Centreville Civic Association

May 12, 2022, 7pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Bayard Williams ("B. Williams"), President; Gaylan Crumley ("G. Crumley"), Vice President; Abby Fisher ("A. Fisher") (by phone); Tiffany Shrenk ("T. Shrenk"), Secretary (by phone); Gene Truono ("G. Truono"); Carrie Wedo ("C. Wedo"), Treasurer

Not Present: John Bilek

- 1. Call to Order by B. Williams @ 7:06 p.m.
- 2. Technical difficulties with Zoom.
- 3. Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February 10, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve said minutes was made. (1st: G. Crumley; 2nd G. Truono; motion passed)
- 4. B. Williams presented the Treasurer's Report. Annual budget reviewed. Concern that income budget is too high given the amount of dues tracking lower. Getting ready to bill for gateway and bulbout sponsorship signs. Some interest in changing when these sponsorships are billed because of large expense of spring landscaping costs. Received reduction of insurance premium for park liability policy. Legal bill received for \$450 needs further review prior to payment. Given low income, no additional projects to be taken on unless additional funds raised. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report (1st: G. Truono, 2nd G. Crumley; motion passed)
- 5. Committee Updates:
 - a. Communications: No updates.
 - b. <u>Highways and Byways</u>: G. Crumley updated regarding conversations with DelDot to resume and conversations with Fredericks center owner regarding possible new turn lane. B. Williams updated regarding recent serious accident on Kennett Pike across from House of Real Estate this past week. Discussion took place regarding desire to focus on traffic and speed control throughout village. G. Truono updated that DelDot has engaged in planning for reconfiguration of Fredericks entrance including turning lane and crosswalk. Discussion regarding desirable to make changes so that Village is safer and inviting for increased visitors. G. Crumley and G. Truono discussed plans to look into grant funding to contribute toward DelDot plans.
 - c. <u>Membership</u>: G. Crumley and G. Truono updated regarding efforts to create a list of past dues paying members for Board members to contact for dues payments. Each Board member expected to have 10-20 names to contact. G. Truono to create script for the call.
 - d. <u>Merchant Relations</u>: B. Williams updated regarding complimentary email from merchant regarding improvements to park and landscaping. T. Shrenk updated regarding sending summer concert sponsorship packets to merchants and local businesses.
 - e. <u>Community/Park Events</u>: T. Shrenk provided update scheduling of bands for summer concert series and seeking sponsors.
 - f. <u>Landscaping/Gateways & Bulbouts</u>: B. Williams and G. Crumley updated regarding grass cutting at park on an as needed basis. Landscaping of bulbouts and gateways was

completed. C. Wedo updated regarding offer of flagstone for around or leading up to new park kiosk. G. Crumley updated regarding installation of park kiosk. Trim for the panels in the kiosk was not included. Praise for the contractor T. Looney for work restoring gazebo and installing kiosk. G. Crumley updated regarding completion of plaque for gazebo. Discussion regarding desire to add additional lighting for gazebo but need to raise additional funds to carry out project. General discussion regarding observation of more people in park and using park since new playground installed. G. Crumley expressed praise for all efforts involved in bringing playground and improvements to fruition. Discussion regarding new memorial park bench campaign and G. Crumley toured facility of EcoPlastics who will fulfill bench orders.

6. Other Business

- a. Discussion regarding seeking grant funds to carry out additional park improvement projects.
- b. Next Board meeting to be held September 8, 2022 and then the next in November.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:05 pm. (1st G. Crumley; 2nd C. Wedo; motion passed).