

**CENTREVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2015**

President Irv Hollingsworth opened the meeting at 7:04 pm. Present were Jim Stein, Wes Avera, Ian Bunch, Beth Langseder, Steve Frankel, Susan Teiser, Tad Hershey, Gretchen Mercer.

The meeting was turned over to Bill Duncan who presented the proposal for landscape maintenance services by White Oak Landscape in the village of Centreville for 2015. White Oak Landscapes is a state approved licensed contractor. Services to include beds within Canby Grove Park, excluding the playground, two Gateway gardens, all bulb-outs and newly planted trees. Also included will be spring clean-up, cutting back perennials, trim shrubs to proper height, turn over mulch, apply pre-emergence herbicide, spring and fall fertilizer applications, weed control and fall clean up. Total budget request \$4,000.

Additional services recommended landscape renovation in each of the gateway gardens: prune junipers, dig and replant Liriope ground cover to increase coverage, add 12 cubic yards of topsoil to restore bed soil levels and add new plantings to fill in voids. Total cost \$1,852. Also recommended address and upgrade low voltage lighting in both gateways. As existing bulbs burn out, new LED replacements will cost \$25 to \$60 each. The existing wiring has worked to the surface and may need to be replaced. This will be determined before the new topsoil is added. This work will be done at the rate of \$35.00/hour plus cost of materials.

Following a brief discussion, motion was presented, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the White Oak proposal.

President Hollingsworth asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Feb. minutes. Hearing none, motion presented, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer's report: Jim reviewed finances from January to date. All bills are paid. 2015 Dues still being received and the finances of the Civic Association are in good shape. Motion presented, seconded and approved with a unanimous vote to approve the reports.

Jim went on to review the proposed 2015 budget. Anticipated income is \$22,000.00; with proposed expenditures of \$22,000 for the nine categories. Motion presented and seconded that the 2015 budget be approved as presented; carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors

Wes Avera, Debbie Mumford, Ian Bunch, Dr. Chris Cox

Motion presented, seconded and approved unanimously to approve this slate of candidates. Nominee(s) from the floor must meet all qualifications described in the By Laws.

Committee Reports

- i. Communications: Irv reported that email addresses received are being organized. For general information, Mary Ann Plankinton-Peach has joined Gawthrop Greenwood Legal Services in Greenville. She still qualifies to serve on the Board and act as the registered agent for this Civic Association.
- ii. Highways, Roads and Legislation: Ian reported that there has been an increase in bagged trash being dumped along Kennett Pike. He will examine it in an attempt to identify the culprit.

The traffic light at Owl's Nest Road is scheduled to be installed in July provided final arrangements for financing are completed. State Police at Penny Hill have been notified of the intended installation. Adam Weiser is confident that funds will be provided.

- iii. Membership: The dues letters recently mailed have resulted in 22 new members.
- iv. Merchant Relations: no report
- v. Park and Activities: Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Volunteers still needed.

The performers for the Concerts in the Park will have a link to our website. Currently Irv is hunting for wireless microphone headsets to be used by the performers during the June 8 concert in the park.

- vi. Streetscape: Funds for landscape maintenance in the approved 2015 budget have been reported to DelDot along with the name of White Oak Landscaping, the licensed and approved contractor who will be doing the landscaping services. DelDot accepted and approved the report.
- vii. DRAC and Brandywine Valley Issues: An official notification for a DRAC meeting will soon be published in the News Journal calling for a meeting on Monday, April 27 at 7pm. Subject will be a review of proposed plans for a house to be constructed on 5909 Kennett Pike for John and Dorothea Ormsby. The meeting is open to the public, but only the DRAC committee may vote. Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway held a 3 day charrette for gathering input and ideas concerning the intersection at Adams Dam Road. Property owners and residents were adamant that a traffic circle at that intersection is unacceptable. Keep the intersection natural and consistent with the existing landscape. Drainage needs to be addressed and bike and pedestrian safety also needs to be considered.
- viii. Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Centreville Layton School Auditorium. Subject of the evening will be Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention. Delaware State Police will address activity on Kennett Pike plus address harassment and how to deal with it. New Castle County Councilman Bob Weiner will speak on county issues. New Castle County Police will present their crime prevention program. Irv stressed the fact that a quorum of 15 members in good standing must be present in order to hold the meeting. If any Board member cannot attend, please send Irv a completed proxy form.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tad Hershey volunteered to succeed Gretchen Mercer as the Centreville Civic Association representative on the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway Committee.
- b. Jack Rodowski. Former president of the Civic Association and an active civic minded individual requested in his obituary that in lieu of flowers please donate to the Centreville Park funds. Contributions have been received and a suggestion from Bill Duncan that the Sycamore trees in the park will not live forever, so use the funds to plant a young Sycamore tree as a memorial to Jack Rodowski. White Oak Landscaping will also donate a young Sycamore tree in memory of Pat Cannon. Also, the trees will be identified with memorial plaques.

The Board then went into Executive Session; no minutes were taken of the discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Mercer, Acting Secretary