'd like to ask that that be addressed and corrected.

Mr. McKenney: Preston do you know if those are our fences.

Mr. King: Yes the stance that we have taken, because we had a similar issue at Stevens Park, is that if requested we will remove and not replace. So if you request this we will take it out and if you would like to put one back in...

Mr. Behrend: That is our fence Preston, I don't think the developer put that in, I think the Town put that fence in.

Mr. King: But we have done at Stevens the same thing, we had a fence that ran the plant road at Stevens Park similar thing, if requested we will remove, we will not replace. And then the people who are parallel to Stevens Park they have put their own fence in.

Mr. Behrend: Well that is Stevens, Halmos runs right down next to the ball field, I think Halmos 1, the soccer field, Halmos 2 you got ball fields right there.

Mr. King: I'm just saying our stance...

Mr. Behrend: It's a different geographical setup.

Mr. King: Now some people have replaced it in that run on their own. So whatever you guys tell me to do I will do it, its just you guys have to make that decision.

Mr. McKenney: Do we have anything in the Town rules or regs that talk about town fences bordering private property, anything like that?

Mr. King: No and the reason the one out there at West Willard is being replaced is to keep the kids and the balls from going into the roadway, not into a residential backyard, it's a safety issue.

Mr. McIntyre: My thought, if it is a town fence and the town fence is falling down and it keeps the balls out of their backyard...

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Mr. Behrend: Well the fence is a delineation point for the property lines but two it also is crowd containment in many respects, especially at that section, it is a little different then the plant road at Stevens, you got a little bit different geography here.

Mr. King: (Inaudible) but whatever I am just saying.

Mr. McKenney: I would like to understand how the rules or policy that Preston is familiar with is...

Mr. King: At Stevens Park the one that runs the plant road, which was our fence...

Mr. McKenney: No I understand but is there anything written in anywhere that says that was our policy, that is why we are doing it, this is how and why and so forth.

Mr. King: Wade Yost directed me, the Town Manager directed me how to handle, I do not believe we had a written policy on replacement of fences.

Mr. McKenney: I have an opinion on this but I don't feel comfortable in saying that we are prepared to vote because I don't think we have had the opportunity to research what we do right now. I understand and probably leaning to where Butch is as well, but we have other park properties and other properties that, I don't know what the repercussions' are, lets put it that way.

Mr. Behrend: My inclinations are I have given them many times and I have had some Commissioners blow this off before, but that the Town is such big laws that we require our citizens to be subject to.

Mr. McKenney: Right.

Mr. Behrend: And if we would by our rules require a citizen to replace the fence then we either have to remove or replace the fence, those are the options.

Mr. King: And that is what I am saying, Wade said to remove, we don't have to replace.

Mr. McKenney: Right but its that second part that I don't quite follow, why it is what it is, especially if it was or is a town fence and so forth and so on, I would like to understand that whole idea a little bit more, I would, I mean what the rest of the Board feels, someone can make a motion and we vote, but I think that it clearly is an issue of concern and I don't blame you for coming here, I am glad you came here. But while you don't have to put any kind of formal request in to come up and talk to us, I think you caught us off guard and I would like a little more time to kind of take in the information and decide what we want or think is the appropriate...

Mr. Behrend: The appropriate short answer is we will look at it.

Mr. Zachrel: I say we make a motion to replace the fence.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah you are going all the way down if you replace it.

Mr. King: Once you do one you have to run the whole thing.

Mr. McKenney: Right.

Mr. Behrend: I am inclined to agree with you Butch but there are some other aspects I think we need to look at to make sure we are all...

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Mr. McKenney: No but the flip side of this is if somebody has got something attached to a fence or growing, this that or the other thing, and we are coming through and going to rip out their vines, their flowering vines or whatever that the have had for years and replace the fence, they may have an issue of well why are you taking my fence out. I want to know what town funds ---.

Ms. Lalonde: Town proffers.

Mr. Lalonde: Essentially given that it is Halmos 1 I understand other situations that may be less of an issue, but it really is a boundary and you have people that are set up picnicking, they think they have their blankets and they are watching their kids play ball and everything and everybody feels comfortable because the fence is there, they know that they are where they are supposed to be.

Mr. Behrend: It is a safety and encroachment issue and that is something we need to look at versus a plant road or whatever else.

Mr. Zachrel: Will we be prepared to make a decision next meeting?

Mr. Behrend: We ought to be able to. I don't think it's supremely complicated, I think there are just a couple aspects we got to look at.

Mr. McIntyre: I mean Wade is not here I am sure Wade would have an opinion on it, one way or another being the Town Manager, whose decision it is and what are the repercussions later.

Mr. Behrend: And there is the cost issue running all the way down, maybe we could do sections at a time or whatever. There are different parts to it.

Mr. McIntyre: So put it on the agenda for the July meeting.

Mr. Lalonde: I mean we would be more than happy to attend the meeting. So we don't (inaudible).

Mr. Behrend: No absolutely not. We will know on our agenda, on our docket for next month.

Mr. Brown: You could always make a request to the Town Manager directly and that puts it back in to where it will be funneled to the appropriate position, so you have already done that now but your follow-up could definitely be through the Town Manager for updates and then go on from there. So it is a legitimate request obviously. As I remember this has been discussed actually on some level, I can't remember if it is Commissioner level or where, if it was off on the side a little bit, but I do know that there was a lot of discussion about replacing one section of fence means really replacing all the fence that we've talked about versus removing and that the replacement cost was fairly substantial for the entire fence, that is a lot of fence. It could be \$10,000.00, it could be \$15,000.00 and that is a good chunk of change and a meaningful chunk of change, but there is still obviously many factors involved with it including safety, delineation of property, etc., so it is a good time to bring it up, it won't die now, so you will get an answer and a direction fairly quickly I would think.

Ms. Lalonde: I should invite you to come over. Of course there is a lovely path that is there now, the asphalt path and if you stroll down and take a look.

Mr. Brown: Is there a dog poop problem there too?

Mr. Lalonde: Well we aren't here for that today.

Mr. King: But they are truly correct, the fence is --- but where people have replaced it is fine, and people who haven't replaced it, it really you push it with a finger and it will fall over.

Ms. Lalonde: I have been concerned about it, because we have had children climb it and we were away for Memorial Day and came back and there were two new breaks in the bottom rail, that borders our backyard, and it looks as if somebody may have put a foot on it, it could have been done deliberately because the fence is obviously rotting and somebody might of thought it would be fun, but it also could have been

an accidental thing. I wouldn't want anyone to get hurt and it doesn't look so pretty either.

Mr. Brown: You are here for all the right reasons so we will get a direction.

Ms. Lalonde: Very good thank you.

Mr. Behrend: Thank you appreciate it.

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Mr. King: Hey Jeff just on a side note about Halmos Park, one side is people have chain link fence, they have their own fence and that side happens to be split rail so one side is split rail, one side is private, doing the same thing keeping people...

Mr. McKenney: Who put in the cyclone fence on the other side, is that ours or is that private?

Mr. King: Which one?

Mr. McKenney: The metal fence.

Mr. McIntyre: Chain link.

Mr. King: That is the homeowners.

Mr. McIntyre: But there is a difference you know because once again as I remember the discussion about this, some time ago, maybe it was when I was with another town I don't know, but when it comes to (inaudible) they had to have access for people to go get the ball and you couldn't put a chain link fence up.

Mr. McKenney: So Wade is actually in the next room and I went and talked to Wade, the reason we did what we did at Stevens and plant road is that the fence itself was on private property, the way the property was, the way the line was, it was take down and not replaced because it wasn't town property.

Mr. King: But is that fence at Halmos on private property or is it ours.

Mr. Behrend: No that should be ours as I recall 20 years ago we put that fence in and it was not put in by the developer, or if it was it was put in by town request on the town property line.

Mr. McKenney: So what I spoke to Wade about is we can make a motion or recommendation that the Town immediately take a look at that piece of property, determine whether it needs to be replaced immediately because of safety or whatever, at the same time look at the rest of, what you say there is 4 pieces of property that run that way?

Mr. King: 8.

Mr. McKenney: Look at the rest of the run see what condition it is in, there is no money to replace it in the budget this year, the whole thing, unless he comes back and says it is so decrepit we really need to replace the whole thing all the way down now. The alternative would be to fix that one section and indicate that we are going to put it in the budget for 2013 I guess right.

Mr. King: There is no fixing and it is done, the whole length, you don't even have to walk it, I am going to tell you right now. There are 2 to 3 homes that have replaced it, so it is brand new, what has not been replaced literally is done, it is barely standing.

Mr. McIntyre: Ok so let me ask a question, you know this is going to come up, you go ahead and make the decision to replace it, three people come back and go I just replaced it out of my own money, do we reimburse, I mean...

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I know its coming.

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Mr. McKenney: I think that is a fair comment that these people said well we think it is a town fence, lets go find out, yes it is, well the town wouldn't repair it, somebody else just said well you know what I don't want to deal with the hassle or I want to put what I want up and just did it, so I think that is a fair answer.

Mr. King: And then some people might not want that fence back on their property too, I am just telling you.

Mr. Behrend: (Inaudible) when it is on town property and the town is paying they don't get the option.

Mr. McKenney: That is the easement.

Mr. King: And is the fence needed?

Mr. McKenney: I think yes for the reason that these guys said. It keeps people from crossing in and out, you know you have a picnic, you have your whatever, and it is a boundary, this is park property, that is personal property, private property, yeah I think you need it.

Mr. Behrend: I can see there are some issues with our lovely nighttime visitor friends that a solid fence would help channel them at least away from private property.

Mr. Brown: You talking raccoons?

Mr. Behrend: No I wish I were.

Mr. King: There is a bear in town too, it was seen yesterday.

Mr. McKenney: Again?

Mr. McIntyre: Where was it seen?

Mr. King: At Cattail bridge.

Mr. McIntyre: But I would look forward to talking about this at the next meeting.

Mr. Behrend: Completing it at the next meeting.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah so I think that if they were fine waiting a little bit, were they, I can't see this being a 6 month thing, so if we can make a recommendation to the Town to look at the fence, tell us what needs to be done, can it wait until the budget cycle next year, yes or no, how much would it cost.

Mr. McIntyre: Do you want to send somebody to try to get an estimate?

Mr. McKenney: Wade is going to look. And basically said if I start with one, I am going to look at the whole run and contract it all out because it makes sense.

Mr. King: We are going to do the work at West Willard but then we don't have to deal with people's private property. We keep the cost down, but as soon as you enter, the fences at Halmos, I would rather pass the responsibility on to a contractor if we do go that route.

Mr. McKenney: But bear in mind basically what Wade said technically there is no money in the budget to do that this year, so if it comes back that we need to budget something maybe the worse case scenario for this home owner is that they got to wait a little bit and maybe the best case is no we found a way to do something more quickly. Come on up Sir, kind of like open mic night, introduce yourself.

Mr. Yarmas: Jeffrey Yarmas, 17209 Whites Road, Poolesville. Listening to this sounds like a safety and security issue, something that is time critical more than just waiting for a year. Having come before the Commissioners meeting on Monday night to listen about parking on the grass and listening to the fact that they are more

than willing to spend \$2,000.00 on a map for bicyclists and other stuff that they want to put that Tom Kettler has proposed and they managed to juggle \$2,000.00 out of the account they had for duplicating stuff, I think the town has a responsibility to expeditiously find the funds and move them so they can do it that quick for a piece of paper to attract more bicyclists to clog up our roads and its basically it is economic development, if there is something that is going to be out there bringing in money, no lets get these maps out, but we have residents here who are in need of security and potential safety and if somebody gets hurt maybe there is a liability issue. I think the Town has a responsibility for this and I think they should act on it and the idea of removing but not replacing when there was some sort of a determination made, perhaps not documented adequately but you needed this and it should be maintained. You know it was determined in the past that it was needed and it was appropriate, it has been there for a long time, possibly neglected or forgotten about, not treated or whatever who knows what, I don't know a lot of things happen. I think in terms of saying well going to 2013 I think you are pushing it too far out, I think you have responsibilities to expedite it and find the money. Just seeing how fiscal year 2013 is 2012 calendar year, the budget year is a year ahead so (Inaudible), who was just here, you know you are looking at using those fields, a lot of people, you are permitting those fields through the fall, it should probably be done before they are put to use. It is going to be subjecting residents and neighbors to a lot of people and --- some crowd control, cheaper than the town going out and hiring a cop for each game. You are dealing with safety and security and I don't know that is the way I think. I am starting to think that maybe this town's priorities are a little off here in terms of bringing everybody in and trying to get up all kinds of economic stuff but lets make sure we take care of our residents too. Thank you.

Mr. Brown: Thank you Sir.

Mr. McKenney: All right Wade had asked, sent me an email asking me to talk about some stuff here. Summary of infrastructure review, it is on the budget or the agenda. We need to figure out as a Board when we are going to kind of go around and look at fields and discuss for the budget purposes for next year, so budget on sidewalk construction priorities, and then we had Tom Fox which is I always forget if that is going to happen or not happen now. So once that is done, what is the next thing in line, we need to figure that out, priority wise right exactly. Whether we are going to do these or not, we still need to look and consider as to what is out there. Fisher Avenue Streetscape priorities, speed hump placement, now Wade is going to give us citizen requests with respect to speed hump placements I guess, he either got some feedback or requests, and any park improvements for fiscal year 13. So how do we want to visit or set priorities? We should probably actually go out and try and go around it has been awhile since we have done that.

Mr. King: Now we are talking about the fence we could before the next meeting if we did it before then, if we walk the park July 6 beforehand, you look at the fence at Halmos, which will give you all a visual of what you guys are dealing with so July 6 we start early, hit the two parks, lets say hit the parks that you would think needs to be looked at, we don't have to go to West Willard or, I am just saying you guys develop a list and I don't think we have to hit everything but since Halmos seems to be a concern and Stevens Park we do have plans coming, so those 2 parks might be

parks that we should do a little field trip before the next meeting and then once we discuss the fence again everybody will have a visual of what we are actually dealing with. That is just my suggestion.

Mr. McKenney: Anybody else? Set it up for the next one and it's raining like we did that one time right.

Mr. McIntyre: I did the walk around the pond.

Mr. McKenney: All right so if we start early and the next meeting we are going to start at Halmos parking lot I guess, the upper...

Mr. King: Yeah meet at Halmos 1, the fence is right there.

Mr. McKenney: Instead of 7:30 meet what time?

Mr. Behrend: 6:30 or 7:00.

Mr. King: Well it depends if you want to do two parks. It would take a half hour to do Halmos, just walk that trail and then Stevens would take 15 minutes.

Mr. McKenney: Right so if we start at 6:30 we should be back here for a 7:30 meeting. Does that work for everybody?

Speaker: Can I make a quick comment on that?

Mr. Behrend: Please identify yourself.

Mr. Mostram: Mark Mostram, 17605 Norris Road, Poolesville. I actually was a parks major in college and I, one thing that really stuck in my mind is its not, a split rail fence isn't necessarily a security fence by any means but it is a visual barrier and also the integrity of a park sets the tone for how people are going to use it sometimes and whether they are going to actually clean up their trash, treat it with respect and it is also the image of the Town, if you have a lot of visitors, a large tournament in Poolesville, that is what they are seeing in Poolesville and so not saying fix it, tear it down whatever, I am just saying something to take into consideration is the quality of the appearance.

Mr. McKenney: That is a good perspective, a positive perspective.

Committee Reports

Mr. McKenney: Jim?

Mr. Brown: The Town Commissioners Meeting, which we just had on Monday night.

Mr. King: What about speed humps, that is on the thing also.

Mr. McKenney: Oh yeah. With respect to speed humps, you said you had a list, either give us one or take one out or don't give us one.

Mr. Yost: I will give you a list as well as some standards that we have to go by with implementing the speed programs. It is really not to solve the issue tonight but just discuss it, where you want to install it.

Mr. McKenney: Ok well right now we are scheduling the July 6 meeting to start at like 6:30 at Halmos at the top parking lot, walk through Halmos, go over to Stevens, Stevens should be relatively quick, we don't have to worry about the playground, we know that is going to be all fixed and replaced, so it comes down to what is left there, whether we need to do anything, by the way as an aside, I played a game there a baseball game at Stevens yesterday with my team, the last time the coach that I was coaching with was there was probably 2 years ago and he said wow Stevens is, this park is amazing compared to the way it was the last time we played here and the first base foul line you didn't have to worry about the ball rolling, so good job.

Anyway he was very impressed. But if we are going to walk streets we will probably need another night to do that.

Mr. Yost: You could do the streets and sidewalks at the same time actually.

Mr. McKenney: So when is the August meeting? We'll all pile in the back of your truck right. It is the 3rd right, August 3, it is the Wednesday after the first Monday right? I will be out of Town.

Mr. Behrend: Generally in August we have taken it off.

Mr. Pike: Why don't we just pick another Wednesday?

Mr. McKenney: Well I am sympathetic to you guys schedules, you add another day that is just like adding another --- and my schedule too for that matter. Can it wait until September?

Mr. Yost: Absolutely the whole idea was just to get our mind set for preparing the budget.

Mr. McKenney: All right so if we do the park, Halmos and Stevens on July, we will do either no meeting at all or something in August and then in September we walk the streets. September we will do the sidewalks ok.

Mr. Behrend: I have something real quick, to jump in before poor Jim. I had a citizen come in and ask me about and I forwarded it to Wade and Doug about the equipment we are going to pull out at Stevens and the question was what do we do with it. Normally I think what we do is dispose of it because of liability issues and age and whatever else, but I wasn't sure where our policy was on it and I just wanted to bring it up and have the policy aired out.

Mr. Yost: I did get an opinion from the Town Attorney on it and certainly if you wanted to go ahead and take the equipment out and bring an agreement up like a church group or something they would have to have their Board of Directors approve the agreement (inaudible) and if they just go with it and come up to the property and remove it, that would be a huge liability. And the reason why it would be bulldozers and contracted out is because the footers for the equipment is bigger than the (inaudible) salvage the equipment.

Mr. Behrend: And that is fair enough, I was not sure where the answer, I knew usually we dispose of it for liability but I can go back to the citizen and say this is why you really don't want the equipment.

Mr. McKenney: Because the only way to get it out is basically destroy it.

Mr. Behrend: And that is fair enough thank you, appreciate that.

Mr. McKenney: Ok thank you I forgot about that.

Mr. McIntyre: Were they interested in the little pieces?

Mr. Behrend: They were interested in anything and everything I think. They just didn't see why we were destroying valuable equipment. Well there is a good reason for it.

Mr. McKenney: All right back to Jim.

Mr. Brown: So we had a Public Hearing for two Ordinances that had been proposed, both had to deal with parking basically in the right of way in front of people's houses and the potential destruction of property that takes place due to both residents parking there and other people doing damage to those areas. The Town is trying to figure out a way to codify how to maintain those right of ways and we received

public testimony on it, there was no future direction set for the two proposed Ordinances, so not sure what direction they are going to go.

Mr. McKenney: Are the areas that are prompting this subdivisions in the town that do not have curbs?

Mr. Brown: That is correct.

Mr. McKenney: Ok so in theory one day this will go away.

Mr. Brown: How many letters did we end up with.

Mr. Yost: 12.

Mr. Brown: And some are in areas that I don't think we will ever see a curb or gutter.

Mr. Behrend: Narrow roads if I recall.

Mr. Brown: Right. We tried to, we sent out letters to the residents that are affected by it, to let them know that this is something that the Commissioners are considering. So some have already taken remediation, a course of remediation but it is hard to say in the entirety how that is going to work out, so it is not tabled but the public, the voice of the public has to be considered by the Commissioners on it so.

Mr. McKenney: It was in the paper today.

Mr. Brown: Right and we also announced that the Mevissen's, the eye doctors withdrew their special exception appeal and said they are not trying to enforce the action anymore inside their neighborhood of Tama, you know which has been a --- situation due to a neighbor on neighbor conflict, so they are going to stick with their in town business.

Mr. Behrend: That was the shared driveway issue right?

Mr. Brown: The shared driveway issue yeah, it is still an ongoing issue for whatever reasons, but the Mevissen's are I can't say taking the high road, they are taking a road and that is going to allow them to pursue their business inside the Town, in the CBD. Under new business Wade explained a Resolution that I for the most part understood at the time he introduced it, Wade if you want to give more introduction on that for the Government Insurance Trust piece.

Mr. Yost: Sure Local Insurance Government Trust provided the insurance for an insurance pool for all these municipalities and they just want to reduce 13 members to 12 members on the Board of Directors or trustees and they would change the verbiage that says "they will represent municipalities" and would like it to say "shall be upon municipal workers or (inaudible).

Mr. Brown: And they very, very rarely make changes so calling upon us to amend it was the proper course of action, the Commissioners agreed. There was a proposal Mr. Jeff talked about earlier, a walking, biking tour brochure in which we would make contribution to get matching funds for the development of a walking, biking tour brochure. The brochure is actually located in various places throughout, not just the Poolesville area or the Up County but as far away as Leesburg and just another town promotional tool. We also from the Town Engineer and Wade we heard about an issue at the Brooks Park in terms of drainage at Brooks Park, there is a history there of some residents involvement that has made it difficult for Brooks Park to have the proper drainage and the Commissioners voted 4 to 1 to make the correction needed for better drainage at Brooks Park. And we adjourned and we interviewed somebody for the vacant CEDC position.

Mr. Pike: Just one person?

Mr. Brown: Just one person. I don't know why it took 3 hours but.

Mr. Pike: Well actually Tim Whitehouse is our new Chairman of the CEDC. The only thing we really did was talk about the Springfest, what a success it was, that is about it and I don't have my notes, sorry I am not prepared like Jim.

Mr. Brown: Tim you were there?

Mr. Pike: Yes.

Mr. Brown: Ok was there any specific improvements that were noted or needed.

Mr. Pike: That is all going to be discussed (inaudible).

Mr. Brown: Good thank you.

Mr. McKenney: I skipped over old business but I don't think we had any. Anybody else have any new business or anything else?

Adjournment

Mr. Behrend: Move to adjourn.

Mr. Pike: Dillingham Park what is going on with that?

Mr. McKenney: Well it is paved right, the parking lot area.

Mr. King: Yes.

Mr. Pike: The equipment we picked out right.

Mr. Yost: (Inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: Was there, maybe we just left it on the table, the whole idea of the grass area that is over there right now, where it is a slight mound we talked about the possibility of leveling it and making it a soccer field, is that just kind of a what if thing?

Mr. Pike: We were going to use the dirt for something else right?

Mr. Yost: That is something we can certainly talk about.

Mr. McKenney: Ok because somebody commented to me and I said no, no, no, its gonna stay there for right now.

Mr. Pike: How is the skatepark doing, any positive or negative feedback, trash?

Mr. Brown: Why did you have to ask that?

Mr. King: Overall not bad but the trash is up again and we have noticed an increase of beer bottles and last year we never had a beer bottle.

Mr. Pike: Don't they know there is no drinking in the parks.

Mr. Behrend: Move to adjourn.

Mr. McIntyre: Second.

Mr. McKenney: Been moved and seconded to adjourn. All in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions none.

