

Centreville Civic Association

November 9, 2023

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Bayard Williams ("B. Williams"), President; Gaylan Crumley ("G. Crumley"), Vice President; Gene Truono ("G. Truono"); Peter Dietz, Treasurer ("P. Dietz"); Abby Fisher ("A. Fisher")

Not present: John Bilek ("J. Bilek"); Tiffany Shrenk ("T. Shrenk"), Secretary

1. Call to Order by B. Williams @ 7:00 p.m.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the September 14, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve said minutes was made. (1st: G. Crumley; 2nd G. Truono, motion passed)
3. B. Williams presented the Treasurer's Report. Insurance premium for next year has decreased but is due now in advance of next year. New premium is \$996 down from about \$1600. Received an individual donation of \$575 to be deposited into the Canby Grove Park account and "thank you" note will be sent to donor. Wells Fargo is awaiting a letter from the CCA to add the current Treasurer, P. Dietz, to the account. Dues to the CCA are not tax deductible but donations to Canby Grove park are tax deductible. Streetscapes revenue is not tax deductible. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report (1st: G. Crumley, 2nd G. Truono; motion passed)
4. Committee Updates:
 - a. Communications: A. Fischer updated that news regarding Flint Woods and Food Drive have been posted on socials.
 - b. Highways and Byways: B. Williams and G. Crumley attended the National Scenic Byway meeting which discussed developing a Harriet Tubman website. Another meeting will be held next month. The DELDOT crosswalk project in Greenville may be applicable to Centreville crosswalks. There are two proposed subdivisions on Montchanin Road. The Country House improvements are being done. Discussion regarding plans for development across from Frederick's.
 - c. Membership: G. Crumley updated regarding mailing of the annual dues letters which have been sent out.
 - d. Merchant Relations: Discussion regarding schedule of the Holiday Stroll: Band from 11-12, Santa 12-2 (G. Crumley to drive him up and down the Pike weather permitting), carolers present after Santa arrives. Discussion regarding set up in gazebo for photo-ops with Santa. Chairs to be set up for the band members. Discussion regarding the Merchant Mixer that was held at the Centreville Café and supported by café and CCA. Overall went well and most of the costs donated by the café for the event. Discussion regarding promoting the Stroll.
 - e. Landscaping/Gateways & Bulbouts: G. Crumley reported no updates concerning bulbouts.
 - f. Park Maintenance: G. Crumley reported Christmas lights were strung on the Mayor's Tree in the Park. Park will be mowed before the stroll and additional clean up in December after all the leaves are down. Plans to review the landscaping contract in January or February. Discuss snow removal fees – will be \$80 per event for the sidewalks surrounding the park. The bushes at Valley Way have been cut back for driver

visibility. Discussion regarding obtaining quote to move the plants in the Valley Way bulbout to the gateways.

5. New Business:

- a. Discussion regarding Centreville Safety Improvements and speed limit reduction. List of the names on the email list who received notice of plan to reduce speed to be sent to DELDOT. Discussion regarding where DELDOT will reduce the speed either at the gateways, at Center Meeting, or at Snuff Mill. G. Crumley will report to DELDOT that the speed reduction should occur at the gateways.
 - b. Discussion regarding potential Kiosk Advertising. J. Bilek is working on plans to have paid advertising space for local businesses and CCA will maintain half of the space for announcements.
6. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:58 pm. (1st P. Dietz; 2nd G. Truono; motion passed). Next meeting: 2nd Thursday of February at 7:00 p.m.