

## Meeting Minutes: Centerville Civic Association Board

- **Date:** February 12, 2026
- **Call to Order:** 7:01 PM
- **Adjournment:** 8:01 PM

### Attendance

- **Board Members Present:** John (President), Peter Dietz (Treasurer), George Hobbs, and Elizabeth Moro.
  - **Proxies Held:** Abby Fischer and Alicia Smith.
  - **Special Guests:** State Representative Christa Griffith, Captain DeFlavis (Delaware State Police), and a representative from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT).
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## Meeting Summary

### 1. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- **Minutes:** The board approved the minutes from the November 13th meeting.
- **Financial Summary:** As of February 12, 2026, the association held a total of \$44,394.62 across two accounts: Friends of Canby Grove Park (\$27,590.97) and the Centerville Civic Association (\$16,803.65).
- **Dues Collection:** For the current fiscal year (starting November 1st), the CCA has collected \$11,520.80 in dues, with participation at approximately 23% for businesses and 15% for residences.
- **Outreach:** The board discussed increasing participation through email campaigns, face-to-face business meetings, and updated distribution lists.

### 2. Highway, Road, and Traffic Safety

- **Next Steps for Speeding:** While the village successfully lowered the speed limit to 25 MPH, safety concerns remain. The board discussed installing permanent speed detection signs ("smiley face" signs).
- **Regulatory Hurdles:** Representative Griffith and the board will consult with DeIDOT Secretary Hastings to determine if permanent electronic signs are legally allowed on a National Scenic Byway.
- **TAP Program:** The board aims to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for long-term safety funding, with applications due by March 15th.
- **Police Presence:** Captain DeFlavis reported that Troop One has significantly reduced crime and collisions in the area. In 2025, there were only eight collisions in Centerville, with only one attributed to speed.

### 3. Signage and Sponsorships

- **Signage Program:** George Hops secured new sponsors for gateway and bulb-out signs. New sponsorships are priced at \$1,000 for gateways and \$550 for bulb-outs, plus the cost of sign manufacturing.
- **Future Planning:** Funds from these signs will be reserved for the eventual replacement of large, deteriorating gateway signs.

### 4. Landscaping and Recreation

- **Swing Fund:** The board received a \$15,000 donation from "Deweese intended for Canby Grove Park.
- **Capital Campaign:** Since a new swing set is estimated to cost approximately \$33,785, the board voted to allocate the \$15,000 as a "Swing Fund" and launch a community capital campaign to bridge the remaining gap.
- **Upcoming Event:** The annual egg hunt is scheduled for March 28th at 12 PM.

### 5. Board Membership

- **Vacancies:** The board is seeking candidates for one open business seat and three open community member seats. Interested individuals must submit a CV and formally request to join.