

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

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

Call to Order

Mr. McKenney: Call to order the November 9, 2011 Poolesville Parks Board Meeting. It is 7:40 roughly. I have Butch Zachrel, Kevin Carmack, Jeff McIntyre, Doug McKenney, Kurt Behrend, Tim Pike, Jim Brown and Preston King. It has been a long time since we have all been here.

Announcements

Mr. McKenney: First announcement is our next meeting is December 7 at 7:30. Anybody have any immediate announcements?

Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. McKenney: Go to the Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items, anybody have any comments on what we are looking at today or doing? If you could come up and introduce yourself and give me an address.

Mr. Gaddis: My name is Craig Gaddis and I am with Poolesville Athletic Association Football. And we are in a situation for field use for games and we are trying to see what kind of help we might be able to get from the town, before we start looking outside the town for places to go.

Mr. Pike: What kind of help are you looking for?

Mr. Gaddis: A place to play home games. We know that there is help been involved obviously with baseball and soccer, there has never been obviously a need or an attempt to help football. I have been playing football here since 1984, I grew up here and we always played at the High School, and the relationship is good, I mean we put a lot of money into the high school.

Mr. McKenney: Not to cut you off but what I will do is add you to the bottom of the new business and go from there.

Mr. Gaddis: Thanks.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McKenney: Minutes, or any other comments, all right minutes.

Mr. Pike: I make a motion we approve the minutes.

Mr. McKenney: Been moved.

Mr. Carmack: Second.

Mr. McKenney: And seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye.

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

Mr. Zachrel, Mr. Brown, Mr. Pike: Abstain.

Mr. McKenney: There has to be a couple abstentions here. Butch and Jim abstain...

Mr. Pike: I wasn't even here.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah we got to redo that again.

Mr. Carmack: I will make the motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. McIntyre: I can second.

Mr. McKenney: There we go it is moved and seconded, all in favor, all those that can vote signify by saying aye.

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

New Business

Mr. McKenney: Abstentions from Butch and Tim and Jim. So new business, unless anybody has anything more. Poolesville High School sidewalk request, in your packet there should have been a letter, it is kind of, it is on Poolesville High School letterhead and from a Susan Krouner who is the Business Administrator for the high school, basically requesting that the Town put in a crosswalk, extend the sidewalk on Wootton Avenue, put in a crosswalk on Wootton to and attempt to do something with respect to drainage.

Mr. Pike: Preston and I went over there today, we cannot, if you look at the first picture, the drainage problem, we cannot touch that, that is County property. The sidewalk on the south side of Wootton Avenue, is also County property, so we can't touch that.

Mr. McKenney: So we can't extend that right?

Mr. Pike: No. The only thing we could do is put a crosswalk and I think Jim you could speak to that. Well Preston had an idea today if you go to the third, go to the very last picture, if we extend, look at the top part, that is Leo Bassett's driveway, the sidewalk ends there, if we extend that all the way down to that little Ride-On, the sidewalk on that side, we could put a crosswalk coming across Wootton Avenue, break up the curb and they'd be happy with that, she said she'd love that.

Mr. Carmack: Did she explain why she is approaching us, why the Town would have...

Mr. Pike: Well she thought we could put the sidewalk in, she didn't know that was county property.

Mr. King: And on the north side of Wootton Avenue, across from the school, there is an existing black old sidewalk that is grown over 90%, so at one time there was a sidewalk in there, that is why I am saying I don't think we'd have a problem going across and then you could actually midway you could bring a crosswalk over to the bus stop and the bus stop is kind of isolated, I don't know if you guys have been down there, it is a strange place and it has high sides on it and to me it is not even accessible for handicap people.

Mr. Behrend: One reason we didn't put the sidewalk down on that side was the trees that were there, there were some really old trees.

Mr. Pike: On the north side or the south side?

Mr. Behrend: Across from the bus stop.

Mr. Pike: That is the north side right?

Mr. Behrend: North side. That was ...

Mr. McKenney: Over here right?

Mr. Behrend: Right where you got Elgin and Wootton down to West Willard. Leo Bassett's house is here, across Elgin Road you have got the other house and a couple of very old trees sitting there. And we just looked at putting sidewalks in.

Mr. King: In all honesty that tree is to the point it should probably be taken down.

Mr. Behrend: At this point, but at the point we had looked at it before.

Mr. King: So anyway, we own it, we have the right of way and that is how I would approach it.

Mr. Pike: So we can probably put a budget item in next time. The other thing the Town Manager or Preston should look into the sidewalk that Winchester put in, there is no curb and gutter there and its 2 inches above the blacktop, it doesn't really tie in.

Mr. McKenney: This is the one that goes from across that property. Was that supposed to be a sidewalk or was that supposed to be at a minimum an asphalt trail?

Mr. Pike: It is concrete now, it's about 2 or 3 inches above the asphalt.

Mr. King: And once again there is no apron or handicap access and it has a lip.

Mr. Pike: So I think we should review what we requested.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I mean at a minimum it's got to be handicap accessible, I mean that just makes no sense at all.

Mr. Pike: And to be fair you have to do something on the north side of Wootton Avenue because we have to have that sidewalk from that white house all the way down to Elgin, so that would be another budget item, because you can't have a crosswalk.

Mr. McKenney: Into grass right now, I follow you.

Mr. Pike: And most of the kids are going to be walking down Elgin or coming up Wootton towards the high school, not that corner.

Mr. McKenney: Right. We did talk about who or what should put a sidewalk in over there.

Mr. King: Cuz on Wootton Avenue there truly isn't any painted designated crosswalk and you come right up to the school and they are dumping, there is absolutely nothing there and that is probably something that we need to address even if the school can't, we should address something and you do it on that side of the road I think we should look at it harder.

Mr. Pike: With sidewalks. And the other thing, it is not supposed to be a drop-off for kids in the morning but it is. It's a big traffic jam.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I know.

Mr. Brown: And the school made moves to try to try and limit that to some effectiveness.

Mr. Pike: And she is also going to work the county too, to see if they can put the sidewalk in, get it in the budget. So we will work with them I guess.

Mr. McKenney: I think what we need to do is ask Wade to put in a line item for budget and we will figure out, I mean I would like to see the County work some here too.

Mr. Behrend: The whole high school property needs sidewalks, because you come off Spurrier and the sidewalk stops.

Mr. Brown: The only other part would be, the component I think the whole thing has to be looked at and I have been out there with Wade, I think and Preston too, is potentially even looking at West Willard as well because West Willard sidewalk ends as well.

Mr. McKenney: I know you had mentioned that Winchester was supposed to do that. I kind of vaguely remember that as well.

Mr. Pike: Because all those driveways are going to be dumping on and we are going to need a sidewalk down there.

Mr. Brown: Are you talking about West Willard and Fisher?

Mr. McKenney: Uh huh.

Mr. Brown: You should talk to Wade about that because I do believe there is I think I am not sure if that is the case. If we have a requirement for...

Mr. King: I thought there was a plan, if it wasn't on that side, they were going to put one in front of the school.

Mr. Brown: I think there is on both sides, I think that is ---.

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Mr. Brown: All the way down to Fisher?

Mr. Pike: I thought so.

Mr. Behrend: Toward Spurrier, yeah.

Mr. Brown: If we are talking about trying to come up with a concept for this corner, we need to address the whole thing.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah what would be beneficial in my mind anyway is to have, I mean the pictures are great, but a map of that area that we can look at above, because my thought is, does it help at all, I mean I know the corner is here so you can't go in the grass, can't make a crosswalk in the grass, but we have a sidewalk going down this way, this side here right, but on the other side of the street we have a sidewalk correct?

Mr. Pike: Yes we could line those up.

Mr. McKenney: Right and make a handicap ramp, granted it would be in the middle of a portion of the sidewalk but it would be across from the corner and you could at least say that you have gone that far to make a crosswalk.

Mr. Pike: And she liked that idea, keeping it away from the corner.

Mr. McKenney: So if we say we want to do this as a minimum and here is a drawing of it and this is what else we would like to do, we would like the county to buy in or work with us too. If we never ask we will never know.

Mr. Brown: Put that into your speech tomorrow night.

Mr. McKenney: All right so Preston you will let Wade know to put that on our agenda for next month, ok good, anything else on that Tim or no.

Mr. Pike: No I think that is pretty good.

Mr. McKenney: All right Alex are you up next here?

Mr. A. Pike: I think I am. My name is Alex Pike I am here on behalf of my senior project, global ecology program. I live at 18200 McKernon Way, Poolesville. Basically my senior project, global ecology, I have been working with this daily. Mr. Kettler of Brightwell Crossing got interested in putting a demonstration orchard for American Chestnuts at Brightwell Crossing Elgin Park, on the back side of the soccer field. I have included the plans and the 8 x's would be the trees, there would be 4 rows of 100% American Chestnut, 100% Japanese Chestnut, 50 to 60% chestnuts of the B3F3 Chestnut, which are 15, 16 American and they are highly blight resistant so they should survive. I am just coming here tonight to seek your guys approval, go through the current channels on getting this demonstration orchard installed at

Brightwell, just so we can inform the public about the Global Ecology Program here at Poolesville, the Town's efforts to try to remain eco friendly here and just to have a senior project that is a couple hundred yards from the high school itself, so next seniors could take it over and maintain it and do daily crunching on it, so that 10 years from now it will be oh a senior started this and it is a big senior tradition for the next one to take over.

Mr. Carmack: So how many are you planting?

Mr. A. Pike: There would be 8 for now, but then we talked about expanding to the right a little bit, over to where the covered bridge would be and in the future, depending if the 15 trees did really well at this location.

Mr. McKenney: Where is the covered bridge?

Mr. A. Pike: The covered bridge, the asphalt path where it comes to a roundabout and goes towards the playground.

Mr. Pike: Covered bridge, right here guys.

Mr. A. Pike: The covered bridge would be right about here.

Mr. McKenney: Ok I see it now.

Mr. A. Pike: And these trees would be encaged by deer fencing just so the deer cannot get at the seedlings, and this is what I have included, I'm saving up the cages on this plastic mesh wiring that it would just be encapsulating the trees or hang across or maybe go all around the entire orchard, it would come down in several years, once the trees got established and the deer were no longer a threat to them. And in terms of Mr. King for maintenance, the trees themselves will be taken care of by the seniors, you wouldn't have to worry about weeding or mulching around them, that is all a senior projects I have lined up for the next several years taking it over, so basically you would just have to mow around and it will be very simple for you guys to do.

Mr. King: Now is this going to be eventually like a nature area because normally you stop mulching after awhile, you do it when they are younger to help them out and eventually move away.

Mr. A. Pike: That will be a goal in the future when they start to grow up a little bit, we can start shrinking the mulch more and more and eventually just grass around them so it will be a nice and tall tree.

Mr. McKenney: This would go in, in the spring?

Mr. A. Pike: The grading and the --- I would like to do this fall and then the seeds would go in just after --- so the end of April, beginning of May.

Mr. Carmack: Where do you get the seed from?

Mr. A. Pike: I am working with the American Chestnut Foundation. I have met with Mr. Gary Carver who is the head person for this area and Mr. Haggblade who actually lives in Poolesville, they came out last Sunday and I spent about 3 or 4 hours with them walking the site, they loved the idea they were enthusiastic about it, they said they were going to provide the seeds, but the only thing with them providing the seeds was, I included in the packet that there is like a little agreement thing that basically says the Town agrees not to cut them down or pave over them or if they do decide to take them out we have to inform the Chestnut Foundation 60 days ahead of time so they can come get the trees that they would like. But since it

is in a park that wouldn't be an issue, so it basically just says we can't sell their trees for profit, they are trying to protect their investment.

Mr. Behrend: Now as the process it goes through, I have seen this in American all the way up to 15, 16, you are putting in half the hybrid trees now and then you are going to replace them over the years?

Mr. A. Pike: Well currently what we discussed with the gentlemen from the Chestnut Foundation was we had 4 different rows, the first one would be 100% American Chestnut, which would most likely die due to the blight in a couple of years, but it would give people the idea of this is what we started out with, they died, and then the 100% Chinese Chestnut, which is what the Chestnut Foundation is crossing into the American trees to make them blight resistant, and then we thought of doing another line 50/50 just to show this is kind of what the first round would be when you combine them and then the B3F3 is the final product they have so far, it is 15/16th it is showing promising results of surviving so if the 15 16th's took over like if they were to survive fairly well, we could look at the possibility of replacing the trees to have like a Chestnut Grove or extending to the right toward the covered bridge.

Mr. Carmack: What is the timeline for all of this, starting with seed?

Mr. A. Pike: Actually chestnuts grow fairly quickly, I just looked at a plot over at Blackhills, along with many other plots, but Blackhills they planted them in April and they were a good 8 inches to 12 inches tall. And that has been since April so they grow fairly quickly as long as you have the right pH and they are maintained and all the maintaining would be done by the senior projects, so I got to work this so another senior could take it over on June 1, which is when I graduate, and they would go in once a week, twice a week, even 7 times a week, water and weed them and make sure nothing has --- kind of thing and maintain them that way.

Mr. McKenney: But if all of them die, but you are going to go for the next cross right, we are starting all over again?

Mr. A. Pike: If they all die, the American Chestnuts will most likely die so I will obviously have to take them out in a few years, if they do die, but the ones at the high school have been planted 8 years ago and they are harvested American and they are doing really well, they have had one or two trees die within the last couple years, which is phenomenal considering the blight kills them.

Mr. Behrend: Is it the beetle blight?

Mr. A. Pike: No this is the, it is like a fungus that gets into open sores of the tree and it --- it basically. So I can put in the 15/16ths which is our final cross and if that took off we could go in with the object of replacing them all, with the 15/16ths.

Mr. McKenney: So 15/16th is still experimental basically, is what you are saying?

Mr. A. Pike: It is experimental but it's the furthest they have worked so far because it is showing very high results.

Mr. McKenney: What would be the reason not to start there?

Mr. A. Pike: What with all of them?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Mr. A. Pike: They are \$900.00 apiece.

Mr. McKenney: Ok then.

Mr. A. Pike: And since it is a demonstration plot we were going to chart each line and get a nice little marker made saying this is what this is, what line, and kind of show the order of it, so basically you have an older brother playing soccer, the little kids and parents could go in and learn about chestnuts and be self-guided where they could see all right this is what we started with, crossed with this, got the 50/50 and then over time got the 15/16 and then definitely there would be information about the Chestnut Foundation, people could look into it and there would be a lot of signage and all that.

Mr. McKenney: Ok \$900.00 explains a lot.

Mr. King: Alex I have a question for you. The 15/16th is a hybrid, does it mean it is sterile or will they produce root that we can plant later on ourselves?

Mr. A. Pike: I believe they will produce nuts but in the future, like awhile down the road.

Mr. King: And what age will they produce, is it 10, 15, 20 years?

Mr. A. Pike: I think it is right around 10, I am not sure, that is later on down the road not the first couple years, they definitely have to get established and become more mature.

Mr. McKenney: All right so other than the ok from us as far as the fact that this will become the Town's park, what else do you need?

Mr. A. Pike: I would first need your guys ok and then I need to present to the Commissioners and Mr. Brown can act as liaison on this and present the Commissioners, I just need then to read over the agreement and basically sign it saying that we won't destroy their plot and we won't pave over it and that we are going to act within reason to maintain the plot.

Mr. McKenney: Ok how much do the other seeds cost?

Mr. A. Pike: Actually all the seeds are being donated to us, that is why we have to have this agreement.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. A. Pike: So the total cost would be nothing for the Town because since it is Mr. Kettler's park he is actually the one that brought me the idea like 5 years ago before I was in high school, he was like when are you going to be a senior, I want to do this. So he has agreed to pay for the grading, regrade a little bit, no more than a 3-1, Mr. King, and then the fencing we are either going to do around each individual tree with this depending on if we can get it cheaper, because we have one price of \$14.00 a foot, but that seems a little high, or all the way around it, just depending on price, but other than that it wouldn't cost the Town a dime.

Mr. McKenney: How tall is this?

Mr. A. Pike: What I found to work from my research and the different plots I visited in August, 7 feet would be helpful and most you can't even tell they are there unless you are within 10 to 20 feet of them.

Mr. McKenney: I'm less worried about that than I am deer, I think around all of it would allow them to get in a little bit more than just around each one.

Mr. Pike: Who signs the agreement?

Mr. A. Pike: The Commissioners of Poolesville would have to sign it.

Mr. Brown: It can't be the Town Manager?

Mr. A. Pike: It might be able to, I have to look into it more.

Mr. McKenney: Well you got to make a presentation to the Commissioners anyway right.

Mr. A. Pike: Of course but I figured I'd start with you guys because if you weren't going to let me do it on your park, there was no point in going to the Commissioners, so I thought I should check with the Parks Board first.

Mr. McKenney: Well gentlemen?

Mr. McIntyre: Make a motion to approve.

Mr. Behrend: Second.

Mr. McKenney: Moved and seconded. Any discussion? No discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye.

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

Mr. McKenney: Any abstentions? Tim Pike abstains, related. Feel sorry for you Alex. Thanks Alex.

Mr. A. Pike: Thank you guys.

Mr. Pike: Good job.

Mr. McKenney: All right next item is PAA.

Mr. Carmack: This is Rick Beaton, he is the Lacrosse Commissioner.

Mr. Beaton: And field wise we are pretty much playing on the same type size field, we didn't realize that last year until after a couple games, but we try to go ---, his son plays football, my son plays lacrosse, I helped him coach lacrosse last year and we have been developing with Kevin's help obviously with the Booster Club, developing a very different relationship with the high school. Over the summer we went and cleaned up the high school and me and about 5 or 6 other people put on the roof of the concession stand to try to help expenses with labor and time and stuff like that. We have got some people to clean up that area also over by the greenhouse over there, in the past 6 months we have cleaned up for them to do the renovation up there. But over this football season we lost three home games due to them not letting us be able to reschedule onto the football field, because we really have no other place in Poolesville to play, so for us to reschedule we had to go and look for fields in other locations plus we have no concession money coming in, which we obviously planned and budgeted for over the course of the year. We ended up losing about \$9,000.00, I think the final number was, what we could have profited had we had the fields. Going further, talking to the business manager at the high school, its just being able to go with a plan in the future for lacrosse and for football, its going to be very difficult to lock it down in the future and with as many sports teams that Poolesville has and as much as they are using that field, it is very difficult to squeeze in a Saturday every now and then. We asked for 5 and we got 4 last year, this year we got but we only got to really play 2, so we were in a really bad situation and he has a season coming up, which I think we've kind of found a place to practice other than the high school, because that is very costly, so we found the elementary school but the elementary school is not excavated properly for us to have actual games there because we are in a very competitive league. So I know football would not work there at all because of the way it is, unless we dump some money into it, but that is also county property, so then it goes back to having to get permission to use that field also, which we don't mind getting permission, we don't

mind putting the man hours in to help but going forward, just looking around the Town, I've walked around and the only I think possible place that would even come close would be that middle field at Halmos but that would also take a ton of work and I don't know what would go on in that to actually make it happen but looking at the fields in Poolesville, I don't see very many places, I didn't know if you guys had any ideas.

Mr. Pike: Didn't they play football on that field?

Mr. King: 15 years ago we played football.

Mr. Beaton: I went and measured it tonight and there...

Mr. King: Well we put the pathways in there, which kind of shrunk the area.

Mr. Beaton: I don't know width wise, I think that is a major problem and then also bringing actual field goal posts in there. Our league is very, very strict and so there has to be a certain amount behind it, to the side of it, we have to have cheer boxes, because we have a cheer organization also. But that is a possibility, we had spoken about Halmos earlier in the season, but I just don't know if it is quite large enough to be able to have that much parking come in there, we'd really have to look at it because we tend to, what would you say Kevin on a football day, how many people come.

Mr. Carmack: Well if you figure there is about 20 kids per team, so each set of parents brings the kids, you got 2 teams playing each other, you got the team before you, if you arrive early, and then the team after you, so it is not just one game, so there is this constant, and that is how it was at the high school, you have about 7 games going on throughout the day and if the first team gets there early and the next team pretty much gets there right when they are getting ready to take the field.

Mr. Beaton: And the high school had put so much into the field this year and including this and the mower that they had to buy or used new mower, but and the issue was because it was a lot of rain this year and they cancelled games themselves, just one to find out they were cancelling the game either a couple of days or --- it takes a lot of rescheduling, so we ended up one day moving up to Urbana and one time we had to go all the way out to western Howard County, the other time we played up in Carroll County.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah and so I told you guys there is a limitation and you got to reschedule the game and it is not like in baseball when a month later you can try and make it up, you got to make it up almost instantly and so with all the money that they put in, and I totally understand their thinking, like in the fall you have jv and varsity football, jv and varsity field hockey, you have jv and varsity boys soccer and girls soccer, so there is 8 teams using that field. They were complaining that they can't get their own makeups so we did have one conflict where there was a game scheduled and we worked around it, we have a good relationship, the issue is putting so much time in that field anymore and not going to let anybody ruin it and we totally understand. The problem was it was a lot of times it was last minute and we had to make things up. I think moving to the elementary school was key this year, took a huge amount of pressure off of the high school and the trash and the kids being on it and stuff and the reality was it is still really not enough and we talked about before about how most of the teams that we play almost all of the teams that we play do not play at their high schools, there is only a very limited few,

over in Howard County, the County provides these beautiful turf fields but we don't have that option. So the question is...

Mr. Pike: Howard County.

Mr. Carmack: Howard County, so the question is what are our options. I think you are not looking for week night practices, you are specifically looking for the opportunity to hold 4 or 5 or around that number home football games where you are playing games all day long.

Mr. Behrend: Well looking at the map there for Brightwell Crossing that is about big enough, maybe just a tad small, and then we've got the multipurpose that will be over at Winchester. But those are a couple years out.

Mr. Carmack: We ran a Jamboree and rented fields from Muldoon, he is big into the soccer and everything else, we just have to come up with, even if it is looking a couple years out.

Mr. Behrend: No w should be looking absolutely.

Mr. Carmack: With the conditions of lacrosse, the first year lacrosse and the response that they got and how it is growing that is going to really outweigh football.

Mr. Beaton: Last year for football we had 92 participants this year we had 145, how many did you have in lacrosse last year.

Mr. Carmack: Close to 100 last year.

Mr. Beaton: For the first year. That is awesome and that is going to grow. And they cross over, I mean the kids obviously cross over to that, baseball.

Mr. Behrend: That is why we looked at Winchester as a multipurpose for lacrosse as well.

Mr. Carmack: And we know the Booster Club, one of their next big projects is the practice field. That practice field is in such bad shape that the kids are getting hurt, breaking bones, so they are looking at 50 or 60 dump loads, dump trucks with the dirt just getting started, so that is not really going to be an option either, so I think as I pointed out, getting away from the high school will a huge relief to them and then it will give PAA, both lacrosse and football a place where they can count on. If the field is soaking wet, it has got to be just like we have for baseball, there has got to be some rules, you can't play, you can't play. The key here is that people who don't have a responsibility with respect to their fields could be --- this year, they abuse them, because they are done, they make them into these mud pits, we can't let that happen because it would just be like baseball, we don't let them go on when it is soft.

Mr. Pike: Are the right fields in town, we could convert to football.

Mr. Carmack: We talked about how big Halmos 3 is. You got to look at a number of things, how flat it is, the parking, concessions or some version, and I know we get that at the high school, when it comes to the priority the field is the priority, not the concessions.

Mr. King: Now Halmos field that used to be the football field, the one that is next to the concession stand, yet their has been 2 --- in the past put in, they can be moved, its one of those things if we need to bump them we can probably get another 10 yards, we can move them and there is an old concession stand that needs to be totally upgraded but that for years hasn't been used.

Mr. McKenney: But you have the concessions there, you have the pavilion there.

Mr. King: What's that Sir?

Mr. McKenney: You have the concessions there, you can make it bigger, you have the pavilion there as well.

Mr. King: The pavilion is there, I think the little bleachers they have there are out in a strange place, once again that could be easily rectified, and the best parking in the town for sports facility, you have free parking that goes with that parking. Stevens you never have any parking, the new one at Brightwell, that will be football too and when they start stacking up it is unbelievable, so we are limited in Poolesville, so I think we should probably review and I don't think we have more developments coming on in the near future. So in reality unless we rent Muldoon's field or arrange to take some of it over, we should have turned Halmos and that facility we should probably look at upgrading the bathrooms and concession stands at the same time.

Mr. McKenney: I think we definitely look at that, I think that...

Mr. Carmack: What about lacrosse they need the same size.

Mr. McIntyre: Are they thinking about practicing?

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Mr. Beaton: The elementary school is the safest place for us to practice for little kids and stuff.

Mr. McKenney: Well Brightwell has got the field built right? He's got grass there now, we would have to check with Kettler and you would have to take a look at it and see when you think it might be, I suppose there is a possibility it may be available late spring.

Mr. King: It is still a work in progress.

Mr. McKenney: Don't have the parking.

Mr. Beaton: One thing I would like to say though is, whatever the fact that Halmos is the way to go in the future, we would like to create a partnership because that is what we are about, if we are going to use it, we want to be able to make sure that we can take care of it just as well as anybody else, and we will still continue to help the high school out, I mean that is not going away.

Mr. King: And you talk about lacrosse and football and soccer uses that field and if you start investing money into it, the problem you have now, we can't sit a ball field aside for 4 or 5 months and our fields are starting to show the wear and tear and soccer they played all fall even on the rain and everything and now when do I take one out of service, I really don't have a field where in the fall or summer where we got to take this field out of service, and you guys start talking about Halmos and doing it and they use that field quite a bit too. Get everybody on the same page about when they can practice and when they can play on it and everything.

Mr. Brown: Kurt's thinking how bout never.

Mr. King: I'm just saying in Poolesville we don't have a lot of fields and we have to work together and the soccer people they are going to need a place to play just like you guys.

Mr. Beaton: Who are the soccer people?

Mr. King: That would be Mike Wills.

Mr. Beaton: One of you guys mentioned Halmos 3.

Mr. Carmack: That is on the right as you make the Hughes Road, Tom Fox. You can park between 2 and 3, what we figured there is like 60 spots there right.

Mr. Behrend: About that.

Mr. King: And then there is another 10 over at Bodmer tot lot and then we can always, there is that little field if we have to make a larger parking area, so Halmos potentially with some time and some money we can probably make it so you can handle larger football events due to parking and moving the bleachers, we can probably get a nice field in.

Mr. Pike: Is that being used for baseball now.

Mr. McKenney: In the spring it was used. There may be more call for it come this spring because I think we are going to have more older boys trying to look for fields that UMAC doesn't have, because you have Wisar, Hockenbery, plus the ones we usually have for PAA.

Mr. Behrend: I said there are a number of NFL teams that play on baseball fields.

Mr. McKenney: If you were to use, if you take Halmos soccer field and convert it into a football field then technically you may lose a soccer field, which you could line in the outfield of Halmos 3, which is what we have done for tournaments.

Mr. Pike: Say that again.

Mr. McKenney: If you take away the soccer field at Halmos and make it a football field, make it bigger and say it is more a football field than it is a soccer field, put goals in, the whole nine yards, then where are you going to put those soccer kids?

Mr. Carmack: Well they have moved to the elementary school for practicing, they wouldn't be on the football field.

Mr. McKenney: Right but if you are going to play games on there on the weekends and you are going to use it during the week for soccer practice, the field is going to get used. So you got to figure out where else you are going to put that overload and it makes sense to line, like we have done in tournaments, line up the outfield in Halmos 3 and use it for both games.

Mr. Pike: But in 2 more years we are going to have 2 more fields.

Mr. McKenney: Right and lining the field as opposed to redoing a field is a lot cheaper than, moving the asphalt thing is expensive but it is not like redoing a whole field.

Mr. King: And then also having moveable soccer goals, which we have with the other parks already. Because you know when fall baseball is over, I mean there is a lot we could do and we could actually remove that fence in the outfield at 3.

Mr. McKenney: For protecting the park you probably want the fence there.

Mr. Brown: How bout this, any other suggestions beyond talking about Halmos right now, I am going to throw this out there only because obviously Craig you and I have talked about this at length over the years and Rick I know you are bringing the program on that is going to be very top heavy as well. Are you thinking in terms of potentially holding the fort until the new developments come on and then try to have one of those fields be dedicated.

Mr. Beaton: We are going to hold it as long as we can. With the conversation that I had with the business manager who is really kind of running things, it is not looking good, plus the way Frederick County charges, I think Montgomery County is about to adopt that to a similar, I mean I don't know how much money they are going to be able to get, they are charging for turf fields.

Mr. Brown: How bout this, you take a hard look at Halmos 2, do you think that is what you guys are envisioning.

Mr. Beaton: Is that the middle field between the two?

Mr. Brown: Yes.

Mr. Beaton: I don't know, I would really have to sit there and look at it, I measured it at night so I am not for sure.

Mr. Brown: I just think that in absence of any other inventory or annexation, that I don't think anybody has planned, that you have got to really crystalize what fields will work and I hear you, you can't count on the schools or Montgomery County to, their situation changes from year to year in terms of the rentals, you don't what you are getting if you were to put money into it, if you would ever be able to use it, so that doesn't make sense. It should be a town facility and I am sure we would welcome some sort of public/private partnership on that, it makes sense. But we really have to line it up to see what would work.

Mr. McKenney: This doesn't exactly resolve your issue but the space behind the middle school between the two baseball fields, I think is, they played rugby on their a couple times.

Mr. Beaton: The problem is when we bring goal posts out and put them in the ground, maybe there is a way to remove the goal posts I just don't know.

Mr. Carmack: Where do you park along the road?

Mr. McKenney: Or the school lot and you got to hike up from the other side, I said it doesn't resolve the issue but it's a large field.

Mr. Carmack: Jim expanding on that, are there any other potential fields that are not a field right now, as in is there a cornfield, an open field.

Mr. Brown: Are you trying to get me to volunteer my field?

Mr. Carmack: Well the barn would make a good concession stand.

Mr. Brown: I think we have exhausted it.

Speaker: I'm new back to town here, but it sounds like we are catering to the soccer teams.

Mr. Behrend: Oh no, oh no, no, no, no.

Mr. Brown: Not really.

Speaker: Well that is what I am trying to understand. They are not PAA sponsored programs, correct?

Mr. Brown: Yeah but they are still our town youth. I think Rick, just on the surface of what we are talking about right here, if we convert Halmos 3 baseball field to a soccer field, we will hear plenty of screaming about that and the other side of the coin is these guys don't play, they won't play their games here, so we are talking about practice facility for them and to me there is a difference about a game facility for you guys that involves concessions, fundraising, etc., but believe it or not the soccer teams do work together and they get pushed around to the different fields at different times, I really wouldn't call it catering to it, I hear ya, but I really wouldn't call it that.

Mr. Behrend: We are stretched in terms of all our facilities from all the sports here in town and we try to adjust for all the sports.

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Mr. Beaton: (Inaudible) for the last 2 years we have been talking about it and practice when the time changes at playoff time we go up to the firehouse under the lights and practice because it is really the only time we can really get to play. I know that they were building a field, I measured it, it is a junior soccer field and way to small, but I also ran into one of my friends and he said that Owens Park, I don't know what power or anything, that is a country run area, and I don't think parking will come close to what we need, but I heard that whole place was deserted.

Mr. McKenney: Closed it yeah for budget reasons.

Mr. Beaton: What do they do with that baseball field out there? I did walk out there and notice they did put a new fence up, UMAC uses it.

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Ms. Hockenbery: (Inaudible).

Mr. Carmack: We also just heard, Craig I don't know if it was, was it Dave Fisher but it looks like they are doing something with the firehouse.

Mr. Beaton: Yeah it is the junior soccer field.

Ms. Hockenbery: (Inaudible).

Mr. Carmack: What about the golf course?

Mr. McKenney: They have a big huge entrance there.

Mr. Pike: What about the polo field, Mike Lupine owns that.

Mr. Beaton: The biggest thing is if we do anything, we don't want anything out of it, we just want a commitment. I am afraid if we go to somebody like that then I feel like they are not ----, they could shut us down anytime. We are the most requested home game in our league out of 8500 kids, those kids want to come up here and play under that stadium, they love the concession, they love the feel, yeah we are way out here but people in Reisterstown want to come play here.

Mr. McKenney: Bear in mind we will look at this field and the other field maybe in the next couple of years. We are also going to have 300 more homes and for us to take, us collectively the Town, to take a field and say this is going to be a lacrosse game field and maybe a football game field, taking a huge amount of use out of the town's park system. By that I mean yeah the soccer teams may not always play their games on our fields, but we got West Willard, which is not really even a field and it just happens to be a pasture that has been mowed enough to make it kind of level, soccer teams double up, and come spring, Stevens soccer they may double up there just for practices, so that is what we have. Like Kurt said we are stretched now. My concern is and I appreciate what you guys are asking for, that you need something that can be played on safely and maintained well and so forth and so on, but to have a field just kind of sit for games for us could be a challenge, because people are going to want to use it.

Mr. Carmack: There are 4 baseball fields and no football fields or lacrosse fields. The problem is again if they only want to use it on Saturday but if you put soccer there all week, by the time you get to Saturday, (inaudible) you don't want them using it but not using it is not efficient, but we have 4 fields and we use all 4 baseball fields, we have no football or lacrosse, maybe we ought to think about giving one of them up. I don't know.

Mr. Pike: Well that is why Tom is doing the multipurpose but that doesn't help right now.

Mr. McKenney: I think that the most efficient way to do it is to take a look at Halmos soccer field, which used to be a football field and see what can be done there. And with the extent that there was or is a demand for that field for soccer to put the lines in the outfield at Halmos 3 or Halmos 2 is a big enough field to do the same thing.

Mr. Pike: I thought Stevens was bigger.

Mr. McKenney: The baseball field I guess it is.

Mr. Carmack: Halmos 3 and Stevens are considerably larger than the field in between 1 and 2, which currently is a soccer field.

Mr. Pike: Halmos 3 would be a good option.

Mr. Carmack: You might have to do something with the fence, instead of making it curved it might have to go straight, almost like Stevens does, just kind of goes along the wood line, you might have to move something but you might be able to do it and still keep it a baseball field.

Mr. Behrend: And we have got lots of soccer and baseball conflicts too that we try to balance, it is just one more balancing act.

Mr. Carmack: We do have soccer fields and we do have baseball fields, we do not have a lacrosse/football field and that is the issue.

Mr. Brown: Can soccer coexist with, I don't know what spring soccer is like in terms of usage, but can they coexist on Halmos 3, do you think that would be enough crossover to allow the replacement of Halmos 2 to Halmos 3 in terms of soccer during the spring. I know that soccer is big in the fall obviously.

Mr. Beaton: The plan is to have football and lacrosse practices during the week at the elementary school, spring and fall, when are the lacrosse games unlike football, all day Saturday, are they a Saturday game or do they occur more, so basically you need the same thing as football needs.

Mr. Pike: So where do we go from here?

Mr. Brown: I think we got to keep asking the question, we have a ton of resources.

Mr. McKenney: That is another consideration, I mean Preston are you looking, the conditions of the fields that you are looking at now, any one of the fields lets say for arguments sake, are they in a condition that you need, or do they need to be upgraded still?

Mr. Beaton: I've walked it at night, it seemed pretty nice.

Mr. King: Halmos is not bad, we have actually dug a big boulder out of there, reseeded recently, the drainage is fantastic.

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Mr. King: Outfield in 2 there is not much water, now 3 third base, but the actual grass area is not that bad and 2 was fantastic, 2 would make an excellent soccer field.

Mr. McKenney: My thought is if you are looking for, Preston is this going to put an additional load on town staff or is it going to be the same.

Mr. King: I don't think so because we would still mow and maintain, we are not adding an area, just maybe an upgrade to it, I would not see it overburdening us anymore than it was.

Speaker: And what we are suggesting as far as the upgrades, we will come up with the resources to improve the field, improve the concession...

Mr. Behrend: We hear and appreciate that, it is just trying to balance everybody as we go through this, yes we have baseball fields and soccer fields and we have a lot of people that use both of them for other things, and we are going to continue to have that, so to come in and say I want a football field and only football, never anything but football on there, that ain't going to happen.

Mr. Carmack: That is not what they are saying. You are talking about balance, there is no balance right now.

Mr. Behrend: I understand that but part of that Kevin is from decisions that were made 15 or 20 years ago because of what was available and what was being done at the time, things have changed, we are trying to find a solution, we may not have one for two years, but we got to look for it and keep looking.

Mr. Carmack: I am hearing that Halmos 3 may work as a football field and then we have a football field and we continue our balance.

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Mr. McKenney: Or are you talking about the field that is the soccer field now that doesn't have a number for Halmos.

Mr. Zachrel: Well I think they need to go and look at these and measure them out, find out which one is going to work for football and lacrosse, then we can come back and take a look at what it is going to take to make it a football/lacrosse field, during permit time they put in their permits and then we do the balance.

Mr. Pike: Kevin you want to go with Craig and help him.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah we will look at Stevens, Halmos 3 and Halmos soccer field, measure it up, see what...

Mr. King: Ball field 2 too.

Mr. Carmack: Select maybe two and then the Board can decide, because the Board has to think about the balance of the other fields and the other people requesting. It is good timing for football but lacrosse is going to be asking for something in the spring so I don't know whether we can support that or not.

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Mr. Behrend: This is one reason we insisted on a multipurpose field for the 2 new developments coming in because of lacrosse coming in as those were coming through, ok we are looking we know that is coming, we are just at the mercy of waiting till they build the things for us, the plan is there but sometimes it doesn't develop as fast as we need it.

Mr. King: Once again Jim and I were talking, why can't we approach the Willard's about donating, because they sold this cheap because it was going to be a park, because that corn field is in the town limits and I would really think and the Willard's truly are very Poolesville friendly and as it is for them to get their equipment in and out mowing, it might be worth getting a committee together or somebody to approach them and say "as a town we are out of sporting land, what can you do for us, can you help us" just approach them and they have been very good to us in the past, but have a committee set up, maybe with some PAA town people and approach them on it, you could put 2 fields in there, just something we are out of fields, here and Muldoon's is about the only thing that is reasonable, level, and location.

Mr. Carmack: So it sounds like you do have a possible short term at one of the other fields, long term would be multipurpose fields coming on. Because Kurt is right that is the main reason why Brightwell was and we actually changed it so it wouldn't be in the sun and it was a multipurpose field we were talking about.

Mr. Behrend: We were looking ahead.

Mr. Beaton: When you say specifically for the 2 fields that are multipurpose, is there good parking, does the land have good parking around those?

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Mr. Behrend: It will be 60 some around Brightwell and it will be 50 or 60 for Winchester. Is it going to be sufficient parking for you, probably not.

Mr. McKenney: Because one team comes off the other one comes on or one team is on while the other one is arriving, you are going to have a stress point.

Mr. Behrend: Or you drop your equipment, go park and then move your car again when the space is open. There is no ideal solution where we can put a stadium up, sorry.

Mr. Beaton: Would the Commissioners be the ones that would approach...

Mr. Brown: My thought was if this Board agreed to allow the Commissioners to explore that would probably be the right direction.

Mr. Behrend: It is huge we could do a lot with that.

Mr. Brown: I would think the key would be we are not talking about building things there besides maybe a concession stand.

Mr. Behrend: May be like an agreement with Whalen Commons here.

Mr. McKenney: You want to take a vote on it, I would be in favor of that.

Mr. Behrend: I would move that we ask the Commissioners to explore that.

Mr. Carmack: Second.

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

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposition, abstentions?

Mr. Brown: I'll put something together and then send it to everybody here and it will just be a discussion starter for the Commissioners and then go from there.

Mr. Behrend: And understand, this could be a year or two process too even for that.

Mr. Carmack: It would be a great addition for Poolesville Day.

Mr. Brown: Anything else you guys, does that kind of cover it.

Mr. King: And if you guys want me to meet out there, give me a heads up, I don't have to be there but if you guys want me give me a couple days notice, I will be willing to walk around with you guys.

Mr. McKenney: All right thank you.

Old Business

Mr. McKenney: Old business, Relay for Life.

Ms. Hockenbery: Do I have to state my name?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah new meeting, new minutes all that stuff.

Ms. Hockenbery: Chontelle Hockenbery, 19300 Hempstone Avenue, Poolesville. I am here presenting more information about Relay for Life. Hopefully I provided enough information, I have the insurance certificate, I just took the layout that Cathy Bupp gave me that they use for the Farmers' Market, it is very, very, very basic, that is why all the little boxes are there, but we would put snow fence where the rock

wall on that side, the bloodmobile would be down in the parking lot on the end here, we would have a kids zone, which is a like a moon bounce area, fun activities, our campsites would be to the back side, which would be to this side on this end and campsites meaning people spending the night, having pop up tents, trying to keep a lot of that basic traffic, where kids would be running, away from the street. The bandshell we would use for a DJ, local bands we would have for the activities, and the registration area would be probably where the old gazebo was since there is that concrete pad there and we would be able to put a tent over it, it would be perfect no matter rain or whatever condition. In the center I would like to put 2 tents the way that they had for Poolesville Day, not really on this layout here, but 2 facing the bandshell so that people would be able to be out of any weather conditions. Then on the walkway during the Luminaria piece of it, we would have Luminaria candles just like we do during the Holiday Lighting Ceremony, it is basically a bag with a candle and it is lit from 9:00 pm til they go out, we do not extinguish those candles, we do monitor them, they are not extinguished until the next morning, it is a way of honoring those that are battling cancer and those that have been lost. That is something that is just part of the tradition. The next page I just kind of generally gave you some input as to what we would do Friday night. On Friday we order tents and that day is basically whenever the tent company tells us they can come in and put the tents out, those would be done. We would be then installing silt fence at that point, putting up signs and banners, marking our way out on the ground on Friday. Saturday morning would be basic set up of everything, campsites would be in, the blood service would come, we would need electric for our registration, the bandshell, none of the campers would have electricity running to their sites, that is not something that we have. We don't offer, they are not allowed to have any kind of lit fire or anything, no campfires, none of that, it is prohibited when we do an event like this. The only thing that we do is what we do as far as the luminaria. Restrooms we would need open for the weekend. We would contact and provide a letter to each of the residents on this side of the street, letting them know what is going on, the times, the whole game plan and inviting them to participate in our event. We would maintain and do all cleanup of the event and find whatever designated area you guys tell us, where you want the trash, we would make sure that it is put where it needs to be and recycling is done the way that they should be and ready for pickup Monday. If possible we would like to use the picnic tables that you have in the town, if possible, I mean I understand if you have another event or something else. We do have a contact with a company for a porta potty, we were looking at just having an extra facility so that there is not any lines or problems with that, and that would be donated. Music we usually have bands during the day until 7 pm and then dusk is when we do our luminaria, which is all music by a DJ, and when that ends we would turn music off or have it down to a low minimum right to where those tent sites are so it is not like blasting the neighborhood, because people continue to walk all night long and then at 6 am we do a closing final ceremony and at that point we kind of start the music back up so we can do celebrations as a final hoopla, end of the event. I would be the main contact person, because I am the Chairperson, I do have a logistic chair I can give you that information. The last piece basically is an overview of what Relay is in a

nutshell, what Relay is, what happens at the event, the survivor lap, luminaria, what our fight back ceremony and the history of Relay for Life. We have our own website, we would advertise basically that the event would be held here at Whalen Commons and all paperwork would start going out with that.

Mr. Behrend: You are not going to surround the area with silt fence just the corners.

Ms. Hockenbery: My main concern is the road and keeping Fisher Avenue contained here, I think this back side we should be fine, I am not really concerned about that, I am more concerned with the road and the kids running that way. Toward the later part of the evening we contain it a lot better because you have to have wrist bands and we walk around and patrol the area, but it is mainly for kids running and darting in, there is less likely of that happening I think with the snow fence and because we do kids zones, we usually do a snow fence around our kid zones so it would be moon bounces and climbing walls and stuff like that and then we enclose that, so they go in and do those activities and come out of that so that would be enclosed also, but keeping the field open so if they wanted to play ball or some kind of activities and games in the center that would be kept open and walking around the walkway is pretty much, we also looked at possibly putting some lights up in the arbor and in some of the trees just for this event, just to bring some more light to the area because it does get a little dark in the evening, we don't plan to bring any other lighting, just some out here, we are going to use what you have and the candles provide a lot of light during the night walk but if we lit up the trees that would be just enough to keep it and it is not too much to prohibit anybody living and you guys keep the light on in the bandshell all night long, so that is something that has been going on since that came about so that is not something that would disrupt. The way we looked at parking, basically we would come in and register and I looked at 2 ways of doing registration. Coming into this corner, they would drive up, one person get out and register, we could possibly go around the back of the building and then they could park or they could come down the one way and go to a parking, but we would designate, it wouldn't be just come and do your own thing, it would be directed once we got a better feel a little closer to the event, but we want a flow of traffic just like you do on Poolesville Day so that it is flowing, not everybody is coming from all different directions, you come in one direction, you loop it around or looping behind the shopping center here because you can make the loop and it wouldn't be a constant, it would probably be from 9 to 12, 9 to 1 at most would be your core group of people filtering in for camping, and after that it would just be people parking in whatever location, we are looking at doing these parking spaces for like handicap or people that really need the closer access, and then offering that there is the shopping centers and walking, because that is why we are here in the middle of town is hoping that the people in town will come, but there is elementary school parking, there is adequate parking in all the shopping centers, I don't foresee anything of that sort being an issue honestly. We never had a like a tremendous amount of parking issues at our very first year, which was huge, and I don't see that becoming an issue at all.

Mr. Brown: I think it is a great plan.

Ms. Hockenbery: Any questions.

Mr. Brown: Looks good, very well thought out, very and unquestionably to me one of the Town's core events, so I am actually thinking it is an excellent move to bring it into the town.

Ms. Hockenbery: I am hoping by doing that, that more people will want to participate, we did get some great turnout when it was here but with the same issues that they are having with the field problems, we have that same issue starting at their beginning process of making the changes to the field and I understand priorities and we are a renter, so we are renting and the sports is the school's priority, but you can't base that just like they are saying, you have got all these other people that are working with you, you can't base that on if it rains and they say you can't come out there. So we need a place that we can work with, any other questions?

Mr. Pike: No. A motion to approve.

Mr. McKenney: So it has been moved and seconded, any discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposition or abstentions, none. Thank you.

Mr. Behrend: Good luck.

Mr. McKenney: Robert.

Mr. Pike: Why don't we go to another item until he gets ready.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah that is a good idea, so Preston, Fisher Avenue streetscape crosswalks, we are going to jump ahead while he is loading there.

Mr. King: What is that Sir?

Mr. McKenney: Fisher Avenue streetscape crosswalks?

Mr. King: Yes Sir.

Mr. McKenney: What is our update?

Mr. King: John Strong is still getting some prices together so they are still working on the pricing, they will have that I am sure before December meeting.

Mr. McKenney: All right that is fine.

Mr. King: And over at the skateboard park we have started our landscaping, we planted some pears and crepe myrtles in there so that park is still moving on, lighting, everything is totally taking shape over there, we did some LED purchases like we did out here, the LED professional lighting in the parking area. Still having an issue with trash in the park though, there is one person in town that cleans it once a week, but if he doesn't clean it, we don't clean it, it is still a problem and I don't know how we are going to address that.

Mr. McKenney: So we can tell when Jim is out traveling or when Butch is traveling.

Mr. Brown: He is making a strong campaign on Facebook and everything to get the guys to do better.

Mr. King: And it is interesting, it will be really terrible and then clean as a whistle, so there are some people that have taken it to heart to keep it clean and I guess if he can get the following behind it.

Mr. Pike: It was very clean today.

Mr. King: Because they cleaned it up yesterday. The tot lot during the middle of the day now, young kids and mothers, they go to McDonalds, get their lunch, come underneath the pavilion, it is starting to come around, but a few elements we still

need to work on, the skateboards, some of the language over there, we might want to get signage because one of the ladies, we were planting trees said during the day it is great but as soon as high school gets out we had to leave because of the language.

Mr. McKenney: We have something about that on the sign already at the skatepark I think.

Mr. King: Language though?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Mr. King: Anyway it is coming along, it is looking nice, got the trees, planted some pears and crepes.

Mr. McKenney: So we will let Robert go, you are ready right, we will come back to that park and that topic. All right fire away.

Mr. Winning: Ok do I just say my name?

Mr. Behrend: Yes.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Mr. Behrend: Do you know your name?

Mr. Winning: My name is Robert Winning, I reside at 19616 Bodmer Avenue, Poolesville, Maryland. Today I am here to formally propose my Eagle Scout Service Project. I am a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 496 in Poolesville, Maryland. I have been involved with Poolesville athletics since I was 5. I have been involved in wrestling, baseball and football, a little bit of basketball and so the project I planned to undertake, I want to build a batting cage at Stevens Park in Poolesville, Maryland. I chose this location at Stevens Park because the majority of the baseball games that are played from the age groups of I think it is like 8 to 12 are played at that field and there are no current batting cages in Poolesville. Batting cages serve a great purpose for teams and individuals. Teams can use it before practices and before games and during practice and individuals can go out there with somebody else and use it on their own spare time. The main reason why I want to construct this batting cage is so it can because it will help PAA and the community of Poolesville. The batting cage like I said before, can be used by both teams, both home and away, I would construct 2 cages one for home and away. And then the current conditions at Stevens Park, there is a large flat --- next to the first base side of the baseball field there, there is a slight slope running down the fist baseline but I don't believe that will be a problem for this project, we can even it out and then as Preston said before it is just screaming batting cage. Here is a picture of it, right there you can see Alex's Eagle Scout project, we would start ours about 2 or 3 pole lengths down and at the last Parks Board Meeting I approached the Board with an initial plan, just to try and get some suggestions and you guys told me about some vendors and you told me that you guys would want security, with a lockable gates and then also I proposed one batting cage and you guys said two and I like that idea, I thought it was a good idea, that way it can, it is time efficient for teams before games. And then you also told me, Preston advised me to go and look at some examples at Taylor field and up in Urbana, so me and my father we went out and did some research, this is the first place that we went to, it is on Araby Church Road and as you can see there is galvanized steel piping and its 12 feet high and there is 2 --- similar to what we want to do. This picture actually shows what the frame of the actual batting cage, what I

want to do. Here the first circle on the left is how the batting cage nets would be attached to the galvanized pipe, it runs along the top of the frame and then on your right it is how the top rails connected to the line post, that is called a eye hook. This is Taylor Field, they have actually incorporated the security gate or the security fence, which is also along this here. Here is a picture of the gate and it just shows a little bit about what we might use and from those I also went to 2 other places, Clarksburg High School and a community park in Urbana, but they weren't very helpful, but off of those 2 places we basically came up with a frame that is the actual frame of the batting cage would be 72 feet long by 28 feet wide and 12 feet high. This would as you can see from your diagram it would the fencing and frame would be built off of the existing face, the first base side fence and within the frame there could be 2 batting cage nets, which are 70 feet long by 12 feet wide by 12 feet high, and again we wanted to incorporate the security fencing with 2 gates. The poles that would be used as a frame could also be used as the line posts for the security fence and both of these materials would be made from galvanized steel. Here is the diagram that you see and the pamphlet, again there would be five 28 foot long top rails that go along the width of the batting cage, it would be 72 feet long and this is an aerial view so every time you see either a purple or green or orange dot that symbolizes a line post and in between each one of these sections is 18 feet long and we would have to cut the galvanized steel piping that comes in 21 foot lengths for top rail, so you would have to cut 3 feet off of them and then they would be attached to these posts by way of a thing called end braces and then you use brace bands to connect them to the line post and the terminal post. This is an aerial shot of Stevens Park on Google Earth and that is basically where the placement of the batting cage would be and here is a picture of what you'd be getting, to give you a little bit of an idea. Again it is a 6 foot high security fencing with 2 gates that are on the ends of the front of the frame, the posts that shoot up that are 15 foot high, the posts on the left and the right they are called terminal posts and they can also double as the gate post and then here is a materials list that I obtained from the help of a consultant from Capital Fence. As you can see the bulk of the items are from the security fencing and the tools that we would need to create this would include a hammer, post hole diggers and a digging bar, that would be used for digging a hole so that the line posts and the terminal posts would go into. Shovels would also be included in that, hacksaws could be used for cutting the top rails to appropriate lengths and then the drills and the drill bits would be used to drill holes in the top rail that would connect the eye ring bolts to a clip that supports the actual batting cage netting and the socket wrenches will be used to tighten the different bolts along the project and then bolt cutters or any other type of fence cutting tools and then a come-along is something that tightens the chain link fabric, this will be used to make sure that the security fence is properly made without and it is not loose and if it was loose it wouldn't work very well and it wouldn't be very secure. Ladders will be needed in order to put together the structure of the frame, again it is 12 feet high so we will need something pretty tall in order to get the top rails in place. And then in auger if necessary, we had a little bit of debate on this because as you can tell creating a fence is kind of a hard job, especially if I wanted Scouts to do it that would be asking a lot, so a lot of the work that the Scouts may contribute may be to dig holes and I

talked to a couple of people that put in fences and they said that like they put in fences year round and even if the ground does freeze its only the first maybe inch or two and that doesn't happen until late January or February and they said it wouldn't be too much to ask for Scouts or teenagers to try and dig holes. Some of the supplies and other expenses that will go into this project include sharpies and markers that would be used to mark off the different lengths that they need to be cut, tapes and masonry shearing will be used to plot out the land at Stevens Park to tell where the different lines posts and terminal posts go. Trash bags will be needed for regular clean up and then I myself and my family will provide snacks and other beverages for the Scouts and other volunteers that help out with the project and then tape measures will be needed to measure out the land also. And then this is what you also have in the pamphlet in your packet there, these are 2 quotes that I got from Lowes and Capital Fence. I also tried to go to Home Depot and ask for a quote but they weren't very helpful and they didn't have half the things I needed, but they did say that they would contribute \$50.00 in gift cards, so that could be used as expenses for cement that we will need for putting the line posts and terminal posts in place. And for Lowes basically all these expenses, the total cost of the batting cage will be about \$1,200.00 but with a 50% discount that they guarantee to help on Eagle Scout projects, it would be more around \$600.00 and the cage nets and accessories that go along to putting the cage nets into place will be about \$1,400.00. The nets will be supplied by Online Resource, they are \$630.00 a piece and then the other things that go in place to put the nets to construct the nets from the top rail include clips and eye hook rings and you can also get them from Lowes and obviously it doesn't take too much off the batting cage net itself but it takes a little bit off of the hardware and then the cost of the security fencing is about \$2,000.00 and if we got the supplies from Lowes it would be about \$1,000.00. And then cost of other materials, which include the landscaping fabric that goes underneath the stone dust that we plan to put in the bottom of the batting cages as the ground, you can also get that from Lowes and in addition to that there is also cement that would be needed for the posts and that comes out to about \$300.00 and with a 50% discount it is \$150.00. So total cost of project, it is definitely an expensive project \$5,000.00 is in here as an Eagle Scout Project, but with the help of Lowes and other donations, I think we could cover this pretty easily. For financial plan, again Lowes discounted 50%, I have been in contact with Home Depot and they said that they would be willing to donate \$50.00 so that should again cover the price of cement and then I have recently been in contact with Poolesville Athletic Association and they have said that they are willing to contribute to some of the funds for this project. I'm currently meeting with them to see if they will cover the total price of the --- which is about \$1,300.00 and I don't think that will be a problem. And then the Town of Poolesville, Preston has graciously said that the Town of Poolesville would provide the stone dust, which is a huge help and thank you for that, and then my question for the Parks Board, I have also talked to Mr. Yost and he said, I asked him how much do you think or obviously the security fence will be anywhere from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 and I asked him if the Town of Poolesville would be able to contribute toward any of the security fencing because the security fencing makes up a lot of the cost and it is what, it wasn't my original plan but I think it is a good one,

and the Town suggested it, and so basically I asked him if the Town of Pooleville would be willing to cover the cost of security fencing and he said that \$1,000.00 would be reasonable for the amount that they would be able to contribute but usually they try to contribute to 50% of the total funds and then the other 50% the Scout has to come up with, whether donations, fundraising or other discounts and in addition I think the leftover costs I will be trying to fundraise, maybe possibly with a carwash, I know it is kind of late in the year for a carwash but we have been having some good days, some good weather the past few weeks and if that continues in the next few weeks we would probably set up a carwash and maybe raise a few hundred dollars that could go towards this. And then the other expenses such as supplies and tools, I would be willing to cover those. Transportation and so here is a procedure list for what would have to go into building this batting cage, first thing would be to pick up and gather materials, tools and supplies and deliver to work site, that would take about a day, after that we would possibly be able to do that on a Friday evening and then the next day like on a Saturday or also on Friday we would measure and mark off the post lines that need to be dug at Stevens Park using the masonry --- and spades, the next day on a Saturday our main goal would be trying to dig all the posts, whether it was using post hole diggers or with an auger, the auger would obviously make it go a lot faster and I looked up a local auger rental and it is about \$70.00 per day so that is not unusual at all and it could be much more efficient also. And after talking with a consultant from Capital Fence for 8 foot posts or since it's a 6 foot high tall security fencing, the line posts are actually 8 foot high, so you would have to dig about 2 feet and the holes would have to be 8 inches in width and you'd have to cement them in place. The digging itself would probably take anywhere from 2 to 4 hours, there are 15 holes that need to be dug or actually there is 15 plus the 4 line post, so 19 and then the 2 terminal gate posts, so 21 holes so it will probably take a little longer than 2 to 4 hours, but hopefully with the help of a lot of volunteers and a strong work force we can get that done within a day. The next step would be to drill quarter inch holes in the top rail that goes along the top of the frame and from there you would, the reason for that is because so you get the eye bolts in through them and then once it is in place on the top that is where you hang the net from. After you drill the holes you assemble them to the top of the 15 foot high line post, you can do that using eye tops, which are basically loops and then dome caps are things that go on the ends to cover them. That would probably take another 1 to 2 hours and then assembly of the security fence, that would probably be the following weekend and that would, after talking with Capital Fence, they are willing to have a fencing consultant come out and if we were to do it ourselves we could use him and he would guide us through the process of putting the fence together and so that would probably take a whole day because that is a lengthy process. Following that it is basically just basic assembly, there is landscaping gravel that need to be laid down at the bottom of the batting cage and then stone dust is laid over that. The assembly of the batting cage nets, again that is attached to eyebolts that are screwed into the top rail and then after that it is just clean up of the work site. Carrying out the project, the work site that we would have to do all the construction in would be the same as the actual place where we are building the batting cage, there is a wide open area, there is plenty of room for

constructing and the different things that have to go into them, sawing the top rail to the correct length. The workforce, the basic workforce will mainly be made up of the Scouts of Troop 496, this will be a great opportunity for them to learn a little bit as a construction project and there aren't very many of those so it will be a good chance for them to learn and it is not everyday you learn how to build a fence. And then also hiring a consultant from Capital Fence could help me better understand the process of building a fence along with helping me teach the other Scouts and volunteers that are helping me with this project. Edge is a common method that is used in Boy Scouts, in order to manage a Boy Scout project, E stands for Explain, D stands for demonstrate, G for guide and E for enable, and basically with this method I'm going to more manage and guide other scouts and volunteers through the process of post hole digging and constructing the fence, the security fence, I will not be doing as much work as I will be managing it and telling them how to do it safely and along with the safety is the proper techniques of tools, there aren't any necessary safety things like goggles, I mean you can use gloves if you want but they are not required for post hole digging and then to ensure that the construction of this project is correct I will use the fencing consultant from Capital Fence, basically to go back over the work that I construct or help manage and then adult supervision, in order for this project to be constructed there has to be 2 adults there at all times. One of them has to be certified in youth protection and basically that is any 2 adults from the Troop 496 and then also the Consultant from Capital Fence, one of them would be ---. Transportation, I will be responsible for guaranteeing the arrival of the materials and supplies and because you have to be 21 in order in a Boy Scout troop activity to operate a vehicle on Boy Scout activities, I would be with my parents when I pick up the supplies and transport them to the work site and then also the transportation of Scouts, we can always carpool and if they do need to be picked up it is only a short ride to Stevens Park so that won't be too much of a problem. And so the next steps, preliminary timeline, if all approvals are met right after this, I will schedule to present to my Unit Committee and Unit Leader and also to the District Committee for approval. Once if it was approved tonight I could go and place the order for the materials from Lowes or Capital Fence and I could do that this weekend and then hopefully sometime next week after I get the scheduled appointment I can also get it approved from my Unit Leader and the District Committee. November 18, which is like 2 weeks away and that would be used to pick up the materials and deliver to the work site, that would be on a Friday and then November 19 and 20 is a Saturday and Sunday, it is the first weekend of construction if everything goes as planned and then skip a weekend just in case there is maybe some kind of weather hazard and we can't do it on the scheduled weekend then we do it the following weekend. Second week of construction is scheduled for December 3 and 4 and then the third one December 17 and 18 and finally January 7 and 8 if it is needed because of weather conditions and it would also be used to clean up the site and after that the final thing would just be a presentation to the Town Parks Board for their final approval. Moving forward I would like to be given this process as soon as possible and do you have any comments or suggestions I would be happy to hear them.

Mr. McIntyre: Very thorough presentation.

Mr. Pike: How are you getting the money for this?

Mr. Winning: Like I said before its probably going to come out to \$2,500.00 and I am hoping that Poolesville PAA will provide the money for the batting cage nets and the security fencing, I am going to propose that the Town of Poolesville help sponsor that because that was their idea and although I consider it a good idea it makes up the bulk of the cost, it is definitely pretty expensive for all that extra chain link, and then...

Mr. McKenney: Where is it on your spreadsheet, is it broken out or is it kind of in with some other stuff.

Mr. Winning: The security fencing?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Mr. Winning: The security fencing as I said before was around \$2,000.00 and possibly with the 50% discount at Lowes I recently called them and the store manager said that he has to send the proposal to his CEO or somebody higher up to get anything more than a 10% discount, that is all he is legally allowed to do but again the 50% discount is usually given for the help of Boy Scout projects.

Mr. McIntyre: Do you guys pull the nets down and then the Town store them somewhere or PAA store them.

Mr. Winning: The point of the clips that attach the eye bolts is easy to put together, easy to take down for the winter, so the use of this project trying to get a final look at it, I would probably put it up for a week or two and take it down. But it is designed so that doesn't happen.

Mr. McKenney: So you are asking the town to pick up security fencing costs, which with Lowes discount is the \$1,063.00?

Mr. Winning: Yes Sir.

Mr. Pike: I think Wade already approved that.

Mr. Carmack: Robert so I have a couple things, is there any welding involved? The other one is if you go back to your picture of right there, see how they have a pole at the top going from frame to frame, you are not doing that right, length wise at the very top, you are doing, the picture before this, across, so that is what you are doing?

Mr. Winning: Pretty much the exact, what the frame will look like.

Mr. Carmack: Ok the other thing we did for when we worked with Kevin right, we have the keys to the concession stand so what we did was we put his supplies in there so and that is a good time because nobody needs it, and then just go in there and take them out, that way he doesn't have to lug them back and forth, poles and all that stuff can be stored in there and then open and close it as you need it. And then the other thing you got to think about is, like Alex did, he had a --- so you got to do that and then you got to sign everybody in and out so that they get their recognition.

Mr. Winning: Mr. Behrend provided me with actually Kevin Connor's Eagle Scout workbook and he has lots of tables in there, he was very thorough with his project, so using that as a base I will create a table for the volunteer hours.

Mr. Carmack: You know the auger is a really good idea. Because of the amount of holes you have to drill, even if it was in the middle of the summer with the clay, Jeff was saying that Mr. Magaha might have access, I mean the best kind of auger is a free auger so maybe Mr. Berry or Mr. Magaha or somebody you could see if they could help you out, or Mr. King.

Mr. McKenney: You get some manual labor out of those Boy Scouts by mixing concrete.

Mr. Carmack: They will still have a lot of work to do I think, but good job.

Mr. McKenney: I do have one question. With respect to putting down landscape fabric and the stone, what are you doing to the earth before you put down the landscape fabric, anything?

Mr. Winning: I don't think anything is necessary.

Mr. King: We have a sterilizer we will put down.

Mr. McKenney: Either that or a rent a sod cutter. If you put it over the grass it will get all bumpy.

Mr. McIntyre: Preston do you have to trim it out at all, just kill the grass, lay the mat out.

Mr. King: If you are going to bring the stone dust in you still might want to have a 2 x 4 border around it, which is not that much material wise.

Mr. Carmack: Robert if you go back to the picture where you see Alex's.

Mr. Pike: But he didn't put fabric down, he forgot to.

Mr. Carmack: I know you are already tapped out on cost.

Mr. Pike: Where are you going to have the carwash?

Mr. McKenney: Any other questions? Are you guys going to be able to cover the nets?

Mr. Carmack: I think so, I'm not the guy anymore. I talked to Morningstar so...

Mr. Pike: Does Robert need approval.

Mr. Behrend: Yes he does.

Mr. McKenney: And I think we should memorialize the funding from the town and then yes he needs our approval for scouting purposes.

Mr. Zachrel: Make a motion to approve.

Mr. Pike: I'll second that.

Mr. McKenney: We need two things, two items, we have to make a motion to approve the expense of the \$1,200.00 and then we have to do a separate thing.

Mr. Pike: I think Wade already approved it didn't he?

Mr. King: He approved \$1,000.00.

Mr. McKenney: We went over.

Mr. Zachrel: So I make motion to approve Wade's approval.

Mr. McKenney: I guess, I don't know.

Mr. Pike: And I approve your approval for Wade's approval.

Mr. McKenney: All in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. Pike: Good luck Robert.

Mr. McKenney: Have you been talking to other scouts about your project to get a rough idea, well you just now set up your schedule I guess, you are going to need help.

Mr. Zachrel: I was actually approached by a couple of my neighbors to see about the possibility of turning one of the Stevens tennis courts into a place where the kids can play roller hockey. Right now they are playing in the street, not only in my cul-de-sac but I've noticed just driving up to Selby's a couple other small roller hockey games going on in the middle of the street and they just approached and said if we

could turn one of the tennis courts into a roller hockey, which I am not sure what level that would take to do that, but they just wanted me to bring that up to you. We talked about it a little bit last year during budget time and it didn't seem to (inaudible) to give them a safe place to play, one more thing in our parks arsenal.

Mr. McKenney: Has there been any research as to what impact it may have on the tennis players, the reason I say that is I know tennis courts up at Halmos are used more now than they were three to five years ago even, but I don't have, I don't go down toward Stevens much...

Mr. Zachrel: I live right around the corner, I have seen probably in a year about 2 or 3 times, well one of the courts is actually being used.

Mr. McIntyre: Yeah we play hoops on Tuesday night and it is rare. I don't think cancelling one court would harm anything as long as we keep it segregated. It is very similar to what we were thinking when we first started talking about the skatepark about 6 years ago, is to put a fence like right down the middle, take the tennis things out and just remark it for roller hockey, which by the way I have no idea how you'd mark roller hockey, and they usually bring their own nets in and take their own nets out.

Mr. McKenney: You have to put boards up somewhere, somehow, you can't just take out a net and leave it open to the...

Mr. McIntyre: Well whatever needs to be done to it.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. McKenney: Why can't you just use the tennis courts as they are and go this way instead of that way, wouldn't need to change anything at all.

Mr. Pike: I hear you, a hockey rink is 200 feet long, how big is roller hockey.

Mr. McKenney: A tennis court won't be the right size.

Mr. Zachrel: I don't think they are looking for a --- they are looking to move the kids out of the street.

Mr. Brown: We probably should get the survey, have the survey for the next meeting and look and see where it lands on it.

Mr. McKenney: If you got the 2 tennis courts in there now like that and there isn't any line in between I guess and you are talking about taking netting out from one and realigning it but not doing anything in the middle, no boards or anything, then why bother changing anything, when if somebody wants to play they could play this way.

Mr. McIntyre: They'd have to take both courts though.

Mr. McKenney: But if nobody is using it.

Mr. Pike: Once you take the courts out, people are going to complain.

Mr. McKenney: Because the 2 side by side and 1 length wise isn't going to be so extraordinarily different that it is going to make a difference I think, so I think I would just say, frankly I wonder why it is not being used that way already.

Mr. Zachrel: They asked me to bring it up.

Mr. McKenney: I mean I guess if I was a kid and wanted to get out of the street that is what I would have done, unless I don't want to go that far and just do it in the street in front of my house.

Mr. Brown: Lets see what the survey says. Who is going to incorporate the details?

Mr. Zachrel: I could look at the details.

Mr. McKenney: I would like to know what the survey says before we start going down a road.

Mr. Brown: Before we task a town employee to check it out if Butch if you wanted to check out the parameters of it to see if using one tennis court would do the job, I am not necessarily in favor of cancelling both tennis courts, only because that is the only facility that serves that entire neighborhood for that.

Mr. Zachrel: Right and I wouldn't be either.

Mr. Brown: So the question would be, would one tennis court work, could it be walled off so the tennis court still completely usable, so the people don't feel like they are playing in a cage, and then if all that works and a general idea of how the structure would fit, do we need boards, as you said removal of the thing, repaint, install boards maybe.

Mr. McKenney: They use hard pucks, most of the pucks are about the same size, I don't think they would go through the fence. May end up having issues if you have a baseball field (inaudible).

Mr. Brown: So general specifics, you are going to look to see what eyeball it and do a little bit of research and then Doug you will ask to have the survey pulled so we can include it in our packet and then we will hit it again at the next meeting. I think it is worth looking at, I totally think the tennis courts there are underutilized and that is an idea, to add it to our parks, it is worth looking at. We used my driveway for it at my house, we had a blast with it and those plastic pucks hurt. I got a ton of broken sticks at my house.

Mr. McIntyre: Two questions, I saw on the Facebook Poolesville Town Site where some mother was complaining about a drawing...

Mr. King: We can't find it we have been all over that thing.

Mr. McKenney: That is interesting.

Mr. McIntyre: Some lady had posted on that Facebook page about she was real excited about taking her kids up there and she got there and there was a picture of a penis on the slide.

Mr. King: The dew could have taken care of it, the snow could have taken care of it, I mean trust me, Wade has been out there, we have been out there several times, we put a security fence up there now to separate the parking lot from the only one entrance one exit, we started removing a lot of the brush between us so there is no more area to encamp in there basically, that is still an ongoing project. Actually if the Boy Scouts need a Saturday or Sunday project there is 10,000 bottles up in there that need to be picked up, I'm just throwing that out.

Mr. Carmack: Doug and I went up there after the last meeting, we were thinking could we just bring a bobcat in or something and just completely take out all the underbrush and leave the trees.

Mr. King: We are selectively cutting up in there, we have an arm mower that goes in between it and everything so we are trying to narrow it out and if we take a skid loader in you got sediment control issues and stuff, we are trying to be discreet about it, so I just need a little time, I got another month of business and then my December projects kick in and that is part of it. Like we did the drainage in there, that is all done now and we will get the trees and the brush and stuff out of there in the next month or so.

Mr. McKenney: Because I think you will be making it a little bit more visible, different angles, you are going to have less.

Mr. Carmack: And I read the meeting notes about the idea of even just putting some lighting there.

Mr. King: Yes Wade and I actually walked over there today and started to mentally lay it out and then in the next couple months we will get a cost on there and we will install it, just like we did out here, save the town some money and we will do the LED and probably similar lights, same poles, same light system we have in this park also, trying to stay with the same theme and eventually you never know what else will be put in there so we are going to go high quality lights in there.

Mr. Carmack: With no lighting there and driving by you can see the skatepark, the white concrete, but you can't see, it just gave them a place to party.

Mr. King: Yep we are going to give it a, it is going to be addressed, it is going to be done, I am getting ready to do my budget for next July and we are going to include some extra light purchases on it.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah Jeff and I were saying clear out some of that stuff and make it a little more visible from both sides. Because we went up there that night after the last meeting and it was dark. When is Stevens supposed to start?

Mr. King: It was supposed to start the first of November, it hasn't.

Mr. McKenney: Any reason why?

Mr. King: No we are waiting on the contractor to show up, Wade has been in contact with them, same thing with the awning on the pavilion, we have the awning, now they have to engineer some braces, so that is kind of in a hold pattern. Wade has been very diligent on it, he calls on a regular basis and what was funny was I received a bill for their equipment and everything and we don't have anything yet.

Mr. McKenney: That part of their business is very efficient.

Mr. McIntyre: (Inaudible).

Mr. Brown: You saw what I wrote back didn't you. I just said instead of getting fired up on Facebook about it, if you have an issue just email me directly and I will definitely get an answer for you, but I actually felt they did a pretty good job and...

Mr. King: When we came back a second day we realized that it was so many leaves in there and it wasn't the dirt in the road, it was the leaves, and they came back on their own the 2nd day and if you noticed it was much better the 2nd day, just because the leaves were gone and when they empty their trucks, they do it down at the shop, there is a pile of dirt from each bush that is 12 foot high, so they removed a lot of stuff, but when there is leaves they just get dispersed and they are like what do they do, they are not designed to pick up, they are not a vacuum system. They came back on their own and put a 2nd day in at no additional charge.

Mr. Brown: Invariably too, every time they street sweep there will be a complaint that they were speeding and they did a lousy job.

Committee Reports

Mr. McKenney: Jim anything?

Mr. Brown: I'll make it very quick. So we had a meeting on Monday night, we talked about the budget charter amendments where we are trying to discuss what it is going to take to establish our budget and under a different timeframe, one that allows us to, if we are not going to have a large tax increase, we are still --- what that

number is, that we can set our budget earlier, I mean rather later than what we have been doing in the past, which is good because then we find out more about what money we are going to get from the state or what money is going to be taken from us by the state, and we set a public hearing for that too, which is going to be on the 21, November 21. I am sorry that was the public hearing, we had the public hearing. We had a fairly lengthy conversation, report from John Strong about infill and infiltration, which was pretty, not a great report, because the basics are that a fair amount of the I&I work that we've done is gone for naught and a lot of the connections between the street going to people's houses, especially over in Wesmond is going to need a redo.

Mr. McKenney: What was it that happened?

Mr. Brown: In the end it looks like settling due to a lack of tamping and a lot of other reinforced concrete base underneath the joints that has caused those joints to fail and there is a better technology that is out there now and the bulk of the presentation was talking about the problem and then how the solution is a better solution than what was supposedly the better solution of the past. It is not good, it could potentially be a couple hundred thousand dollars of a mix of new and redo, and a lot of good information from what Preston's guys have come up with to really kind of show what we've had to deal with. The Commissioners did approve the \$12,500.00 streetscape signage package that we approved here, so that is moving forward. There was a discussion on the draft Master Plan, some testimony from Gary Hartz as well as, actually just Gary, and then we set a public hearing for the public to comment on what is potentially the final draft Master Plan and if there is any more discussion to come in from the residents. And Wade went through the 1st quarter financial report and we are about even with where we thought we would be of course.

Mr. McKenney: All right. Tim?

Mr. Pike: The only thing is the Holiday Lighting is December 2, Friday. Hope to see everyone there.

Mr. McKenney: Who drew the short straws for the roof? All right anybody else got anything?

Adjournment

Mr. McIntyre: Move we adjourn.

Mr. Pike: Second.

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

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: We are out of here at 10:05.