Minutes

The Town Commissioners of Barnesville

February 24, 2020, 7:30PM

Barnesville Town Hall

Called to Order at 7:32PM

8 residents and all commissioners present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes—January 27 2020 minutes approved and will be on website

Reports:

Financial Report-

Getting income taxes

Questions re: Budget

Beautification-Committee meeting next week to discuss plans for Spring. How much Beautification team in terms of how much want to be involved in types of plants to be used for park.

Sustainable Barnesville-

Backyard Habitat speaker on March 7, 10am. Anne Sturm and Julee Evans and Audrey Morris contributing to cost of retaining Speaker. Town will pay remainder (budgeted).

Sustainable Barnesville website has been launched. The link is provided on the Town of Barnesville main website. Numerous resources of interest are linked as well. Much of the work was completed by the Sustainable Maryland summer intern.

Spring Hike scheduled for March 21st. More details to be provided as the date approaches.

Meditation will be February 28th at 7pm.

Recycling program for plastic bags – collect 500 lbs of plastic bags they will make a bench.

Will see how we get towards Sustainable Md.

Board of Appeals

Nothing to Report

Capital Improvements

Sidewalk – Thursday morning meet with representatives of MCDOT, SHA, rep from Craig Rice. State delegate is still in session. Fraser Hidalgo came out. County guys will look West Harris

Storm drain not put in by County. Zuckerman’s, Suzette Bizzaro. Meet with Church, letters of commitment, county guy will look at. People had anecdotes .

Run off near town hall, extending pipe, role for rain garden. Mike McAleer put in wrong place.

Streetlights—Want to think about streetlights. 4 streetlights in front of Zuckerman property – more light at one side of street. Attention paid to downward projection but also direction. Arms different length.

Park Development

Come back with preliminary design concept. Really incorporated what we were aiming for. Talked to Jan and others in town with knowledge of plants and trees. Second and more finalized plan by town dinner. Sign off from Maryland Historical Trust before we can get our grant money. Work on some of improvements near Spruce tree. Leave area by Beallsville alone

Another parks program only for municipalites to apply. Jim Brown suggested another program. Audrey has arranged tor trees through Montgomery County (arborist coming out. If we don’t get sidewalks, may have to adjust plan. Brian Feldman would be willing to support us in terms of parks. Also, help with sidewalks.

Traffic Calming

January – 119 citations. 65 highest speed. More blowthroughs on stop sign here. People avoiding 270.

Rifle Bill – Bill introduced by House Majority Leader to allow rifle shooting of deer in Ag reserve. Little input by hunters.SCA, Isaak Walton, MoCA, wrote letters against bill. They got over 700 emails against bill. The Land Committee (subcommittee of Transportation) was tabled and put into Summer Study. Ideas such as increase kill and hunting limit may decrease deer population more effectively. Crops being damaged – crop damage permit can hunt 12 months a year. Native plant Society – how to deal with deer issue.

Planning and Zoning

Next meeting on March 14 – preliminary plan rewrite. Plans submitted for house right next to Hiltons.h.

Events

Meditation – Friday, Feb. 28, March? On March 8, the Town Dinner and Town Meeting will be held. Event begins at 5:30PM at St. Mary’s Pavilion. Main course is provided. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. More expansive guest list – invite people in surrounding area. Thematic baskets – Local products, Family Fun, Arts, Birds. Raffle.

Town Hall

Mold tests – very mild range. Only one reached moderate. Dehumidfier needed to empty – see if the other works. Get drainage away from building. Rain garden.

Communications

The Tidbit will be out in April

Sarah Fitzgerald

New Business

Book.

SCA – Livable Frederick Advisory Committee. This Thursday, Urbana High School Maps. Sugarloaf Mountain Area Plan. Closest municipality to area. Glass Factory. Briefing book on line.

Census info – contact you by mail – postcard to get

Next Town Meetings on March 8 at 5:30pm with the Town Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.