

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

PRESENT: JIM BROWN, KEVIN CARMACK, KURT BEHREND, TIM PIKE AND DOUG MCKENNEY. ALSO PRESENT WAS TOWN MANAGER, WADE YOST, AND TOWN STAFF, PRESTON KING.

Call to Order

Mr. McKenney: Call to order the September 7 Poolesville Parks Board Meeting. Present are Jim Brown, Kevin Carmack, myself Doug McKenney, Kurt Behrend, Tim Pike, Preston King and Wade Yost.

Announcements

Mr. McKenney: First order is if anyone has any announcements.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McKenney: None on to approval of minutes from August, so anybody have any changes or comments with respect to the minutes?

Mr. Behrend: Move they be accepted.

Mr. Brown: Second.

Mr. McKenney: It's been moved, seconded, was that a second, any opposition or abstentions. Tim Pike and Kevin Carmack abstain because they were not here. Next meeting is October 5 and I think maybe we will try and do it early, do we do what we were talking about doing tonight virtually, do we need to do it in real life?

Mr. Yost: I think we would. Lets focus on the Streetscape tonight and what is actually in the plan and we can take a look at it, and then once we walk it, we will be ok, this is the improvements we are talking about so actually its better we are going to do it this way.

Mr. McKenney: OK good. So in the October meeting I would expect that we try and start at 6:30 and based upon our educational experience later this evening we will be better prepared to get stuff done and have a 7:30 meeting, start a 7:30 meeting after that.

Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. McKenney: Citizen's comments on agenda items, we actually have some citizens tonight, anybody have any comments on the agenda?

Mr. Yost: They are all here for the first agenda item.

Mr. McKenney: For the mad, oh sorry the Mid Atlantic Disk Dogs right, not the mad dogs, sorry.

New Business

Mr. McKenney: All right well whichever one of you is the representative that is going to lead the charge, want to come on up and we'd like you to introduce yourself, name and address and then go from there.

Mr. Williams: My name is Peter Williams and my wife is Carol, we reside in Boyds, 19401 Peach Tree Road. And we wanted to talk with the Parks Board to give you an idea of what we have planned, we have an event that we'd like to hold in one of the park locations. So we wanted to hold it in one of the parks probably sometime next year. We wanted to basically come now, this is why we are coming so early because

we wanted to present you with the event detail, it does involve dogs. So we wanted to give you an idea of what that is going to be about and make sure that number one it is ok with the Town and with the park.

Mr. McKenney: I'm not ignoring you, I am reading your stuff.

Mr. Williams: I handed some paperwork for you guys to look over so you can see a little bit about what our club is about. We are the Mid Atlantic Disk Dogs and we are a club that covers the whole mid Atlantic area, so we have club members from as far north as New Jersey and as far south as Virginia, North Carolina, we do have some other out of region members that occasionally come by and contribute. What we were looking to do, we have a park schedule, rather a competition schedule that we have every year, you will see that in the packet on the right, the bottom packet, it gives you a little bit of competition schedule we had this year, you can also go to our website, which is www.mad-dog.org you go there and look at our club website if you wanted to check out some more about us. We have, that gives you an idea of some of the events we are holding, we want to add to that list next year and have an event here in the Town of Poolesville. We thought it would be a great event for the park, a family event, a lot of people her and families that want to come out and watch. It would be a disk dog event, typically we do a competition style event where, it's a spectator event but also competition where they involve dogs, part of the reason why we wanted to come was to discuss how the dogs are involved and make sure that the Town and Parks would be ok with the event.

Ms. Williams: Basically what it is, is in the competition there is several different classes of competition within the event day and also the dogs that are competing are the only ones that would be off leash during the actual competition that they are up, its their turn to go basically, one of them is distance and marking off a field in yardage, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 yards and it is a timed event 60 seconds, as quickly as you can, rack up as many points as you can in that 60 seconds, another freestyle which is a choreographed routine to music, it is a 2 minute routine, 5 disks, 1 dog, 1 handler, and you basically do tricks, vaults, jumps, that sort of thing while tossing disks to your dog and your dog catches and then there are other types of events that you can add to, there are little games, one where they 2 disks and 1 dog and they have to get as many catches as they can back and forth, kind of a boomerang type thing. So there are several different events within the competition itself, generally when it is an unlimited event there is roughly 50 competitors, when it is a limited event, it runs roughly 25 to 30 competitors.

Mr. Williams: Typically we don't, usually do unlimited events, we rarely do limited events, usually the only time we have done a limited event is at a competition that was held at a pet expo, where they have a agenda of events that are going on so our event has to be a certain length of time, our event can't be an unlimited amount of time, they need us to finish in a certain level.

Mr. McKenney: Does unlimited mean with respect to time or it means with respect to...

Ms. Williams: Participants.

Mr. Williams: But more participants would be more time.

Ms. Williams: Right which is where I was getting next, was the timing of the event generally most of our unlimited events will kick off at 9:00 that is when we usually

start our first event and then we run through the classes as quickly as possible. I think the latest one has gone until 6:00 pm and that is awards and everything.

Mr. Williams: That is usually like a regional event where some of the regional events will have 70 to 80 participants. Regional events are qualifying events that go to world championship, this is not what this will be, otherwise that would be huge. We don't plan on it being that large.

Mr. McKenney: Now are all 50 people and contestants stay here the whole day or is it kind of in and out.

Mr. Williams: What we usually do, and when we say 50, it may not necessarily be actually 50 people competing, it is 50 dog handler teams, but I myself compete 2 dogs sometimes, so I may, well actually now I only do 1, but my wife competes 2 dogs sometimes, so 1 dog and her is 1 handler team and her and the other dog is another handler team, so actually it could be 30 people here but 50 dog handler teams.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Ms. Williams: And so I guess location is...

Mr. Williams: The park we had our eye on was Halmos Park over on Tom Fox, specifically the field we were looking at was the one at the corner of Tom Fox and I can't remember the other street.

Mr. McKenney: Hughes. Halmos 3 the baseball field.

Mr. Williams: The Soccer/Baseball field, that one, we liked it because it was perfect from the other field, it tends to fit right around the free parking lot, people can access it from all those parking areas except for the really far one in front of the park, people would be willing to walk in, that wouldn't be a problem, and also it is fenced in real nice and also it seems that the green area of the field is large enough. One of the other things that we wanted to discuss about, that we wanted to make sure was ok with the Town was that the field, the competition field be marked with lines and there is markings that are the length of the field and we want to make sure that those markings will be acceptable to be on the field because obviously you use those fields for other events and there are other marks on the fields.

Mr. Carmack: What do you use to mark it with?

Mr. Williams: They usually use a paint, a type of grass friendly paint.

Ms. Williams: It is the same type of paint that the soccer competitors use.

Mr. Williams: Right it is in a dispenser and probably the same stuff that you use. It is usually typically like a nice friendly color like white or they might use yellow or something because what they'll try to do at the different events that we hold, there is different lines we mark, but they will try to do it all in the same space, so they will use white lines for the accuracy part of the competition, but the bull's-eye game they will mark those lines with a different color so that you know, so that the competitors know which lines, but it is all the same spot, that way we are not doing bulls-eye in one, we aren't painting the whole town.

Ms. Williams: And usually it rinses off with rain.

Mr. Williams: Or gets mowed out.

Ms. Williams: And we have in the past, if it looks like the paint is going to be a problem, we have actually used flour and lined the fields with flour, the only problem with that of course is if dogs run across it, the lines get blurred.

Mr. Williams: They typically like to eat it.

Mr. McKenney: So when, I think you said in the spring or no.'

Mr. Williams: The date, we understand that of course you guys probably don't even know what date you are doing things next year either and we don't either. The main reason we wanted to bring it by was because of certain aspects of the competition that we wanted to make sure with the Town Manager here, wanted to make sure the Town would be ok with those things as well as the parks, certain things that we would need to do to make those fields competition ready.

Mr. Behrend: That is one of the things when you are looking at dates because we don't open the fields usually until about April.

Mr. Williams: Ok we wouldn't want a competition before then because it is cold. We'd like it to be a little bit warmer, but we just actually started having events in January but that is in an indoor facility, our first outdoor event is typically April anyway and I believe this year that is April 8, if we do that again it is probably going to be on or around that date, we would like, a lot of times what we try to do is to have 2 events in the same weekend, have a Saturday event and a Sunday event, that way it is worthwhile for people coming out of town, they get more competition out of the weekend.

Mr. Behrend: April is also the start of the baseball season and that is where we get real busy and that is why if we can get dates locked down it helps. January we take permits in.

Mr. Williams: Yeah the lady at the front desk explained that to me and I confirmed it on the phone with somebody.

Mr. Behrend: And then we will go through them all in the spring but baseball really gets a lot of permits.

Mr. Williams: And I went on your website and looked at your softball and baseball schedule and you also have a soccer schedule too.

Mr. Behrend: And lacrosse is coming in.

Mr. Williams: Right and so we were kind of looking and I know it looks like April through June is a pretty busy time, so we could do a July or August event, we also could do a fall event, which it looks like your schedule is pretty decent for the fall, September, October. September is terrible month for us because that is world championship month and we also do other dog sports and it is a big month for some of those events too, so for us personally September is really bad and for the Club it is a really busy month.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah not trying to discourage you, just making you aware.

Mr. Williams: We did look at October though which actually looks like a really good month, it is still probably warm enough and cool enough the dogs are going to be ok with it too and I don't recall you guys having a whole lot going on in October. So October probably would be a really nice month, like the 2nd or 3rd week in October.

Ms. Williams: And our event would be a 1 day event, when he was mentioning the Club likes to do an event here and then an event here for the weekend. So our event would be a 1 day event.

Mr. Williams: Right like the First Dogs of Spring is on a Saturday in Annapolis but if we had our event on Sunday that way people coming out of town would get 2

competitions on the weekend, they wouldn't be coming from New Jersey for one day.

Ms. Williams: And it is not just about us coming and bringing our dogs and leaving, its an awesome spectator sport, it is just so amazing some of the stuff the dogs and the handlers come up with and we always encourage locals to enter if they have a dog that just ate their couch, get that dog doing something, because it is a lot of fun and a bonding social experience. But it is a really good event.

Mr. Williams: And dogs over 9 years old are considered masters and they can compete in like a veterans.

Ms. Williams: It is a really good family event. The type of Club that we belong to is a very social club, a very friendly, welcoming club, we discourage drinking at the event and that type of thing because it is a spectator sport and it is something kind of warm and fuzzy that we like to bring to the Town of Poolesville because we think it would be a lot of fun. I can't tell you how many people I have run into that have these great dogs and I'm like man it would be great to get an event over here.

Mr. McKenney: Well Halmos 3 is actually kind of conducive to that because it's got those 2 berms on the 2 sides you can actually sit on.

Mr. Williams: It is a very closed field, that particular field too, and that is what we liked.

Mr. McKenney: You can sit on the top because I have done it once at baseball games.

Mr. Williams: Right it is a really nice place. And it is very eye catching especially the freestyle stuff, a lot of people like to watch it. And we have a lot of world champions in our club, we have a lot of world finalists including my wife and me, she just won the regional this year as a matter of fact. My daughter won the youth division, which they just started a youth division last year, which is another reason why we wanted to bring this to Poolesville too, because it is something that a lot of kids can get involved in, to do with their pets and we like to show them they can do it too and have a lot of fun. My daughter was the first regional champion for the youth division last year, she won it again this year, and she is going to world championship. We do have levels of competition too at our event, we have a novice division for people just starting out, we have what we call a Double A division, for people like myself who have been competing a long time, we have a youth division for kids, we try to make it very welcoming for not just people that are looking for competitive, because I am a very competitive guy, but we also enjoy, I also remember when I was a novice guy and I didn't play this game very well, and we try to welcome those people too and also welcome the kids, because are going to be the ones running this stuff when we are old and gray and can't move anymore. So we like to get the whole family involved. So the Town of Poolesville is a nice family town.

Mr. Carmack: You are only getting a pass for one day and it is going to be Sunday.

Mr. Williams: It could be Saturday too.

Mr. Carmack: Well I know from the baseball schedules that Sundays are the days that the coaches don't like to schedule practices. We always try to have some fields available but in April a single day Sunday probably would not have any problem.

Mr. Williams: It seemed like all the softball stuff was on Saturday and all your soccer stuff was on Sunday, so during soccer season we might be able to get a Saturday, but that also tends to be in the hotter months and a lot of times people

won't want to come out for a Frisbee event in August because it gets really hot, we avoid it if we can.

Mr. McKenney: We can't guarantee and we have to try to be as fair as we can but if you are looking for one day versus a league looking for an entire season, that is two different things, and I think it would be reasonable to expect that we could accommodate a one day situation, can't guarantee it but it kind of makes sense. A couple of obvious questions that we haven't touched on, how do you take care of things, if you are looking at 9 to 6 you are going to have to have some level of facility for humans as well as the dogs.

Mr. Williams: Right and that is part of what we wanted to talk to you about. I believe I saw a restroom building out there near Halmos Park.

Mr. McKenney: Yes on the other side of the soccer field.

Mr. Williams: We wanted to know if that would be open, is that something open and available for use while we are there? I am an animal control officer for the County, nobody is pooping on this field without picking it up.

Mr. Behrend: Preston will thank you.

Mr. Williams: That's not going to happen and I will tell you right now our procurement director and our chief director they are usually the ones that come out and the procurement director is usually our announcer, I guarantee you he is going to be telling people to pick their stuff up, if he catches wind of it, he is not going to let that happen either.

Ms. Williams: This is a very responsible club, when we pack up our tents and our crates and we walk off that field, you are not going to know anybody was there, because it is extremely important, not only to the club but we try to only do these things on a yearly basis and come back and if we left a reputation that says oh my gosh you people destroyed my fields and there was poop everywhere, so it is something that we are very responsible about and even aside from the club we are the event holders, we consider it our responsibility to walk back behind everybody once the event is done. We have to answer to you guys, we live here. And like I said that relationship forever holds another in Poolesville, but yeah exactly...

Mr. Williams: I can assure you that that part will be done.

Ms. Williams: And the club itself, we have used tons of parks in different counties in Maryland and we can provide references if you guys would prefer that. We have never, ever not been asked back.

Mr. Williams: We have chosen not to go back, but we have never not been asked back.

Mr. McKenney: What does the Town need, do you need anything...

Mr. Williams: One thing the Town is probably going to want to know is yes we are insured also.

Mr. Behrend: Very good.

Mr. Williams: That is one thing that we definitely have.

Mr. King: I have one question for you. Do you ever put on little displays for, like we have Farmers Markets here and we have a dog show, a demonstration because we have a coordinator and she is always looking for events to tie in with the farmers market and I think we could rope an area...

Mr. Williams: One of the fields we actually considered to try to hold an event was right out here too, only reason we didn't ask for that was because it doesn't have enough parking and if we get a huge turnout of competitors it is going to be tough, if we have to find places to park as well as spectators, that is why Halmos Park seemed to be the one park that just had multiple parking. Which also brings me to another question too, in regards to the parking if for some reason the parking facilities are filled up, is off street parking an issue for that neighborhood.

Mr. King: It is and normally when we have an event of your size come in, we require you guys to either post it or have volunteers to make sure nobody parks on Hughes Road.

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Mr. Williams: And of course that would also be effective if there is another event going on, on one of the other fields.

Mr. Behrend: To give you another option for parking as well is to go to the Catholic Church.

Mr. King: Now do you have vendors with food or anything come in?

Mr. Williams: Sometimes we do, we probably wouldn't out here.

Ms. Williams: We have done events before where people know to bring their own coolers.

Mr. King: I'm just saying in that area we only have one or two trashcans.

Mr. Williams: Typically we do not have a vendor.

Mr. King: And you guys pull your own trash?

Ms. Williams: Yes.

Mr. McKenney: I mean there is enough businesses within town close enough that if you talk to two or three of them they may do something to bring something over to you.

Mr. Williams: A lot of people bring their own stuff or go into Town to buy something, so we probably wouldn't do a vendor.

Ms. Williams: You actually brought up a question in my mind, as far as the cleanup and whatnot the trash afterwards and that type of thing, are there trash receptacles with bags in them and do we just need to take the bags away or like what are your requirements on that?

Mr. King: We have cans and we empty them on a regular basis but you get 50 people there, there could be excess overflow. Actually if you just bag them and tie them and sit them next to the trashcans that normally suffices, especially on a Sunday, we will get them Monday morning.

Ms. Williams: Ok.

Mr. Williams: So the parks as long as we clean up and bag it, the parks will dispose of it. Do you supply the bags or do we need to bring them?

Mr. King: You guys handle the bags.

Mr. Williams: Ok.

Mr. McKenney: I know with respect to parking on our activities, generally Sunday would probably be the easier day for parking then not.

Mr. McKenney: Only once do I ever recall a parking issue over there and it was a baseball tournament when those guys came down from New Jersey and New York, it

was a huge tournament, that was the only time I saw an issue, otherwise those parking lots can pretty much accommodate anything that is going on.

Mr. Williams: Now my guess is we would tend to have more people if we are having our event back up to another event we are having somewhere in the Washington area, like if we are having a Sunday event and they have another event on Saturday, so again we might tend to have more people, making it worth their while for out of towners. Other than that, if it is just us that weekend it will probably be relatively small the first time, and each year it could grow.

Mr. McKenney: Like Preston said, Hughes Road is a problem, you got to be careful where you park there, we have some no parking areas and those would have to be respected. Tom Fox and the subdivision, we don't have any restrictions but being, just be respectful of grass and stuff and try not to park where it is already dirt or where there is no grass and so forth.

Ms. Williams: This leads to another point as far as the grass in the park itself, do they fields roughly a little more than 50 yards long, probably 50 yards wide and then usually in tens along the side in straight lines so everybody can see what is going on, are there problems with staking the tents down in case it is windy?

Mr. Williams: A lot of fields have underground irrigation systems so we...

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Ms. Williams: And we would have access to restrooms you said?

Mr. McKenney: Yes. So long as we know that you need them open, I mean often permits are just the field not field and concession area, which is what this would be.

Mr. Williams: What, if any, is the fee for permitting, is there a fee of any kind?

Mr. Behrend: I think for the concession stand there is, there is a deposit fee of \$200.00.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah there is either a 200 or \$250.00, which if everything is fine we give back at the end.

Mr. Carmack: There is also a pavilion there right next to a covered area.

Mr. Behrend: But that would be the whole other end of Halmos 3.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah you'd be better off just to put your tents up.

Mr. McKenney: And there probably some, to the extent that you don't need to have a tent within the fenced area, there is some area on the outside of the outfield that is probably level enough for your pop up canopy thing.

Mr. Williams: If anything we tend to round the field and if that is all filled up people will tent behind them. And if that is filled up we will tent behind that and put all the dogs in the rear tent and we will all sit in the front tent so we can watch.

Ms. Williams: Do you all have any questions for us?

Mr. Carmack: The big thing is when do they put their permit in, if they go by the normal one it is January 1.

Mr. McKenney: But those are for leagues.

Mr. Williams: We would probably know, we would have to know our dates probably by then anyway because our Club is planning a calendar, we are planning our calendar ahead of time.

Ms. Williams: Our fiscal year for our club starts next month.

Mr. McKenney: And you are looking at one time, not one time, but one limited event as opposed to coaches and leagues coming in looking for entire seasons.

Mr. William: Yeah we are just looking for one date and hopefully we could get that date every year if things go well.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah as soon as you get that, fill out the permit, I don't even know if you need to come back, maybe, make yourself available with the permit, you will come back and say we were here 3 months ago remember us, and yada yada and you need anything?

Mr. Yost: No that is it, as it gets closer to the time and you nail down a date this information will go out to the folks in town as well as the merchants and I will get your information that you can pass out to those folks so we can let everybody else know.

Mr. King: And I'll have her contact you, Cathy Bupp contact you.

Mr. Williams: We can leave our phone numbers.

Mr. King: Is it on here.

Mr. Williams: I did not put it on here. That is the officers of the club so our information is not on here but we can get you ours.

Mr. King: That would be great and she can give you a call, and I think that would be a perfect tie in with the farmers market and dog show.

Mr. Williams: Around what time of year?

Mr. King: Actually June, early June, I think the first one is in June.

Mr. Williams: Late June or early June? Our regional qualifier for the world championships are usually the 2nd to last or last week of June.

Mr. King: Well we have four farmers markets. I'm just saying that was one but she schedules events for all four things so if you are busy in June but maybe July or August.

Ms. Williams: Ok sure that would be great.

Mr. King: And it could be kind of a lead in to your thing also.

Mr. Carmack: When is the next farmers market, because if they have it in April they are not going to get one in before.

Mr. McKenney: We are probably looking, I would say the fall date is probably the better one. We have to get with our club and make sure that that date will work. It just seems like October is cleaner for you guys.

Mr. King: Right now you being a single day, you can almost pick, it doesn't matter April through October.

Mr. Williams: I would probably rather do Saturday so if it means getting a Saturday in October I might do that, if it is going to be a Sunday in April, so both months are nice cool months.

Ms. Williams: So at this point then permitting is going to allow us, whether or not we know we even have use of the park or are we saying yes we will have use of the park, we just have to work out dates?

Mr. McKenney: Basically yes but I think we need the date first, fill out the permit, then we need to make sure there is no conflicts that cannot be overcome.

Mr. Williams: Our main purpose of coming here today was to make sure that you understood what event, because I imagine you don't have a whole lot of dog events at your parks, and that is a problem for people so we wanted to make sure that there will be dogs running around, so we want to make sure people are ok with it, you

guys are ok with that, and that the neighborhood is not going to have a problem with something like that and that kind of stuff.

Mr. McKenney: Most everybody that pulls permits for coaches and athletics and stuff like that is usually able to be approached and say hey we have this going on can you accommodate so I can't guarantee your date but odds are pretty good we can find a way to work things out.

Mr. Williams: I will try to come with a couple, two or three dates.

Mr. McKenney: That would be all the better. All right great looking forward to it, thank you.

Mr. Williams: Thank you we will definitely get back to you on final information.

Mr. McKenney: I take it, it is too late to schedule it for this year though right, for October of this year?

Mr. Williams: That might be possible we do have a couple free weekends in October right now. I would have to talk to the club and find out if we could put another event in.

Ms. Williams: Right now the 8th and the 22nd are the only ones vacant.

Mr. Behrend: If you do another one in October get a permit into us quickly because we have to deal with it at our October meeting, or we will do it by mail.

Mr. Williams: They are looking to put another event this year on the calendar.

Mr. McKenney: If it were this October we would have to probably approach a coach or two, but 9 times out of 10 they will find a way around it.

Mr. Behrend: Ok great thank you.

Mr. Williams: All right thanks a lot, I appreciate your talking to us.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you. All right Streetscape.

Mr. Yost: All right streetscape has a whole lot of elements and it spans from West Willard Road down to Wootton and beyond. So the challenges we are facing now, we have \$80,000.00 this year that is slated to be spent and we have never sat down and prioritized ok do we try to do crosswalks first or try to do streetlights first, do we just try to concentrate on Norris Road or right here in front of Whalen Commons and get something done, so these are the kind of ideas we need to kind of toss around and then one important part of it that we talked about already was when Tom Kettler came in with his signs and that is a good place to start too because that has to go through the whole design phase, which a lot of that stuff could fall into because the banners will go on the streetlights, so it is all tied together. So we just start here on West Willard you can see that we have a brick crosswalk, they probably won't be brick, they will probably be a stamped asphalt or some type of material, again with the four way stop, we were initially looking at raising it, the state didn't like that idea so this is what we have now. And along in front of Town Hall that gets built out all with the same type of material. You see the sidewalk going down there, that is really incorrect and I need to fix that, John Strong placed a brick sidewalk in there, we will not be having a brick sidewalk there. As we get down to Norris Road, the Post Office on one side we do have one real big challenge, obviously putting in streetlights from Norris up is going to be very difficult, but on this piece of property here, which is Mr. Goldberg's property he owns the whole property out to the roadway, so we can't do any improvements until we get his

blessings and right of ways, of course he can't build anything or do anything to his property until we get that also.

Mr. Carmack: He is building right now.

Mr. Yost: A shed doesn't constitute building enough to get right of ways. Inside doesn't count either. Coming to get the site plan to be developed through the Planning Commission would trigger the mechanisms to grant a right of way. In any event, the Streetscape Plan does show this being cut off and a sidewalk and curb and gutter straight down here with no entrances, he wants to get an entrance here and he says he is going to fight for it. Once we do improvements here the state most likely from what the engineers have told us will take this entrance, exit, away because the line of sight is a hill that is right up here, you really can't see as you are coming out. So that is one challenge we need to get over before we can do any of the improvements, once we start going down this way toward this side of the road where the cornfield is, nothing is probably going to happen there for some time, but again street trees, sidewalks and streetlights are planned to go along here.

Mr. McKenney: What is that yellow strip is that sidewalks?

Mr. Yost: That is sidewalks.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Yost: And that is what this should be over here also.

Mr. Pike: That would be concrete and not brick right?

Mr. Yost: Correct. And at least a 5-foot sidewalk, maybe 6.

Mr. Pike: Part of the trail.

Mr. Behrend: We said earlier this year or last year for ADA 5 foot would be our standard.

Mr. Yost: Yeah minimum. And then once we get out here in front of Town Hall we are looking at some crosswalks on both sides. We talked about maybe putting street trees in here along time ago and I think that we decided to take them out, actually we have streetlights that go along here on both sides of the street and there is a crosswalk missing right here. And then the same thing follows down, bike lanes were actually right and the curb goes along this section here, next to Tim is like a 4 foot or 5 foot bike, one lane, that strip there and then going down to here the Planning Commission kind of just wanted to float this idea to keep it in here, they have really been wanting to keep this section ---. And this is actually engineered mountable curbs so that trucks and buses and stuff can get though, tractors, without any problems.

Mr. McKenney: Well I am in favor of that far more than the alternative that is up there.

Mr. Yost: Yeah because this right here can create a third lane, similar to what is up on Cattail Road right now between the elementary school and your property.

Mr. Behrend: The fewer lanes we create the better.

Mr. Yost: Right.

Mr. Pike: Didn't we look at the lower one before?

Mr. McKenney: We did but there was certain individuals that put it back hard, but I guess its still surviving.

Mr. Yost: That is right, Parks Board blessed it, Planning Commission blessed it and the Commissioners shot it down. They are warming up to it quite a bit with more

and more that are coming in and actually the issue of the crossing guard and how that would be facilitated.

Mr. Pike: I thought we never had enough room on that.

Mr. Yost: There is enough room and when we approved the Asuncion property over the Jamison townhouses we made sure we had enough, we actually made them give us more right of way so this can be in place. We had to pay for the land on this side here, but the other two corners we don't. So that is it in a nutshell as far as the Streetscape Plan goes.

Mr. Behrend: The green circles are the streetlights right?

Mr. Yost: No those are actually new street trees.

Mr. Behrend: Trees ok.

Mr. Yost: Smaller ones which are really difficult to see, those little dots on here.

Mr. McKenney: The little red dots, are the red dots lights, streetlights.

Mr. Yost: Yeah.

Mr. Behrend: Always being a bugaboo about streetlights, what is the minimum we need to get by with?

Mr. Yost: They will be spaced probably about 100 foot apart, they will be LED, they will be nice guide lights, they will be exactly this right here, they will be 16 to 18 foot, exactly what we have in the parking lot here. The top is...

Mr. Behrend: We aren't shooting into the sky.

Mr. Pike: Is there a requirement of how far from a tree?

Mr. Yost: What we want to do, we want to ultimately have street trees...

Mr. Behrend: We don't want the trees blocking...

Mr. Yost: Yeah that is one thing we need to work on is spacing them and I don't have that answer for you right now, but once we get into it and say we want the streetlights ok then we need to really mark it out and try to do it without tearing up curbs and entrances to businesses.

Mr. Pike: So the last thing we really did was the sidewalks right all the way down?

Mr. Yost: Yes.

Mr. Pike: So we have been working on it.

Mr. McKenney: Well that was phase whatever, this is the next one.

Mr. Behrend: How many are you planning to put along the park here?

Mr. Yost: No plan yet.

Mr. Behrend: CEDC has a plan, I know that.

Mr. Yost: No.

Mr. Behrend: They said it before how many they want. At one point it came up and they wanted lights all the way around the park.

Mr. Pike: That was in the old administration.

Mr. Behrend: I never forget.

Mr. Carmack: Do you work from a budget and then figure out how much you can do or do you look at how much you want to do and then develop a budget?

Mr. Yost: I think that the similar goal we did with the sidewalks along time ago, we said ok we want to tackle Spurrier Avenue first, we want to do Hoskinson, and Hughes. Same thing here if you want to do a section and number it out and do the streetlights and the banners first or the crosswalks first, it is kind of a, we could pay for it a couple different ways but we need to have some kind of a phasing to

implement. What gets done first, we don't have that plan so we are sitting on \$80,000.00 right now, we would probably be able to add to it, with this closeout we had about \$350,000.00 extra leftover, some of that money is going to go towards the construction for the water plant.

Mr. Carmack: Would you lean toward doing a section where you are doing streetlights, trees, and crosswalks or try to get all the lights done at one time versus...

Mr. Yost: I think, well in my mind, once we walk it, it actually if you think about when you are going through Poolesville there are some little challenges like I said down close, we could take a section in front of Whalen Commons and let's see what it would be like to be done, put the lights in, have the banners and lights and trash receptacles and have a complete section so people can say wow.

Mr. Behrend: I was sitting in the room here that talked about the streetscape when it was first proposed, we did hear bury the line, that is expensive I know that. But I heard that is \$50,000.00 a pole so...

Mr. Yost: Just to move a pole yes.

Mr. Behrend: But to take a pole out and bury the line is \$50,000.00, this pole to that one is \$50,000.00. But I know the ultimate goal for streetscape is to get rid of the wires.

Mr. Yost: It is. Or if you look in the Master Plan, John Strong actually took photos of the Town and took them out, which looks really wide and big.

Mr. Behrend: It would look great.

Mr. Strong: (Inaudible).

Mr. Behrend: We are talking a million dollars. The whole idea is end to end town so you are talking roughly a million dollars.

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Mr. Behrend: Understood, that is the ultimate goal.

Mr. McKenney: That would be great and I was thinking kind of the same thing but instead of starting at Whalen I was thinking we start with the circle for example and that would be like the entrance and go up from there.

Mr. Yost: I not only say that because really this has become kind of the centerpiece of the whole town.

Mr. McKenney: Or you can have this the centerpiece and you build a new entrance, however you want to pitch it.

Mr. Yost: But we have \$80,000.00.

Mr. McKenney: What can we do with \$80,000.00?

Mr. Yost: Exactly.

Mr. McKenney: We can bury a cable from here to here.

Mr. Yost: I did do an RFP up and sent it out to a bunch of different design companies and this is the only one that came back in that was able to do both. And actually this lady, her company has done sign work for the town and several other towns.

Mr. McKenney: Do both meaning sign and lights?

Mr. Yost: Well the banners for the lights, the design we will use for everything, could be used for letterhead, banners, park entrance signs, to everything, everything will be this all through town and way finding signs eventually also. So if you like to

go to Leesburg they have some great signage there. We'd like to get that feeling here.

Mr. Pike: So this is the design of the actual...

Mr. Yost: No the total would be \$13,750 for the design, at least 3 meetings with us and the Commissioners actually. The RFP had to do several meetings with this Board as well as the Planning Commission and the Commissioners, and then we can go on to replacing the existing signs into town, which are pretty worn right now and not very visible.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah within the 15 to 20 year range.

Mr. Yost: So we added the banners for the light poles and then the way finding, we really don't know exactly what the way finding is going to be yet, that is going to be part of the end design when she comes out here and takes a look, because there are several way finding signs that are out there now, I think I had a presentation about a year ago of the Halmos Park, Stevens Park, the Library, somehow they are all tied in a nice format. But this would be a good start and we have the funds to do it. I don't know how you guys feel about that.

Mr. McKenney: This includes replacing the signs.

Mr. Yost: Exactly.

Mr. McKenney: Wow.

Mr. Yost: Wait a second, no it doesn't, I'm sorry. There is another price for the actual construction of the signs, you are right, this is everything but we have to have them made.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Carmack: So what do we do with the rest of the money?

Mr. McKenney: \$13,700.00 isn't all of it, we need \$13,700.00 plus the sign itself.

Mr. Carmack: When you said you wanted to know how you guys feel about this, are you talking about because this was the only person that came in, how do we feel about this, or how do we feel about the whole...

Mr. Yost: The concept of it all and how we are going to approach it.

Mr. Carmack: Ok so you are not asking about making a recommendation or decision on going with this particular...

Mr. Yost: Well that too, either way.

Mr. McKenney: You put the RFP out to how many?

Mr. Yost: We advertised it like we do all the other jobs. We had people call and inquire about it, but this was the only bid that came in.

Mr. Carmack: How do you advertise it?

Mr. Yost: I don't recall how we did this one here, sometimes the Post, sometimes --- Maryland, depending on what...

Mr. Carmack: Got it.

Mr. McKenney: So to 1A and 1B what is the difference?

Mr. Yost: They were going to make sure that they incorporated the Old Town Hall.

Mr. McKenney: The Old Town Hall or the current Town Hall sign.

Mr. Yost: Oh I am sorry, the new Town Hall sign that is out here in front.

Mr. McKenney: Right so instead of creating 3 new designs they were going to base something off the current town hall sign and then everything else was pretty much the same right?

Mr. Yost: Yep.

Mr. Pike: So the 13 comes down.

Mr. Yost: And it would you are right.

Mr. McKenney: It would go down by \$2,500.00.

Mr. Behrend: The difference is provide design after approval if needed, 5 to 10 hours and there is your difference of time, electronic --- all signage needed.

Mr. Yost: Which is pretty impossible.

Mr. McKenney: Then how much to install, I guess that depends on how much we want installed right?

Mr. Yost: That is exactly right.

Mr. McKenney: How far does \$80,000.00 get us? I mean that is what we are talking about, at least at the moment.

Mr. Carmack: Is this something that we can get state money for, state roads?

Mr. Yost: No that is limited to trails now. The only thing we can get it for is trails, bridges, major roadway construction.

Mr. Carmack: How come they won't help with the signage on the main roads?

Mr. Yost: Grants are dried up right now. We did apply for a grant but it got turned down, \$10,000.00 from Montgomery Heritage. That is why this project didn't come back to you guys yet, because we have seen this, we applied for the grant money, we waited and waited and finally it got turned down. That is why it is back to you now. I think that it was at least put in \$10,000.00 and we are supposed to match that, and then \$20,000.00 was going to get the 6 signs replaced and designs. So it is not the \$13,000.00.

Mr. McKenney: So it would be about 20 with this and the 6 signs?

Mr. Yost: Yep.

Mr. Pike: What would it buy us in security?

Mr. Yost: That is next. You know what is funny, my hometown of Rippin, the town my parents live in now, they have cameras all over the town up on these high poles, all over town, they can see every vehicle that comes in and out, if anything happens they see it.

Mr. Pike: What state is this?

Mr. Yost: California.

Mr. McKenney: Baltimore has got an interesting area and they had them on the corners, they actually set police on them, it was kind of weird.

Mr. Brown: Wade is there a (inaudible) or are we just going to make a recommendation that one section is where (inaudible).

Mr. Yost: I need to do some homework on that but that is why I wanted to get a feel or direction, if you wanted to just do a section, what section would that be?

Mr. Pike: I say right here, Town Hall is here, Whalen.

Mr. Behrend: Spread out from here.

Mr. McKenney: Do we even go to the extent of burying lines for the first section, or is that something that ends up being more cost effective if you just do the whole thing at once.

Mr. Yost: I think ideally we would like to have that, how realistic is it, I don't know.

Mr. Brown: What is it you want to do there?

Mr. Behrend: Bury the lines. Jim and I are doing that side conversation and Cathy is going to have the multiple conversations part, that would be 5 or 600,000 to actually to do the area we need, rather than the mil. I mean that is something for capital improvements, that is 2 sidewalk sections, not that I want to do away with it, but Tom Fox sidewalk improvements that is half of it right there and I think that is a higher priority than this, but I am just saying that is where our funds, if you juggle them around year to year.

Mr. McKenney: If we are limiting the burying cables in the CBD.

Mr. Brown: (Inaudible).

Mr. Yost: Yeah you wouldn't even make your signs until spring or early summer.

Mr. Behrend: That could be done semi independently of everything else.

Mr. Yost: Yeah its not like we have to make this decision tonight.

Mr. Pike: Can you put up Whalen Commons for a second?

Mr. Carmack: Let me ask you a question \$600,000.00 is a lot of money, what else could you do, just say burying the lines would be very nice, but what else could you do with \$600,000.00?

Mr. Pike: Probably most of the streetscape.

Mr. Yost: For \$600,000.00 you certainly could line streetlights up and down quite a bit of the street, have your banners up, have all new signage up, some of the park benches, trying to think of what additional curbing that could be built down by Tim's office, in that area.

Mr. Behrend: You've got lights on power poles.

Mr. Yost: Yeah they would be gone.

Mr. Behrend: Ok point being you've got power poles sitting there, you could put a light right next to it, or somewhere within the vicinity of it. I mean part of it is aesthetics that have been hammered out for years, but then part of the streetscape is driver streetscape, so if you are going to put new lamps in but you are leaving these old power poles up, you just ruined your whole thing.

Mr. Pike: But we don't have the money for it.

Mr. Behrend: Well I understand, that is why it hasn't been done.

Mr. McKenney: But the risk you run then is people saying well geez you spend all this money and look it still looks whatever, or it doesn't look any better, or now it even looks worse.

Mr. Carmack: Well when the people say from the church all the way up to 109 and you did your lights and your flags versus one section of burying, because people what they have to say for that, I understand but...

Mr. Behrend: The original estimate for the whole streetscape 15 years ago was 5 million dollars, end to end, and the plan is end to end, not just the CBD, we started with the CBD because we have rights of way mostly. When Whalen fell into our hands that started it.

Mr. Carmack: So if it was 5 million 15 years ago...

Mr. Behrend: Roughly, you are talking 7 to 10.

Mr. Carmack: I mean at some point you realistically ask could we ever afford to do it the right way, the whole way.

Mr. Behrend: That is why you have to plan your chunks appropriately, and maybe this year we spend \$600,000.00 to bury power lines and you spend \$600,000.00 the

next year to do other stuff and spread it even further. I mean that is the problem, you can only do this in bite size chunks, unless Warren Buffet decides to give us a grant of a billion dollars, it ain't happening.

Mr. Carmack: How much have we spent on streetscape in the 15 years that we've talked about it?

Mr. Pike: Sidewalks, Whalen.

Mr. Yost: Sidewalks...

Mr. Behrend: That was taken into account, streetscape was taken into account with Whalen, burying the power lines is part of that. And how the look of the park was, was part of the streetscape, we did incorporate all that in.

Mr. Pike: Wade up there what can we do for \$60,000.00, roughly?

Mr. Yost: Definitely do the crosswalks and we could actually get money for that, because that is a safety of State Highway.

Mr. Carmack: I don't see the red dots.

Mr. Behrend: When it was first proposed it was even look at the fire hydrants, look at the garbage cans, the looks of benches, everything, like I said aesthetics drive it.

Mr. Yost: \$600,000.00 is not a realistic chunk you are going to put away per year.

Mr. Behrend: No I understand.

Mr. Yost: \$50,000.00 maybe \$100,000.00 toward streetscape is more likely, so if you are going to just wait and try to do power lines at one time, you are better off trying to get a low interest loan and borrow a million dollars to do it.

Mr. Pike: You mean do it now or down the road?

Mr. McKenney: Well interest rates are really low now.

Mr. Yost: When you take the poles down obviously all the streetlights will disappear so you have to have lights in place.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah so take the low interest loan and we put a million dollars, either way you do raise the money to do it in one shot.

Mr. Yost: You'll never save up the money that will never happen.

Mr. Behrend: Well this Commission could be well intentioned and good and ok we are going to put this money aside, the next Commission could say hey there is a pot of \$500,000.00 sitting there I could use. It happens all the time and you can't bind the next Commission.

Mr. Brown: What about just burying power lines in the most graphically heinous area which is right up there?

Mr. Behrend: Towards Elgin?

Mr. Brown: Right.

Mr. Yost: That is your most expensive area.

Mr. Brown: I hear you on the loans and everything else, etc., but I think...

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Mr. Carmack: There has got to be some other advantages to buried power lines.

Mr. Yost: Preston won't have to put up the Christmas lights.

Mr. Behrend: There is a maintenance issue because you don't have wires opened exposed to the weather and that is one reason new developments have been burying them because originally not just the aesthetics but the weather, you don't run into trees blowing out the line, Pepco would love that, so there is a technical

reason for it, but the biggest one has always been aesthetics, which is a hard sell, because people don't see it, until they don't see it.

Mr. Carmack: Couldn't you say that they are a hazard, that they are unsafe.

Mr. Behrend: I didn't say that but they could be yes. I know we have had issues with --- during Poolesville Day, last year we had to lift those (inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: You could write it any way you want to but driving into a telephone pole is probably significantly different than hitting a streetlight.

Mr. Behrend: Yes and that is the reason we now have a closed circuit because there was one pole out on 28 that kept getting hit and it would take the town down about 10 years, 12 years ago. That is why we got Allegheny Power. So yes there is a safety issue in there. No one is really going to see it right away but yes you could.

Mr. Brown: Well we can think small but that is probably all we have money for.

Mr. Pike: We got \$60,000.00.

Mr. Yost: Well we aren't going to solve it tonight but at least we can get into our heads if we walk it next month and think about it.

Mr. McKenney: Does everybody feel comfortable with going forward with the signage? I mean if everybody feels comfortable there is no sense in waiting, and we said alright its going to be 20 for that, we have 60 left, keep that in mind for while we are going up in town.

Mr. Yost: And within the next month or so we will know if more is going to be added to that kitty or not, because those bids are coming in for the alpha treatment and they are going to finish that, so we will know how much money we have.

Mr. Pike: How bout the raised sidewalks.

Mr. Yost: Which sidewalks?

Mr. McKenney: You mean the crosswalks?

Mr. Pike: Crosswalks sorry.

Mr. Yost: You are right and John gave me some prices on those, I need to look it up, they are not very expensive and we have looked at some that have been in place for 12 years.

Mr. Pike: Is it feasible for \$60,000.00 to do all of those crosswalks all the way down?

Mr. Yost: I don't know but I will have an answer for you.

Mr. Behrend: They are the ones that actually came in originally, that is a traffic calming thing.

Mr. Yost: Remember we went through the whole deal and we had to get construction drawings like this to submit to the state and get in line for the grant.

Mr. Behrend: And the grant dried up and disappeared.

Mr. Pike: Doug what do you think about crosswalks the whole way?

Mr. McKenney: What with the 60?

Mr. Pike: Yeah.

Mr. McKenney: I'd be fine with that.

Mr. Yost: If you guys make that a priority for the budget, lets say we don't have all 60 we need more to it, that gives me the ambition to go forward and try to find some grant monies (inaudible) it would make it easier for me to get grants, I mean we are showing the effort.

Mr. Carmack: (Inaudible).

Mr. Pike: I don't think the burying the lines will happen for awhile.

Mr. Yost: The curb line there may change.

Mr. Behrend: And that is another issue in itself.

Mr. Pike: Well maybe not touch that until we decide.

Mr. Yost: Well either way that is very expensive there.

Mr. McKenney: To make a circle right. How much is it to refurbish that intersection, make it raised, put all the fancy stuff in.

Mr. Yost: Those aren't really the raised ones. The circle is going to be like \$700,000.00.

Mr. Carmack: (Inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: The other reason years ago why we talked about putting that in was traffic calming and particularly right there in front of the school.

Mr. Pike: What is going to happen to the Jamison property, is that going to be developed this year or next year?

Mr. Yost: They are still going through the process trying to get the impact fees waived.

Mr. Pike: And now we have a new sidewalk there.

Mr. Yost: Yeah they will extend it back, certainly that is where a bicycle lane comes in there, they will put street trees out there. That sidewalk is actually right at the same level going across there.

Mr. Behrend: It would be raised curb and gutter.

Mr. Yost: Yep way back off the road.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah it would look pretty.

Mr. Carmack: Do you need a recommendation for the crosswalks?

Mr. Yost: If you guys want but there is no rush.

Mr. Brown: (Inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: You think we can get all the crosswalks done for 60?

Mr. Yost: I don't know I will find out though.

Mr. McKenney: I'd hate to say we could have gotten all of it done for 80 but we took the 20 for signs and 60 for this and we got half of this and half of that.

Mr. Pike: We could always get some done and finish it later.

Mr. Behrend: And later never comes.

Mr. Pike: Is that in the Master Plan, that intersection?

Mr. Yost: This is the Master Plan sheet.

Mr. McKenney: I mean it is up to you guys, I can't...

Mr. Yost: And on these designs, I will type these up and will get hard costs on.

Mr. McKenney: Jim you said you think this is the high side of reasonable, is there a way for us to lever that at all to bring it in.

Mr. Carmack: Well if it is 20 you think it is going to come in at 10.

Mr. McKenney: Well if it comes in at 17 or 18 that is 2 grand.

Mr. Carmack: But its not going to come in at half right.

Mr. Brown: That would be up to Wade if he wanted to come back and say hey look we want these things specifically, here is really what our budget is, do you want to...

Mr. Yost: I certainly could but I could go in there and say I just want to work on those 6 signs right now and not even do the banners and stuff, it is only 1250 to design it.

Mr. Brown: Well what it will also do is allow Wade to really establish a relationship (inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: Now you just need to repeat that so Cathy can type it into the minutes, you are too far away from the mic. So lets see Wade is going to take a look at the signage and narrow it down to the 6 signs that we are looking at first and then help establish a working relationship and see where things go and then you also will get ballparks on the crosswalks right, is that what we just said, and see if we can, see what we can do with what we have.

Mr. Yost: I feel obligated to share with you a thought from the Planning Commission Chairman, George Coakley, somewhere he was visiting a town and they had running lights on either side of the crosswalk and a sensor so when someone walked up to it, the lights would blink going across the road.

Mr. Brown: They have those in Shepherdstown.

Mr. Yost: Do they match the character that we are trying to build here?

Mr. Brown: Oh I don't think so.

Mr. King: They are discrete until they come on, you don't see them unless they come on and once they are off you don't even know they are there. I thought there were some down in Bethesda, there is something local, it is just a white light and you walk across and then as soon as the motion stops, it looks just like part of the road, it is not raised or anything.

Mr. McKenney: But now what is the purpose, is it so that the crosswalk is lit for the pedestrian or so that it's for the cars.

Mr. King: You are lit, you are very visible, I think that is what it is designed for and if you are in that crosswalk you are very visible.

Mr. Yost: So I don't know but I just thought I would throw it out there because he has been talking about it for a while.

Mr. McKenney: Do we have any idea what it costs.

Mr. Yost: I have no idea, I could ask.

Mr. Behrend: I'd hate to have rules written in blood, the State Highway guys sit here going how do you sleep with yourself waiting for a kid to die to get a stop light at Wootton and Fisher, because that is what it is going to take, somebody to die there before they will do anything.

Mr. McKenney: There is probably a certain level of reasonableness here, you wouldn't necessarily have to put them in every crosswalk but maybe the ones across Fisher, that might be a consideration, because that is higher traffic flow and a longer wider street, I don't know.

Mr. Pike: I got a question, what do they do during the day, can you see the lights, probably not right?

Mr. Brown: You can see it during the day. The main street as you drive through Shepherdstown (inaudible) and all they do when somebody approaches it, the little strips about the length of two of my fingers right here, they barely are visible from ground level and as soon as they come in they just flash, and that is all there is to it.

Mr. McKenney: Is it light enough for a pedestrian at night?

Mr. Brown: No you would just be able to see from a car.

Mr. McKenney: You would see the light in the road.

Mr. Pike: And the pedestrian would be lit up.

Mr. Brown: The pedestrian would not be lit up, it is very, very, and it's almost like a reflector.

Mr. Yost: I'll see what I can find on that.

Mr. Brown: (Inaudible).

Mr. Yost: Well next time we will get serious about it and I will have John here, John Strong.

Mr. Behrend: Are you still talking about having the cut through as well.

Mr. Yost: No they actually use the same material, they make a white...

Mr. Behrend: Because originally the whole idea was to have the --- in there.

Mr. Yost: And we will probably get stuck with the maintenance of the ones that are on the state highway also. They look pretty tough, they look like snowplows weren't tearing them up, it had been a long time on the main street.

Mr. Brown: Is there not some other plan, do you have any other plan in mind that would surround Whalen Commons or try to finish Whalen Commons and expanding outward, is there any other --- because we have done something now that will help us (inaudible).

Mr. Yost: Really the only other two things are the streetlights and street trees. Can't do the banners until the streetlights are up. And really I've not paid attention or noticed when I've gone into Leesburg or somewhere to see if they have both lights and poles, I don't know, but I will start looking now when I go anyplace for light poles as well as the power poles.

Mr. Brown: Oh ok they definitely have them. The definitely have...

Mr. Yost: But I don't have a vision of what...

Mr. Brown: They do help dedicate (inaudible) they can be really nice.

Mr. Behrend: Again the aesthetics that is what drives a lot of it. Of course like I said nobody has seen it so they don't see it, nobody thought when we looked at Whalen oh no that is whatever, everybody loves it now, even my \$3,000.00 rock that I heard people criticize, people now say oh that is a nice thing to have there. But that is what the whole vision for streetscape was, was looking 20 years in the future, 50 years in the future, what do we want the town to look like, because it is going to take us 20 to 50 years to finish it. The town paid 3 grand for that rock yes.

Mr. Yost: Andy Johnson found the rock I heard. I didn't go, he actually went and picked it up.

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Mr. Yost: Lets take a look at the park.

Mr. McKenney: Stevens Park isn't it the contract.

Mr. Yost: Yeah it is, Stevens Park. I have a chart here, really all the bids came in very close, everybody was very tight, everybody came and visited the site, walked it, called me or Preston out there, and you can see they are all pretty good as far as size, and the equipment, everybody was right on with the equipment.

Mr. Pike: Sparks doesn't have drainage.

Mr. Yost: Two of them don't and the two that always put in drainage, but that area is slightly sloped and there is a drain going in, so maybe the others didn't think they needed it.

Mr. Pike: Who were we working with before?

Mr. Yost: Taylor.

Mr. Pike: Who is doing the stuff over here?

Mr. Yost: Taylor.

Mr. Behrend: They have the largest square footage too.

Mr. Yost: I got it up here too we can walk through those.

Mr. Carmack: I can tell that the first one is Miracle and the last one is West Recreation, but I can't tell which the two middle ones are, Play World, no Play Ground and Sparks.

Mr. Pike: Who is Play World?

Mr. Yost: All of these vendors are people that are part of Maryland Municipal League and we meet them at the conference every year.

Mr. Pike: No which one is Play World?

Mr. Yost: Oh which of these are?

Mr. McKenney: The third one has Play World on it.

Mr. Carmack: That says Playground Specialists.

Mr. McKenney: Oh I am looking at the actual pictures.

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Mr. Carmack: So page 4 is Sparks and page 3 is Miracle and page 6 is...

Mr. Behrend: 6 is West Recreation.

Mr. Carmack: Right 5 is Playground, 4 is Sparks, and 3 is Miracle.

Mr. Yost: That layout is really just --- of how much they are using up, it may mean square footage that looks bigger but are they utilizing all the space efficiently enough or is the equipment just smaller in a bigger space. This is kind of a neat one here.

Mr. Pike: That looks like what is there now.

Mr. Yost: Sort of.

Mr. Behrend: They all put a sandbox in, was that a requirement?

Mr. Yost: Yes.

Mr. King: The sandbox that is over there now is high use.

Mr. Yost: Yeah since Cathy does the Summer Rec. Program I asked her when I was putting the RFP together, what things do you want to see in here. Sandbox was definitely a big thing and the independent pieces out, separate because they all play tag or king of the mountain or whatever and they were on those other pieces more than anything else.

Mr. Carmack: So the square footage, well I don't know if it is significant to you but West is 6300, and Taylor/Miracle is 7700 so it is almost the same price.

Mr. Yost: Well let's compare those and you will see the Gametime in my opinion looking at it, has far superior equipment.

Mr. McKenney: Gametime is Taylor/Miracle?

Mr. Yost: No.

Mr. McKenney: No it is West Recreation, the one with the smaller square footage.

Mr. Yost: This is Gametime here. There is a lot more equipment in here than what Miracle has. Miracle has a lot of open space, this has a lot more equipment in it.

Mr. McKenney: What is the thing in the middle, a giant sandbox?

Mr. Yost: That is a sandbox but that is going to be moved off to one of these corners or something, that can't happen.

Mr. Carmack: So bottom line, square footage is not a good criteria.

Mr. Yost: No not this time it is not, that is why I said look at the flat plan and there is a huge difference between all of them.

Mr. McKenney: So what is the square footage, it is around the entire park, like some component of all the usable space of the equipment.

Mr. Pike: So West is \$17.30?

Mr. Carmack: Right that is really deceiving because you are going to get a much lower number...

Mr. Pike: Taylor is \$14.00 a square foot.

Mr. McKenney: What was the first one?

Mr. Pike: \$17.30.

Mr. McKenney: And that was West?

Mr. Pike: That was West correct, the next one down was \$14.00.

Mr. King: Which one had drainage?

Mr. McKenney: West and Playground Specialists.

Mr. King: I think that should be considered because actually if you can drain your fibers they don't rot as fast. I think that is a critical component.

Mr. Pike: Almost \$15.00 for Playground Specialist.

Mr. McKenney: There is only \$1,000.00 difference between them.

Mr. Behrend: We go with the bid that we think is the best value.

Mr. Carmack: Right and just to go over one more time, relationship, previous work for us or that kind of thing.

Mr. Yost: West Recreation built all of the original parks in Town and then Miracle/Taylor built the last 4. I wasn't happy with them this time because they kept blowing us off (inaudible).

Mr. King: He does it for all these guys, so it is not like any different.

Mr. Yost: We didn't know that.

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Mr. Yost: I can look in the catalog and see.

Mr. Pike: When are we talking about doing this?

Mr. Yost: They have to complete this by November 30 because I want to make sure that it is done before spring ball comes into play.

Mr. Carmack: And do they have this kind of stuff in stock so to speak?

Mr. Yost: I would think so. We are going to want to pull this over here because there is a swale here, probably put the swing set here, but it can be done.

Mr. McKenney: Because I am not sure we are going to get much bang for our buck here.

Mr. Carmack: So do we have a decision?

Mr. McKenney: The dog crates, that is interesting, get rid of the dog crates.

Mr. King: And if we do do the geometric dome and we need to add a little fall space, we have plenty of room if we had to.

Mr. Yost: Oh yeah definitely.

Mr. McKenney: So this was West right and they were providing drainage too so that is good. All right I would say do that, what is our --- on the bid...

Mr. Yost: Not to exceed.

Mr. McKenney: So you think they can do that, swap it around for, they ought to be able to. Anybody want to make a motion, want to make it official whatever?

Mr. Pike: Make a motion we accept the West Recreation/Gametime design.

Mr. Carmack: I will second that.

Mr. Behrend: As amended in our conversation.

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

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: All opposed, motion carries. Stevens Park Roller Park.

Mr. Yost: One more thing about the surveillance cameras we talked about in the park, we have \$120,000.00 in this budget to do this park here and we are receiving a \$60,000.00 grant which won't be awarded until September 21, so we don't have the money in hand yet, it has to go to the board but it has been approved all through the Chairman, so we have this money leftover that we said we wanted to take a look at security cameras, we are looking at about \$18,000.00 to do a 3 camera package on this park.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Yost: If you guys want me to I can just kind of earmark this to let the Commissioners know this is coming away from the budget, because we also talked about doing something with Stevens Park but then it depends on what we want to do with other tennis courts rather, if we want to do a roller rink or whatever, how that works out, but either way would you like me to try and earmark the monies for that?

Mr. McKenney: I am saying yes for me, I mean I can't speak for the Board but...

Mr. Yost: So we will definitely probably look at doing when we put the budget together in December, January time frame, add that in.

Mr. Pike: Now this system would be tied into here?

Mr. Yost: Right because it is a phone service there so we can have the Internet.

Mr. Pike: Is this system something we could build on?

Mr. Yost: Yes.

Mr. Brown: That will be critical for the Commissioners.

Mr. Pike: So is \$18,000.00 enough to get the basics?

Mr. Yost: The basics.

Mr. Carmack: And it would be 3 cameras that look specifically onto that playground, is that what you are saying?

Mr. Yost: They are positioned now where they can see the other camera as well as part of the park, they are spread out, and they --- night optics and you do need some low light level.

Mr. McKenney: Would any of it face the fields?

Mr. Yost: It could. We didn't really specify exactly where they would be.

Mr. Pike: Can they cover the whole comfort station?

Mr. Yost: Might be some blind spots.

Mr. McKenney: Theoretically you are not going to know that unless you have gotten caught several times. But yes definitely pursue that please. All right Stevens Park Roller Park, Butch is not here, I have put some feelers out, I do know that the tennis courts certainly at Halmos are used a lot. Coming up here this evening there were 4 people over at Halmos playing tennis and a couple people I spoke to said, yeah we can play there, we sometimes can play at the Middle School but not during the day

because the school uses it or needs it whatever, and we can't get into the high school ones because they are locked now. So anyway table for the moment but I think we should all kind of pick peoples brains and see what is going on.

Mr. Brown: Doug was Butchs' proposal that one of the courts would be turned into some sort of rink at Stevens Park?

Mr. McKenney: We never got that far, I went back and looked at old minutes and back in April of 2010 we were talking about, and it was early on in the meeting, I said ok well hopefully nobody is too distraught over that and forces it back out again, I'm not sure what we were talking about, the right time in new business in Brightwell Crossing, and Butch said, oh we were going through agenda items and new business and Butch said "I don't know if I put this in now, I would like to see if next meeting we could discuss the possibility of a roller hockey course on one of the tennis courts, possibly Stevens", so I am thinking and I think the next meeting, I think I said put it on the agenda, Wade said ok, I said add it to a agenda item, and I don't know that Butch was at the next meeting. So my meaning of what he said was, the entire closure at Stevens, not just one of the two tennis courts that are in there, I don't think you can get away with just one of the two, I don't think it is big enough.

Mr. King: I thought we had actually had a discussion about splitting it in two.

Mr. Behrend: We had in terms of the skate park because that was our not really happy, medium choice of where to put the skatepark until the property came open.

Mr. King: Because we had talked about putting a block wall and at the same time putting a bench and then they could use it for roller hockey on the one and still maintain a tennis court there.

Mr. McKenney: I don't think we ever got that far, I went back online and searched, now granted I did a word search, I didn't read through each one of our minutes, but this and there may have been another page, so I could not find anything where we spoke any more beyond what was in here.

Mr. Carmack: But in that same conversation there are other things when we have that conversation, I would like to talk about, I get approached all the time about batting cages and the same exact thing Butch talks about, I thought it was taking one of the two courts but I have been approached from some people that if you could take one court and put a fence right down the middle, the hard fence and you got two batting right there by the field, I mean just something, you are going to get people who you want to have one tennis court, you want to have no tennis courts, or two tennis courts, but I don't know how you have that conversation and you just talk about because Butch brings up the hockey, just like the skatepark you have to show some level of interest by the town people and petitions and this or that or is it something we just decide because it could be one thing or it could be the other and it depends on when you...

Mr. Yost: This is the optimum time to come to that conclusion because the surface needs to be redone completely, there are cracks and we saw it when we did the walk out there.

Mr. McKenney: Now the other question is, is it not being used as a tennis court because the cracks are so bad that it, no, ok.

Mr. King: At Stevens there are regular activity on the tennis courts, not like Halmos, Halmos is used unbelievable, but you could get away with one, with the volume I

have seen you could get away with one tennis court at Stevens. And a lot of times you see a lot of young women with their kids and they are playing while the kids are on the things and they don't drive there, they walk there, so you take that away then they got to go all the way over to Halmos, so I can't see losing the whole tennis there because there is a need and it is justified use. Batting cages I think would be huge.

Mr. Pike: How big does a batting cage have to be?

Mr. Carmack: I don't know maybe 15 feet wide.

Mr. King: 15 and probably what at least 80.

Mr. Carmack: Well for the kids you are throwing at 70 feet so yeah 80 would be big enough. How long are the tennis courts?

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Mr. Carmack: You would take away the existing and accommodate it and with the hard fence on 3 sides, but again is a batting cage more acceptable than a hockey rink or anything else, that is what you have to make a decision and I don't know how you...

Mr. Pike: Is there 1 at the high school we can look at?

Mr. Carmack: There are 2 at the high school and they are just, they are not enclosed, they are the drop downs and they can take them off at the end of the season.

Mr. King: Urbana has some that has hard sides.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah they put them in, UMAC put them in at Taylor Elementary. You could put an extension, if this is your tennis court, you know there is 1, 2, they could put an extension on the fence and use that outside fence.

Mr. Brown: You are basically doing it just to share, is there any advantage to sharing the fence.

Mr. McKenney: No.

Mr. Carmack: Again you always go down to that trade of what is better, the soft fence or the hard fence, a lot of people like to do the hard fence and put the soft fence inside, because they are worried that the kids will come along and cut up the soft fence, and then you get into the mowing and stuff and I've seen issues at the high school, you get one of those nets caught up under the blades and you are going to spend an hour.

Mr. McKenney: Is there room at Stevens on the 3rd baseline on that outside of the ...

Mr. Carmack: No Alex put in the warm-up and on the other side of that is where he, the path is there but you got your double...

Mr. King: First baseline you could probably get something in.

Mr. Brown: I wouldn't want to mess up the field but if there was anywhere else in there that it could go that would be a very worthy project.

Mr. Behrend: I had a conversation with an Eagle candidate, Robert, so we may be getting presented with a project for doing a batting cage.

Mr. Carmack: Here is my question, they always seem to pop up in two's, having one is better than none, that is my theory, but I guess you could get two different coaches in and it doesn't work.

Mr. McKenney: Well you have one team warming up the field and one in the cages and you swap.

Mr. Carmack: The theory at one point was that you could pitch batting practice during your practice and have some of your kids on the field doing fielding and then

have a coach and do a practice. Before the games everybody needs 15 minutes that is where the 2 cages would come in handy, but that is one of those, you know you look at how much land you got, you look at cost.

Mr. McKenney: So one is better than none, and one may lead to two.

Mr. Carmack: One is always better than none.

Mr. Brown: How often are all four basketball courts used over there, you know the two basketball courts on two sides.

Mr. Pike: I've never seen kids play basketball.

Mr. Brown: Oh no we play there all the time.

Mr. Pike: I've never seen young kids play basketball.

Mr. Brown: I'm just wondering about all those courts, I mean just trying to think of the surface you use.

Mr. Pike: But is that too far away from the baseball fields though?

Mr. McKenney: You are getting there.

Mr. Yost: We should probably look at the survey, the recreation survey we did for the Master Plan too.

Mr. McKenney: I think it would be more than the 2 months but definitely heavy use during the 2 months for games and then I got a couple boys that go over and pitching practice now.

Mr. Carmack: The key is you don't have to run all over the field and crush the ball, even if you are there with your kid, you are going to go in the batting cages versus go out in the field, that is the big advantage, so I think it would be used more than just that heavy one month, 6 weeks that we have before the season starts.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I agree.

Mr. Carmack: Plus usually there is always seems to be a harder surface where the fields are soft and mushy, you can actually get batting practice in.

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Mr. Carmack: I mean you got to look at some data but how do you decide do I see more interest in one or the other and it doesn't have to go there.

Mr. Yost: You make a motion, here are the priorities or both of them.

Mr. Brown: I would like to think about doing both there, that would be a very cool, both of those could be good additions to the park, both roller and the batting cage, just how much room is there and then neither one of them should cost that much money I don't think.

Mr. Yost: Yeah the thing with the roller, if we are going to redo the surface for tennis, we don't want to do that on the side that would have a roller.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I don't know what kind of surface you would need.

Mr. Carmack: If you wanted to have both and you wanted to use the tennis courts more because it seems to be 1) the tennis courts is the right size for some kind of smaller rink, its not legal size or whatever, the other side of the concession stand, not really between the path and the lake on that side, and then there are some swales in there and you'll have to do some filling in but I always thought that was a wide open place and sometimes we used to just do some light warm-ups over there.

Mr. King: Could take some of those trees down.

Mr. Carmack: You'd have to take a look at it and see and figure out layout wise.

Mr. Brown: Kevin go out there and look and see if there is a place outside, take a hard look and see if there is a place outside there for those.

Mr. King: Actually behind left field there is a nice flat area.

Mr. Carmack: I thought there was trees right up to the fence line.

Mr. King: You go down third base line and trust me it is flat because we mow it already, take a walk down there and take a peek at it. Now on the first base side there is a drop off, but the third base side it is very flat.

Mr. Brown: Let the roller hockey people fight the battle on the tennis courts, I think you will run into opposition (inaudible) there are plenty people here that think there are enough baseball situations happening in town already.

Mr. Carmack: The other one of Robert's ideas would be putting the dugouts on another field, I mean I know we had a problem with how the first one worked out. But the question is do the coaches like those, do they come in handy, was it worth the effort is what I am saying.

Mr. McKenney: I mean using them at UMAC made a huge difference and even at Stevens Park the couple games I played there it made a difference.

Mr. Pike: Are kids starting to play baseball more?

Mr. Carmack: Same amount of kids pretty much as last year but lacrosse is going to grow, that is the other thing we got to talk about. I just want to talk to you in general but I don't know if this is the right time or not. I am also on the Booster Club so the situation that happened over the weekend was it was...

Mr. McKenney: Are we all right on this or do we need to...

Mr. Yost: We are still on the record.

Mr. Carmack: No that is all right I am sure I mean she doesn't want to type it up, but I will keep it short, so the bottom line is that the high school and the PAA especially football, PAA in general, but PAA football have gotten back together, you know they have had a strained relationship from a couple years ago when PAA just ruined the high school field by playing on it in the rain, so they spent a lot of money this summer, the high school, and the high school field is unbelievable, they were fertilizing it twice a week, cutting it three times a week, watering it 2 or 3 times a week, and they brought it back, and it wasn't from 2 years ago. But so they cut the deal and everybody is working together and so it is actually a pretty good relationship right now and the issue was they gave PAA 5 Saturday home games, and there are 6 or 7 teams, there is a huge turnout this year for football, and so Saturday we all know that storm came up and poured a lot of water and there was a break and then so there was no way we were going to, we the high school Booster Club was going to let them play on that field and of course there was no way from a football point of view we were going to ask, what happened was because of the water and how long it was laying and the fact that nobody had played on that yet and they had a game scheduled for soccer tonight, field hockey tomorrow, home football game this week, it didn't look good, there is a ruling in football now that you have 48 hours to make up a game or you forfeit, and so we knew we weren't going to get on the high school, they are very particular about the fields, you can't just put a couple white lines down at Halmos soccer or Stevens outfield, yeah the league that PAA is, is pretty strict about fields, and so you know that we have been, I am also helping Craig with the football, but we have a permit to rent the elementary school

and that has really helped the high school, it has been great because it kept us off, out of the parking lot, kept us off the field and one of the big issues over at the high school now, the next big project is going to be that practice field, it needs 50 to 60 dump loads of dirt to get that thing right and they think people are getting hurt, there has been a couple broken bones and things because it is so hard. So that is where lacrosse played is what I am coming around to, that football is looking for a place that may not be the high school and it can't just be anywhere and of course they don't know where to turn, lacrosse is going to look for a place probably maybe not the high school this year, they played their home games on the high school field right there where the softball field is and the practice football field. So that request for a football/lacrosse field, which is about the same size it is going to come back at us about what can we do or how can we carve out something for them because I'm not sure the high school is going to be able to, it is a good relationship, but there are a lot of games that happen on that high school field and it is going to take a lot of maintenance and they are going to look somewhere else, or look for football, the mini football to go somewhere else and there is no where else to go. I mean if you look at the elementary school it has got two old fashioned goal posts so I said, what happened was, on Saturday they said basically you can't play Saturday and you probably are not going to be able to play Sunday or Monday, we had the overseeding being done on Sunday, it just wasn't an option. We went and played our home games in Howard County out there at \$75.00 an hour and that is the only place we could rent in time to make it within the 48 hours. So not only did we lose a couple thousand dollars on the gate and the concessions, but we had to pay a thousand bucks or whatever it was to rent the field. So when that comes up they are going to be like we got to have a better solution, because what if the high school cuts us off next year and says you can't, you can't practice here and you can't play here. We have to do what is right for the high school and it has been a lot of work up there, so I just think it is going to come back to the Parks Board on what can you guys do for us, and we may have to think out of the box, we may have to think its not something that we already have and it is not Kettler's. For PAA it is lacrosse and football, do they try to acquire something on their own and maintain it, I mean that is not totally...

Mr. Pike: The elementary school can't you play football?

Mr. Carmack: You can but they are very particular about fields that you play the game on. Now that being said, the reason that the coaches from Thomas Jefferson this weekend wanted to go out there and it was like a sponge, they were like come on we can play on this, and we said you don't have any idea of the blood and sweat that has gone into this, they said well we actually do because our fields look like that, that practice field is just dirt and mud and that is what our home games are being played on. We did pull a permit for 5 nights and I am not sure the elementary school, you know the parking, but they have teams of 5 and 6 year olds all the way up to 13.

Mr. Yost: You guys used the polo grounds for that?

Mr. Carmack: We had the Jamboree and that was really it, we made ten 50 yard fields, it was interesting that the owner and the fields, won't get into that on tape, but you couldn't set up that kind of relationship on a regular, we need 5 home games

and the ability, what I am getting at is, if it is not going to be a good day, would I be allowed to use it tomorrow or the next day, and that is where you get into the high school has something scheduled all the time, so anyway I am just throwing it out there that we don't have a solution and I told them don't count on Kettler because you don't know what that is going to be used for or that kind of thing. So I don't know if anybody has any other ideas, it is not this year, I think we are ok this year, but next year, we are not practicing there this year, and we just wanted to get the 4 to 5 games, and the high school was very nice to let us do that, I mean really nice after everything that went down.

Mr. Pike: What about the middle school?

Mr. Carmack: We didn't talk about the middle school and again that goes into the you've got to have field goal posts, I don't know if the ones that are at the elementary school are good enough, but there seems to be some concern that even that, you need a certain level of flatness, you got to have the markings, got to be exact, you can't just go out there, a couple of us two hours before and start painting the fields, that was their point I think.

Mr. Brown: I don't think it is a bad idea though trying to approach the school, everybody wants the Town to provide the solution, I would like to find a solution, but the fact is that, and I tried to talk to Craig about this a while ago, really potentially you could establish a relationship with either the elementary school or the middle school and develop a permanent home at one of those places, either one of those fields, but if that fails, if that is not possible, that is really incumbent upon trying to build a relationship with the principal, both of the principals will be here, they have --- open their fields for the most part. But that might be a temporary solution until a permanent solution is found, which would be potentially (inaudible) but could happen or buying a piece of property or working with the town to buy a piece of property that would be a dedicated facility.

Mr. Carmack: I agree, the feedback we are getting from the school is actually really good. They actually like having us up there, they have had less damage, less groups hanging around, because the people are up there, big crowds of people, it is too much exposure for certain groups. So the feedback has been very positive. I don't know what the solution is and I don't know what the options are but with this town the way that lacrosse came in, they got an excellent start and they did get a lot of kids and I think football and lacrosse can play off the same field, we just have to figure out. And you are right, maybe it is not the town, the town has got what it's got and we might have to...

Mr. Brown: We don't own anything else that I know of.

Mr. Brown: Now the property next door to my house is for sale, just throwing it out there, and I don't know if there would be enough room to do what you want or not, you'd have parking.

Mr. Carmack: We looked at the Howard County fields that we played on, those are 2 turf fields, Columbia who we played last week, 2 turf fields, they go for about 1.5 or 2 million dollars, that is what it cost to put a turf field in.

Mr. Brown: The right thing to do would be to do it at the high school and have a turf field installed and PAA pay a very small portion of the cost of it. Just enough to allow us to have a chunk of time on it.

Mr. Carmack: We PAA, including the cheerleaders, football, lacrosse, we give money, we have cut a deal with the high school and we give them money to help support all this money that they are putting into the field. That new mower was \$15,000.00 for a used mower and the high school only had 7 so the Booster Club chipped in 8.

Mr. Brown: I think you could potentially for a short term basis redo PES the way you guys want it to be, buy bleachers, and mark it and get yourself a base set up so that a long term temporary solution till you find out what the big answer could be, because the big answer is going to have to happen, I agree, the pressure is there. It is going to make it so the high school field really is potentially an endangered species, because their teams kill that field and even if it is sloppy out they still play, they won't use the same guardedness that you guys did, everybody will want to get the games in. It is a great point and something we all have to think about.

Mr. Carmack: And you have to have parking, I mean there is a certain number, you don't pick a number, a regular football game you got one team there, the other team gets there before that team leaves, so it is really like 4 teams, you got to be able to accommodate that, because I don't know if you heard for the Jamboree but we think we had 3500 people, there were 76 teams and everybody drove themselves, there wasn't one carpool in that whole thing. And so it was amazing because we were originally scheduled to have it at the elementary school.

Mr. Brown: Kevin there is no chance to generate a relationship with...

Mr. Yost: The polo fields there off Hughes Road.

Mr. Carmack: Thinking out of the box there are some options but again to spend \$1,000.00 to rent somebody else's field, not to have concessions, not to have a gate fee, pay the umpire fee, we are gulping for air when it comes to money.

Mr. Pike: Why don't you take the forfeit then?

Mr. Carmack: Do you know Craig at all?

Mr. Yost: Hovencamp that comes in here, I know they rent the polo grounds and I think they charge and have their own concessions on there.

Mr. Carmack: I'm just throwing it out there because I can see lacrosse, say the same thing happens for this spring right, PAA lacrosse is going to come right in here and say how can you help us, can anybody help us, what are our options.

Mr. Pike: Is an option take out a field, a baseball field, and convert it to an all purpose football, lacrosse. Baseball numbers are down.

Mr. Carmack: Did we ever have a football field in town?

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Mr. Carmack: Fall baseball you can easily work around that.

Mr. McKenney: You can always build the soccer field and the outfield of 2 or 3 and then have Halmos soccer field become a football field. I think a football field is bigger than a soccer field isn't it, not at the pro level but the kids level?

Mr. Carmack: A lacrosse field, at least from the high school point of view is smaller than a football field, soccer I don't know.

Mr. Behrend: Moving on.

Mr. Yost: Yeah the Master Plan public hearing is on the 14th, next week and since you guys --- I don't know if you have talked amongst yourselves or if you are going to come testify.

Mr. McKenney: I was planning to try and come, anybody want to join me you can, I haven't had an opportunity to put pen to paper, I don't know that I will, I need to find the piece that was taken out and look at it again and basically say, I think it all has to do with the community center really.

Mr. Pike: Yeah the Planning took out the community center.

Mr. McKenney: And by the way I don't know if you've read the Gazette yet but it hit the Gazette to that said "Community Center axed" or whatever.

Mr. Brown: My Gazette was in the water, so was I noted in there?

Mr. McKenney: I don't know maybe you were. Stump was, Eddie was, I think you were come to think of it, Jerry was not.

Mr. Pike: And the reason being in the survey no one really wanted the Community Center, that is what they say.

Mr. Brown: Wade give us an objective answer to that would you.

Mr. Yost: I thought it was all over the survey, and through all the work sessions we met once a week for a full year to argue the point and it got to be a joke that we were arguing about a community center, because Cal and another member...

Mr. Pike: Well Cal doesn't want it.

Mr. McKenney: Well the article said 5 years ago or so roughly when we bought this property that it was contemplated and that at some point in time we might put a community center there.

Mr. Behrend: That was one of the justifications for buying it.

Mr. McKenney: You got to look to the future and plan that doesn't mean, you may never get there.

Mr. Brown: Someone needs to testify and talk about it and Wade I don't know if you want to, its going to be Doug and somebody has got to commit to be there, testify about it, I can probably represent us but I have already gone on record about it.

Mr. Yost: I know Eddie is going to come testify on behalf of the Commissioners.

Mr. Pike: Could we individually write letters?

Mr. Yost: Sure.

Mr. McKenney: Why not come here?

Mr. Pike: I'm tied up that night.

Mr. Brown: But definitely as the Parks Board we should cover it and was there any other real issues from the Parks standpoint that kind of spoke out.

Mr. Yost: The --- crosswalk was taken out and they thought that that was no longer necessary in there, talking about the infrastructure by the trails.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. McKenney: You had a mark up though didn't you? I will go back and look, the only mark up I had that I looked at extensive was like so maybe my mark up thingy wasn't working.

Mr. Yost: Well I sent you what is in the Master Plan and then what you want submitted to them, in the transportation as well as the community facility section. The recreation portion is very small, it doesn't talk about future fields.

Mr. Brown: Well you guys, everybody take a couple minutes here and send Doug the remarks, if you don't mind, and Doug if you can be there.

Mr. McKenney: I should be able to be there, I don't have anything on the calendar.

Mr. Brown: But if you run into trouble let me know, we should all take a look at it, give comments to Doug, who already has highlights of what is missing and I shared the exact same thoughts that Wade had mentioned about the community center as well as the condensation of the things that are out there for land acquisition for future fields.

Mr. McKenney: How much room is over at Dillingham?

Mr. Yost: No we actually measured it out, we were thinking maybe a little small soccer, but no.

Mr. Carmack: You guys talk about the end of Cattail.

Mr. Yost: That is what I am thinking, the Warther property, that is 25 acres that is zoned ½ acre, right behind the elementary school, we have Dave's house and then the Warther property continues on for either 35 or 50 I forget, but they want to develop it and we will give you this park land over here if you give us allocation to develop.

Mr. Brown: That is another wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Behrend: Or significant technological improvement to what we have. What we have now wasn't in existence 25 years ago.

Committee Reports

Mr. McKenney: Email it to everybody so we are in the same loop. I think that is it for the agenda. Well you got to do your little, what did you guys do yesterday?

Mr. Brown: Committee reports, Town Commissioners we had a report from the, Verizon came in and did a presentation, which I thought was an absolute minimum presentation, talking about FIOS and they are going to start selling it at the end of next month, they are going to work out from the sub station up here and the representative said that typical is about 60 houses, but I don't even know if she knew how our layout of our town was or where the houses were are anything, so I think that is all to be determined. It was lacking. So that was about as uninformative, the only thing I heard was blah, blah, blah, and at the end of next month, so we will see what happens with that. We also announced that we have a CEDC business member opening and an Ethics Commission Members opening, with Gail Allen turning in her retirement, her wonderfully written retirement letter, and then last but not least, we had a lot of discussion about our Ordinance 187 about ethics, which is basically we are trying to make our ethics code come up to match what is going to be state mandated or is state mandated.

Mr. Yost: October 1 it will be.

Mr. Brown: So we are bringing our ethics ordinance up to snuff, in many ways we exceed what the state has, but we are also bringing our language up to match what the state is requiring. We had a discussion about commercial water rates, do we have any kind of resolution on that, did we vote?

Mr. Yost: The resolution will be adopted or will be introduced on the 19 to raise commercial water rates to \$5.50 from \$3.50.

Mr. Brown: And that is basically for pool companies that use our hydrants to fill up. There is no sewage component to that too, just water. We also had a good discussion on creating Ordinance 186 about petitions, so the Commissioners were lots of debate, but we talked about developing a new petition protocol structure, so that we will clarify how petitions can be submitted, wording, the structure of the

found out we had a big hole in our game and didn't have guidelines really that made sense. And Wade said that we have street sweeping happening on Monday and the kids park is still, I don't know if you guys have been over there to Dr. Dill

Mr. King: They were going to try to put the drainage in Tuesday.

Mr. McKenney: What is the rectangle that is poured cordoned off over there right now?

Mr. Yost: Between the park and the skatepark?

Mr. McKenney: Over on the left hand side.

Mr. Yost: Oh they put a drain in, there would be a puddle there because it is just not graded properly so we put a drain in.

Mr. McKenney: Tim anything?

Mr. Pike: I was going to talk about the community center, but we already touched that, we had a brief meeting, not really much was going on.

Mr. McKenney: Did the CEDC talk about the community center or no?

Mr. Pike: Kind of.

Mr. Yost: Are they coming to testify about the business section you guys talked about.

Mr. Pike: Yeah we fixed that, we added to that, I forgot about that, someone will be there.

Adjournment

Mr. McKenney: No citizens here so we can skip that.

Mr. Behrend: Move to adjourn.

Mr. Pike: Second.

Mr. McKenney: It's been moved and seconded, we are adjourned.