

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2011**

PRESENT: JEFF MCINTYRE, KURT BEHREND, KEVIN CARMACK, BUTCH ZACHREL, JIM BROWN, TIM PIKE, AND DOUG MCKENNEY. ALSO PRESENT WAS TOWN STAFF, PRESTON KING.

Call to Order

Mr. Behrend: It is 7:45, December 7, Wednesday, 2011, waiting for the Chairman, we are going to call the meeting to order. I am Kurt Behrend, Jeff McIntyre, Kevin Carmack, Butch Zachrel, Commissioner Brown, and Town Staff, Preston King.

Announcements

Mr. Behrend: First order of business would be any announcements. Next meeting is January 11, 2012, already guys, and if the Mayans are right we only have 11 more meetings to go. No citizens, so there is no Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items. Approval of minutes we are going to have to postpone as several members of the Board did not get their packets and have not had a chance to read them yet from the November 9 meeting, so we will have to postpone that until January. Other than that lets move on to the budget issues Preston.

New Business

Mr. King: All right.

Mr. Behrend: There is nothing that came in my packet except minutes so I don't know what all we need to discuss.

Mr. King: Actually the new year, especially for the Parks and Streets Department, we have a lot coming onboard. Winchester Homes and Kettler Homes, we will be absorbing them into our parks maintenance and mowing programs, and that leaves that we are scheduled to get another full time employee, we are also scheduled to purchase a new, we call it a batwing mower, but you guys have seen our big mowers deck on that, and a vehicle to supplement maintenance, snow plowing, in the parks systems.

Mr. Behrend: Let the record show Chairman McKenney has arrived through the torrential rain.

Mr. King: With that, with the purchase of new equipment, we are also planning to, we have a storage shed in the back of the property, which we store our mowers and other large equipment, we are scheduling to put another three bay extension on it, they cost about \$30,000.00, and most likely it is one of our projects that in the winter time we will schedule it so the crew and I will put it in to save the town money, we built the last 5 buildings for the town, so nothing we can't handle, but we do need the additional storage space. They have also started to set aside money for Dillingham Park, \$50,000.00 a year and that is going to be for the use if you guys decided to put a dog park in, you know improvements to the park in general. And so that is going to start to build up next year, \$50,000.00, that is proposed.

Mr. McIntyre: It is going to be more than just the dog park, it has got to be with the intent of some sort of...

Mr. King: Well there is also another fund that is being set aside for a Community Center and that I believe is \$50,000.00, proposed \$50,000.00 set aside for the next couple years to try to get things done and ready to go on Dillingham Park. We also have a sidewalk project that is scheduled to start July 1 and that is on the Tom Fox, it should be for the ball fields, I believe it is Hughes Road all the way to the Middle School. I don't have an exact price on that on hand but it has been budgeted already and it's going to start after July 1, or the money is going to be there. And normally when that happens, they do try to get that done during the warm months so we don't run into...

Mr. Behrend: Jim that is the Chevy plan we were talking about or do you know?

Mr. Brown: Yeah it is still on the thought process, but I am going to tell you, it is going to be up for debate coming up, I don't see it going any way besides what we already planned, but the, once again just curb and sidewalk with no green space in between the two.

Mr. Behrend: Not fill in the swale?

Mr. Brown: Not fill in the swale, not go to the expense of having to redo all the driveways, not, not, not, at about a third of the cost. That is how it has been left, I take that there are some Commissioners out there that want to do something different.

Mr. Behrend: Like the Commission President.

Mr. Brown: So anyway I am sure, I don't believe that the votes are there to turn it around but we will see.

Mr. McKenney: Curb on both sides right, and sidewalk on one?

Mr. Brown: That is correct, curb on both sides, sidewalk on one.

Mr. Behrend: As one of the affected residents for that, the one with the deepest swale, I don't see a need to fill in that swale.

Mr. Brown: No neither do I, I haven't ever. So yeah but I am sure it will be discussed but I just don't see it changing.

Mr. King: Ok another thing that is scheduled, we are going to start setting some money aside to replace our salt spreaders, we have about a 5 to 6 year life span on the machines, and that is with good maintenance, because when you deal with salt it's just one of those things, and you can put a new motor in it, by the time you do the motor and the labor, plus we are also looking at going to a full electric, no more gas motors, which would be nice, quieter, and less maintenance in the long run, they are a little bit more expensive at the get go, but the maintenance, the fuel costs, it really balances out really quickly.

Mr. Behrend: You are replacing how many?

Mr. King: Our goal is for the next 2 to 3 years, 1 a year, and they are about \$8,000.00, that is for a four yard, I think we had 2 that are that large, and then several that are smaller, but we are using that as a high watermark how much they would cost on it. And we are picking up another truck because we have the 2 new developments coming on and when we purchase it, it will have a salt spreader and a blade on it for the purpose of maintaining the roads. We also have, we had some money set aside for new trees and we are kind of in a hold pattern because we have run out of streets, and the biggest one is Hempstone doesn't have a tree one on it, and the reason it is on a hold pattern because we have been kicking around for years

about getting a sidewalk on there. And we can't see putting trees in and then coming back 5 years or 6 years later and popping trees and putting a sidewalk in, you just don't know with that though, probably I think we talked about it before, about getting a list up again on what we should prioritize when it comes to sidewalks, because after Tom Fox I don't know what we have next for sidewalks.

Mr. Behrend: We'd have to look at the list.

Mr. King: So anyway so that is just something that we have been setting money aside for trees but right now we don't have any areas. Community Center like I said before they are going to start setting some money aside with that, actually we have a, everybody has a little special thing, I've got a tool or machine that does ball fields and if you've ever seen us, we get our mule and we drive around like crazy guys, but they actually make, I am sure you guys have seen them, its 3 wheels, they got a blade in the front, brake in the back and a drag on the back, and did a little looking around an through GeoCornell, we can have them with all the attachments for \$16,000.00, and that is almost the cost of a mule but we have, and for the last 5 or 6 years the fields are getting used more, we do try to do a lot of maintenance on it, and I think we could take the fields to the next level, it would be easier and that is something on my wish list, I would really love to...

Mr. McKenney: Is that new or used?

Mr. King: That is brand new. I didn't even research, I could...

Mr. Brown: Did you look on Craig's List?

Mr. King: No I haven't. I have not. But anyway so once again that is something that would be nice and on a side note we had set \$30,000.00 for a chipper, we were talking about \$15,000.00 and doing it, and we actually ended up buying a used chipper and we saved \$13,000.00, so we never fully spent all that money and this year coming up we would have set \$15,000.00 aside for the chipper. So we don't mind used equipment, our bucket truck was used, if we can find a used one and all it takes is a little search, I could probably do it, but once again I start the higher end, I come in lower with a reasonable piece of equipment and then we will do it, that is something that I just would like to approach the Commissioners with, Jim maybe you can do that.

Mr. Brown: Yep.

Mr. King: Another thing, Christmas lights, there is nothing set in the budget on there, we are 6 years into it and some of the lights are starting to show their age. I have found a company that can rebuild them, change them to LED, we are probably 50 to 60% LED now, I think they look better, maintenance wise they are better, if you lose one you don't lose the whole strand, so I am trying to get some numbers up for Wade, I don't have the numbers, and we are also talking maybe adding a few more displays, which we do have room out here, and I don't know who made it, I think you made it, it was the largest one ever, it was fantastic, it was absolutely, a little humor though in there on top of it, the fire pits, the food, the people, the ice sculpture guy, and you can tell it is a family thing now, because kids were back from college and a few of them came back to Maryland just to do it with their families, so we are 6 years into it and you can just tell, we might need 2 Santa Claus because 2 ½ hours that man he never stopped. So I think we have moved in a nice direction with that, but I think we could do a little better, I don't know if you noticed the new LED

near the center of town, I think they are fantastic, they are bright, ¼ of the cost in electricity and I would like to continue the trend and actually we are getting faster because we are storing them better and getting them up and so adding a few more displays would not tax us manpower wise and so that is maybe something you guys can consider looking into, maybe starting a fund for that.

Mr. Brown: Preston what do you think about lighting, putting lights on all the trees?

Mr. King: Yes I do think that would be a possibility but just in Whalen and...

Mr. Pike: Would that be year round? That was one of the things the CEDC wanted or just at Christmas time?

Mr. King: Well once they are up there is no maintenance for me.

Mr. Brown: Especially if they are LED's.

Mr. King: The only thing, we might have to run some additional power, you know points of power, which is we do that anyway, we handle all that in that park, so I think that would be a minimal cost but that is something we would have to look into.

Mr. Brown: We were talking about white lights covering the whole trees right, and then at the same time they are stringing white lights put some colored lights in there too so it could be Christmas or Holiday sorry.

Mr. King: But anyway I am not against that but I wouldn't mind having another display put out there, we have the room, we have our little horse and buggy out there and then actually I might have that redone with some color also, I am going to look into that, they aren't LEDs and they are starting to show their age. But anyway just a suggestion, that is my suggestion, not nobody else's and I enjoy that day, it's a lot of work but when I saw the kids and the families you can't beat it, you cannot beat it.

Mr. Brown: You did a great job, thank you.

Mr. Behrend: Yes it was a very good job.

Mr. King: We are picking up a new mower for the new developments. That really covers the parks and streets. The very large things we did move the numbers a little bit up on my vehicle fund because of fuel costs, we haven't moved it in a couple of years, just a couple thousand dollars but 3 years ago to now it has doubled and we really have not had to absorb it so we had to move that a little bit. And the lighting, the lighting at Dillingham Park needs to be discussed, how much we want to put to it, how many lights, what types of lights, that is something that would need to be, or if we are going to do lights, that is a serious discussion and we need to start thinking about some numbers on that.

Mr. McIntyre: Hey Preston, first topic you brought up, which is bringing on the two subdivisions right?

Mr. King: Yes Sir.

Mr. McIntyre: Can you just take a minute to talk about how much more work that is, are you talking about the fields?

Mr. King: Normally how that affects my park department, I guess that is what you were looking for, as it stands now we have one athletic field at Brightwell, there are no bathrooms in there or anything, but that is coming on, I don't think that is going to be anytime soon. And normally when you have bathrooms that means morning cleanup and stuff like that. We also have several storm water management ponds that we have to get in and mow and maintain and then if you go over to Brightwell

it's the same except we don't have a designated Athletic Field but there is a large area that potentially will be a baseball field or something in the future, but we still have to mow it and maintain it, several large ponds over there, we will have to do the same thing with mowing. And the cemetery it is not like I can run the big mower, I don't know that is going to be interesting to see how I handle it, is there any headstones in there, no so still I can foresee between the both of them it is going to be a day at least add to my program and right now if I catch a week with no rain, it is 3 ½ to 4 full days, 5 guys mowing to do what we have now. So it is going to be one person and we will probably still be on a 4 day program and maybe 5 and actually Wade and I breached the topic, we might end up having kind of a separation of duties, just literally during the summer we might have a mower crew and I'd call it a maintenance crew where we come in and take care of everyday maintenance in town, we also are planning to continue hiring college students two of them during the summertime and maybe we can even, last year we extended one we picked him up earlier and kept him a month later. Normally April 1 is when things just like that, we got ball fields, mulching, just that is my critical time and if I can get somebody in at April 1, actually we did May 1, I talked to Wade and well we are getting 2 summer help, I am still pushing to get one guy in April that would really help and also we paint every stop line in town, ever summer for safety, every crosswalk we paint, need it or not, we do it for our kids, so that is a monumental task, that takes 2 guys probably a solid 2 weeks to do it so with the new developments I don't know how much I am going to have to do, I don't foresee a lot more but Wade and I were talking we are up to 55 trashcans, when I started we had 2 per park and now we have all the way down Wootton, I don't know what is going to be in here, it just kind of adds a little bit. But I think we can handle it, we will be busy, like I say April through October we will earn our money, which is fine, I am glad to have a job.

Mr. McIntyre: So how many people do you have in your department now?

Mr. King: Right now I have, including myself, I have 5 full time employees, that would be myself, Rick Davidson, John Smith, Matt Warfield and Brendon McMimm, and they have been 10 years with the town is my average right now, and I have one that has been here 20 some years, so we have a nice stable staff.

Mr. Pike: How bout snow removal, are you in charge of the new developments yet?

Mr. King: We will not touch them this year.

Mr. Pike: They haven't been turned over yet?

Mr. King: No I think the timetable is July when our responsibilities start at Brightwell as well as Winchester. What dictates is how many houses they have built and actually Brightwell has been doing very well, so I foresee them coming online first.

Mr. Pike: What about street sweeping, what is the cost to the town, what do we do it 3 or 4 times a year?

Mr. King: We do it 4 times a year at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00 a year.

Mr. Pike: Ok so is it feasible to look into buying a used one.

Mr. King: We have done it several times and it has never moved forward. I should have looked into that, I know you and I talked about it and I never got you prices.

Mr. Brown: Well I can tell you this, we had a discussion about it and I think the economic model will still be reviewed one more time on the basis of the possibility

of buying a used piece of equipment versus what it costs for us to do it. Wade said he was going to look into it, we don't think the numbers will come any closer but its still worth looking at, basically every year, because if you see something on the market that is viable then all that can change your mind.

Mr. King: Because that is how we ended up with our bucket truck, I mean really we had \$12,000.00.

Mr. Pike: Another advantage is you can take it out any time you want.

Mr. McKenney: As long as you got somebody to drive it, without spending all 5 guys mowing.

Mr. King: But anyway like I said with 2 summer help it works out very well.

Mr. McKenney: Are you also putting in a request for additional staffing this year?

Mr. King: No one full time...

Mr. McKenney: No that is what I missed.

Mr. King: No I am scheduled, see last year we were scheduled for it, and it just didn't come online and we didn't do it, but this year we know it is coming online. So it is being budgeted in that we will get one full time addition, and then Wade is still going to allow us to get 2 summertime help for the summer, which is nice because, yes Sir?

Mr. McIntyre: Who decides when those 2 fields are to come online, like you were talking about depending on how many houses are in or is it still up in the air?

Mr. King: The only one we really talked about is the one over at Brightwell and that is going to actually depend on how fast the grass establishes itself, that is one thing, if we don't allow it to establish, if we don't establish a good base to start with, its not going to...

Mr. Pike: When do they need it, end of April?

Mr. Brown: I think the discussion is that Brightwell is going to meet the quota before the field is ready or close to it.

Mr. King: Yes I agree. I think that is where it is going to be at, I would not plan on playing on that field this year in the springtime.

Mr. McKenney: Did you get your question answered before I go on?

Mr. McIntyre: No I am just asking how it works because it seems like Brightwell has a field in place, they are trying to grow grass, but the baseball field back there is still kind of nothing.

Mr. King: Nothing. I think Brightwell might be, the way I understand it, I think Tom is scheduled to put the parking in, in the springtime, and see if you don't have that you really can't use the field. So I think that might be a dictate what time the fields are potentially brought into use. My suggestion is and the light bulb came on, I might have to talk to Wade, I think we should probably take that field a little earlier as in aeration, over seeding, in the springtime, because I am sure Tommy he has done a nice job but hey if it is green, you know what I am saying, so we might want to address Wade about doing some over seeding and stuff, because we aerate it every spring, every fall and maybe we could get that on the program in the springtime.

Mr. McKenney: Can a case be made since we are establishing a field that we have the ability to water it, I mean I know we are always frugal with water around here.

Mr. King: Well there is a water source right there so I don't think that would be hard.

Mr. McKenney: Well I know there is a water source right there the well, but if you are looking at a season of watering it, maintaining it, reseeding or you are looking at almost 2 seasons to bring it online safely and let it be used...

Mr. King: And it depends on the weather, but if we do add a watering program, if we are going to invest money it, the first year maybe we might want to invest into watering it through the summer months so things don't get strapped, because you see all of our fields in August sometimes they are just brown and they do recover because we do have a good program on it, but a new established field we might want to do a little extra on it.

Mr. McKenney: Now what about the rest of the stuff that Tom has got to put in there, I mean basketball, parking, he has got to put in basketball courts.

Mr. Pike: Does he have to put that in or does the Town put that in.

Mr. McKenney: Well that is what I don't remember.

Mr. King: The way I understand it the impact fee...

Mr. McKenney: They bill it out or pay the impact fees.

Mr. King: Well the impact fee that was collected does not look like it will be enough to cover the cost of the ball field, everything that is supposed to go in there, so I don't know how the Commissioners or Wade are going to address that. So I am just saying that is something Wade just spoke to me, I did not get any numbers on it, but he did say it does not look like impact fees will cover the cost.

Mr. Pike: And that is just for phase 1.

Mr. King: I don't know and I don't want to sit there and misquote on that.

Mr. McKenney: I'm trying to remember, he came to us with proposals for park equipment.

Mr. King: Basketball courts, and there is a bathroom facility.

Mr. McKenney: No but I mean actually playground equipment put in, was that simply for our benefit or was he planning to put something like that in, we need to go back and find out.

Mr. Pike: There were other playgrounds.

Mr. King: There was a couple tot lots. Are we paying for them or is he supposed to pay for them?

Mr. McKenney: I thought he was, because he came with the plans and all the designs and everything, why go to that effort unless he'd say here you have a third of an acre for a tot lot and you have this for whatever, you guys filled it out right. So I guess that is part of us taking over responsibility for that park.

Mr. Pike: Yeah I guess they donate the land to the Town.

Mr. McIntyre: I remember the one tot lot that we discussed a long time because of the way it was laid out and he reconfigured it.

Mr. McKenney: Again I can't see a reason why he would take that much time and effort, even if he is just paying himself, and say here is a design, you guys at the end of the day you have to decide, I mean yeah we do but why does he need to get it approved by us if we were going to be the ones putting it in without him doing anything, so I don't know.

Mr. King: So I'll have Wade say something...

Mr. McKenney: It's one thing to talk to Tom, I know he is a little bit more proactive in Town, but has anybody spoken to Winchester, I don't know what the turnover is, is it 30% of the houses built or something like that.

Mr. King: I haven't talked to a person, Tom has been very open.

Mr. McKenney: I know I am wondering if we need to remind them of what they need to do at a certain point in time.

Mr. Brown: In my notes, I mean Preston can press this too, but I've already taken it out to ask for both and see what the situation is, timeline, percentages, projected timeframe for both. To find out if there is a differentiation between the fields and equipment. So I will let you know, I will put that on email.

Mr. King: We are also in charge of taking care of the streetlights and we will probably do a bulk order on heads, we do that every couple years, so I can have them on hand, \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 normally, but that is also kind of built into our yearly replacement, I am just giving you guys a heads up that is something we do try to keep on hand, so if there is an incident we can keep the lights fully operational, and that has been a learning experience, we have saved the Town a tremendous amount of money on the, because they charge a lot for maintenance, and we are getting a better on it but still, we normally get it repaired within 2 weeks and I think that is a lot better than 2 months, but still it is very funny how people want it now, so anyways we are getting a handle on it and we do need to buy bulk purchases and just have stuff on hand when it comes to the lighting. So that is a basic overview on it, hopefully, what else, Lori Gore Park I think is our next park scheduled. I think they are going to start setting some money aside for that, but that is still many years down the road, because once Stevens Park is done it is going to be years before we put another one, replacement.

Mr. McIntyre: When is Steven supposed to be done? There is some lady that complains...

Mr. King: She has been complaining, she has been calling, I talked to the contractor, I know this guy, and he said Preston "you work outside, we can't do nothing, if we come in we are going to do more damage" which is the truth and he is hoping within the next three weeks, actually the best thing would be everything freeze, but like today we just had another inch and a half of rain and we haven't had a dry out period, nothing is dry, so we are hoping before the first of the year he will get started, if not as soon as the weather allows him to get in, and then once the equipment is in we are going to redo the bathrooms over there with some new equipment, so we are going to try to get Stevens Park online, it will be online before the spring season. So that should cover most of it, basically just keeping the Town running.

Mr. McKenney: When I first came in you were talking about putting aside funds for Dillingham Park and it was, there are 2 things we are putting aside there, \$50,000.00 a year for a rec center...

Mr. King: And \$50,000.00 for park upgrades or park improvements.

Mr. McIntyre: How can we put aside \$50,000.00 and it is not even in the Master Plan?

Mr. King: Well the way I understand it, as of today at 1:00 when I sat with Wade, he said Preston it has been put back on, its on the fence, it has been put back in.

Mr. McKenney: So you and I made progress on our meeting that one night.

Mr. King: And I think basically what is going to go, they want to do a feasibility study, does that sound right, possibility to see what can go in there, how big, costs and also I guess they are going to look into how much it is going to cost the town to run it, if the County is going to jump in with some money, anyway so I think it is getting, sounds like they want to take a serious look at it before they totally move it one side of the fence or the other, but that was just my personal take of it, that they want to really look at it.

Mr. McIntyre: The key is to start saving money still and go from there.

Mr. McKenney: Now what was the rationale for the other 50?

Mr. King: Ok well we discussed dog parks, I don't know if that would be with the lighting issue potentially we have been talking about the lighting.

Mr. McKenney: So the other 50 is simply for the park and whatever improvements that the Parks Board decides to pursue.

Mr. King: Exactly.

Mr. McKenney: Because when I walked in I kind of got 50 for the dog and it seemed to me that I misunderstood that.

Mr. King: But what I am saying they are going to try for the next couple of years to get you guys a fund so you guys can say we can do this or we can do that and start looking at what we can do.

Mr. McKenney: So the idea would be, it can be used for any purpose from lights to dog park to security camera ok.

Mr. King: To improvements to the grass, anything, it isn't earmarked for anything so it can be there and you guys will have a say on what needs to be done or what needs to be improved over there.

Mr. McKenney: Now right now we are not allocating anything towards Stevens.

Mr. King: Stevens should be done and the thing is I don't know how much money, we might have some money left over and if we do we might address putting a, we talked a couple times on putting a rock wall up so you can hit tennis balls or even lacrosse against it and so if we come under budget I think we have a little room to do some improvements on the tennis courts and Butch I know you have had a few ideas about that so I don't know what we can do with that, but it looks like we might have a little bit of room, and I don't know a number, it might be a dollar, I am just saying that potentially you might want to have something in your mind that if we do, we can see what we can do with it.

Mr. McKenney: And if we want to, if we go down a path where we install, we don't really have a reason to put lights in at Stevens because it is already has whatever lights it needs in the parking lot.

Mr. King: There are no lights in.

Mr. Pike: Not even a light on the corner there?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah right at the entrance.

Mr. King: That is a dark park. I tell you if I had a young daughter or a kid there is no way, that is a dark park.

Mr. McKenney: Well that is another question, if we wanted to ever put in lights, if we wanted to expand any kind of security system to that park as well, because in the past it has issues, where do we have money allocated for that?

Mr. King: At this present time I don't think we have anything.

Mr. McKenney: And that is the way I read that. So I think we need to have a place to put something like that that is more general and not necessarily dedicated to a park, or if it is dedicated to a park then it is dedicated to a park but we can use it as we reasonably see fit to propose to do stuff, not just for replacement of equipment.

Mr. King: For improvements right.

Mr. McIntyre: Can I ask a question from last month? The park that is going in over here in Kettler's area, we decided there was not enough parking there, is that correct, for PAA to use for football or lacrosse?

Mr. King: 22 parking spots.

Mr. Carmack: I thought there was 60.

Mr. McKenney: I thought it was at least 60.

Mr. King: On a side note, and I don't know if PAA could do it or whatever, lets say we develop that as a football field, there is somebody that you could pay a little bit of money to park on that property, and that's Muldoon's, it is right across the road there where they play all those soccer games, he packs the cars in and you play football you know, you got a team on the field and you got 2 waiting and that is a lot of cars, but if PAA can handle the deal with Muldoon's, develop the parking, I don't know, just a thought, because that is right there, it is absolutely perfect, the field is going to be there, Muldoon's farm is there, which is used for sporting facilities, and they have parking, I don't know how much it costs.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. McIntyre: Well you know we were scrimmaging on the field, we cut the field short and we parked on there and it was \$1,500.00.

Speaker: One day?

Mr. McIntyre: Every year.

Mr. Brown: Just as a quick follow up to what Jeff was just saying, we did approach Mr. Willard about next door and he is not interested. Not interested in any way, shape, or form at this time, not in a bad way, just did not want to open that door. They said there has been times where he will, after taking consideration, potentially come around to it but that is not what is happening today. So it doesn't mean it is done, but it is done for now. And at the same time too, just as a follow up, this happened today that Mr. Willard said no he is not interested, that I did talk to Craig Gaddis and said you need to look hard at Halmos and figure out if that field is going to work or not, if you are not moving forward with trying to figure out if that field is viable, then you don't have a direction as far as I am concerned. So he said he was going to get on that and see what it would take.

Mr. King: Talking about Halmos Park, the Rabanales property, they haven't sold it yet, why couldn't we rent a section of that and put gravel and put a parking lot in there, where a wellhouse or potential wellhouse is. Trying to think, we don't have a lot of open land.

Mr. McKenney: I'm not in favor of that.

Mr. King: What's that Sir?

Mr. McKenney: I'm not in favor of that.

Mr. King: I know it is across from you. I'm just thinking loud.

Mr. McKenney: Well I don't think anybody would be.

Mr. King: But we don't have a lot of open spots in Town that are close to the ball fields.

Mr. McIntyre: That's a good idea though, you have to think about what is close to the ball fields and what parking could be close to the ball field.

Mr. King: And that is our biggest drawback right now is the parking especially for football.

Mr. McKenney: You got the church parking lot.

Mr. King: There you go, that is another option, why not, the church for minimal fees might allow us to have it, and it is not that far, it truly isn't that far. Because if you come up to Urbana bring your walking shoes because we play way in the back. The church would be perfect, do you think they would go for that.

Mr. Behrend: There is a wildlife easement or something that no development should be done on it.

Mr. King: Like I say we have a busy summer coming up and PAA addressing the football field that is something that needs to be really hammered down a little bit.

Mr. Carmack: They got a higher priority problem, which is lacrosse. I haven't talked to them and I know there is a board meeting this week, but they could rent the Elementary School and then just go to the games at the high school or something else.

Mr. Brown: I'd say at a minimum they have to do that.

Mr. King: And lets just say if we use the Elementary School or the Middle School and there is an issue about maintenance, grass being high, we could, I'm just saying cutting the ball fields takes 10 minutes, I don't know I am just speaking again, I am a sports person, I take care of the teams, if we got our hands on the middle school and they have a big enough area we could do a nice field out there with minimal time, I am over there mowing anyway, what is 10 minutes. I think lacrosse don't you like it smooth so the balls roll nice and stuff like that, but anyway I am just saying it is a suggestion. Butch do you have anything for us that you would like to see happen in the next year or the next couple years?

Mr. Zachrel: Not off the top of my head.

Mr. King: Tim anything?

Mr. Pike: How is that street hockey going, did we talk about that?

Mr. Zachrel: I looked online for anybody that ever turned a tennis court into a street hockey and I couldn't find anything. The most I found was Frederick put in a street hockey rink up next to the skatepark. It is pretty elaborate.

Mr. King: Is there official dimensions for it?

Mr. Zachrel: Oh I am sure that there is yes. And there are companies that are out there that put them in for you, just contract it out and they put one in.

Mr. Behrend: Did anybody find out where it was on the survey list?

Mr. McKenney: I was supposed to do it and I forgot to do that.

Mr. King: That covers the Parks and Streets Department for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Brown: Preston assuming the Town, the discussion point so far for very early budget thoughts is that we would add 2 people total Town Staff and if we did add 2 people total, is that going to mean, I take it when we go into the mowing phases its all hands on deck but its really as much mower capacity is the issue as anything else, because we can throw all the people at it.

Mr. King: We are actually purchasing another mower, a very large mower actually, see that is why we pick up the 2 summer, well actually 3 employees, 1 full time and then we are going to continue with the 2 college age, and what they do is the weed eating, the maintenance that comes in, which frees up trained personnel on the mowers and everything.

Mr. Brown: I thought Wade was talking about adding 2 full time people to the overall Town Staff.

Mr. King: Oh yes with the water.

Mr. Brown: And do they have any contribution to what you guys do.

Mr. King: Yes like when snow removal comes it all hands on deck, they jump in and help, so normally when they bring a person on it does help with actually the snow end of it and then we also assist them during weather events also. So having another person will help us with the large events where we are pressed for manpower. We will have 2 salt trucks ready to go.

Mr. Behrend: When we do get measurable snow don't pile it on the sidewalk. You reach some level you've got no choice where to go, but when it is the 3,4, 5 inches...

Mr. Pike: Thank you for clearing the streets.

Mr. King: The curb and gutter and all that stuff, that is just one of the hardest things to do, even with a cross, if you notice we do try to get our snow blower down there too.

Mr. Behrend: Understood and sometimes I'm ahead of you, sometimes not, I am just saying every year we do the reminder.

Mr. King: Well the last several years I've had almost every year I have had a new person and the side they go on and then I'm like Tom Fox that way, and then normally as the season goes they normally do and there is a new guy working that side this year so I will walk him through personally.

Mr. Behrend: Because Town Code, by rules we have got to plow the sidewalk and when we get it clean and all of a sudden we get the slush and it freezes, granted you hit a certain level of snow it has got to go, wherever it goes.

Mr. King: That is just something that Wade and I have taken on, we have kind of developed a, its unofficial, but what we do is we make sure there is a direct path to the Elementary School, there is a direct path to the Middle School, and to the High School.

Mr. Behrend: Because not all of my neighbors get out and plow their sidewalks.

Mr. King: And we realize that and it is just something and right now it takes me, after I finish plowing, about 2 hours to be done right, I'm 2 hours on that snow blower to get it done right minimum. So like I said we will try to make an effort and we always come back through.

Mr. McKenney: Do you have another item for the budget?

Mr. Pike: The CEDC runs 5 movies a year and the lower corner that 25x14 it costs \$800.00 to rent per movie, and who sets it up, you guys set it up?

Mr. King: No we rent a company that comes in with the projector, DVD and the screen.

Mr. Pike: So Cathy Bupp found out they are \$18,000.00 to buy one, it would save the Town money, because we are spending 4,000.00 to 5,000.00 a year now, what do you think Jim?

Mr. Brown: I mean I have always been in favor of that. But I would like to make sure that we can match up the aesthetics, the use of it, the durability and all those things.

Mr. Pike: Well same thing, same machine.

Mr. King: We have assisted the guys in setting them up and everything.

Mr. Pike: Is it worth \$800.00?

Mr. King: Well what is kind of funny is we always have a person there anyways, because I have to be there in case of a power charge or if there is a disruption in the crowd or whatever, and I don't foresee it would be, even if we had 2 people there, it would not cost \$800.00 for the evening.

Mr. McIntyre: Well the bandstand we got out there, what would it cost to just put a screen up in there.

Mr. Pike: You'd still need the projector.

Mr. King: Well they are putting an awning on there right now.

Mr. Pike: You'd still need a projector and a player and we'd have to have some type of weatherproof screen.

Mr. McIntyre: Weatherproof, bug proof, sealed.

Mr. Pike: How so?

Mr. McIntyre: Well if you are going to have a screen that pulls down.

Mr. Brown: It is worth checking out but probably, that is one of the advantages of the blow up one too.

Mr. King: And having a blow up one, let's just say we wanted to do something at Stevens Park or do something at Halmos Park, we could transport it to a different park, or if the school wanted to rent it or PAA, I am just saying, I think having a mobile one would be...

Mr. Pike: A Holiday Lighting one to show a classic Christmas one.

Mr. King: Yeah just something I think, but I will look into the screen, but I think the mobile unit, like I said we could move it throughout our parks.

Mr. Pike: Anyway so we couldn't buy it outright but we could put 20 away a year maybe.

Mr. Brown: Well I think it is a good idea, decide what budget cycle it falls into and all that.

Mr. Pike: I mean we are spending \$800.00 times 5 and those movies are pretty well attended.

Mr. Brown: Oh I don't think the movies here are going to go away.

Mr. Pike: We could add more. Thank you that is all. The other thing was there was a discussion about after the Farmers' Markets or when it gets dark on the field and they wanted some lighting on the field, but we found out that we have flood lights.

Mr. King: We can do flood lights and I talked to my guys, I don't think they always, those guys have turned them on, because as soon as you turn them on, that is the reason we put them up.

Mr. Pike: We had them on the other night.

Mr. King: And it does a nice job.

Mr. Pike: I was going to have them turned on tonight but there are lights out there now.

Mr. Behrend: Did the one company have their picnic with the alcohol?

Mr. King: I don't know if they ever had it.

Mr. Brown: No did not have a picnic here. He ran into some other issue too with the logistics of where his workers work and his manager supposedly came to him and asked if possible if they could return to a previous spot for this year only because of supposedly his workers travel logistics, but for whatever reason.

Mr. Behrend: Just wanted to follow up.

Mr. King: I guess that covers the budget and we are down to Committee Reports? Does anybody have any other questions, and I am sure we could still, the budget is still ongoing so if the light bulb comes on I don't think we are out of time for suggestions are we?

Mr. Brown: No we are definitely not out of time we are just at the beginning of time. Doug if you can I will do mine last because I got a fair amount of stuff.

Mr. McKenney: Ok. All right Tim. I mean I don't have anything under old business so does anybody else. Oh I saw something on the Poolesville Town Blog or whatever about trash in Dillingham Park, was that legit because they were posting on there that you guys couldn't find any evidence of the fact that some graffiti was there.

Mr. King: The graffiti we cannot find.

Mr. McKenney: Well that is good.

Mr. King: Wade has been there and there is a bottle breaking fool. The week before they actually put them all up underneath the slide, well they are back on breaking bottles and it is a constant, we literally clean up in the morning and then we get a phone call in the afternoon. Now the trash has been exposed, there is a tremendous amount of trash, and I don't know if you guys have been up there lately but we are starting to clean the woods out, which exposed a lot of trash and the next couple weeks we should be able to get back in there and we will start removing the trash, because it is actually a monumental task, you figure how many years those people been sitting in there. Actually we have a part time student right now, he is going in there in the evenings for a few hours and every day we get 2 to 3 bags progress and what I think is going to happen, my plan is when I go in and start thinning trees again I have a ton of wood chips, so what I am going to do is remove what I can but then I am going to put a bed of chips down and then when they decompose, grass will grow and archeologist 200,000 years from now will say this must have been a partying down, but we have removed a ton of trash already. We still have issues, there is a wildcat population up there, I don't know how they are going to address that, but there are 10 cats up there and people in the townhouse...

Mr. Behrend: Feral cats.

Mr. King: Feral cats and there are a couple of people in the townhomes who are very attached to them, they actually one guy has trapped them, spayed them, and re-released them, so do you want feral cats in the park?

Mr. Pike: What hunts cats?

Mr. Brown: Poison.

Mr. King: But anyway that is something once I clear, finish clearing it out, where are they going to go and the next several weeks we are going to fully finish that project and yet I saw this picture and I think they were exaggerating a little bit like somebody did a little extra, I saw it and I was like I don't remember this trash,

unless they did it the day we were cleaning it, by the time it was posted it was like weeks later and I was like no there hasn't been that much trash. Anyway but we do have a young person addressing it and then the next couple of weeks we will finish that part of the project, you went up there right?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah Jeff and I went up there.

Mr. King: You were there in the dark, go up there in the daytime and...

Mr. McIntyre: Could you just get a bobcat and skim it.

Mr. King: Well the problem is all the stumps, because we backed it back quite a ways already and I need to get a stump grinder and finish up. We did run a fence the full length of it, which has stopped people from coming out of the businesses, sitting back there, that is what they were doing, they were taking their breaks, doing their beer drinking and and going back in and working, so that has shifted them off of our property, so we are trying to get a handle on it. Skateboarders keep dragging pallets in.

Mr. Brown: Are they getting those from Tads?

Mr. King: You know where they are getting them, from Selby's because Lin caught them the other day. It is a daily thing and then they burnt one of our new benches, they burnt the rubber off, the ones we put underneath the pavilion and changed together, they started a fire and melted the rubber off.

Mr. Pike: One of the picnic benches?

Mr. King: Yeah.

Mr. Behrend: \$10,000.00 for security cameras.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah we need to get something in there.

Mr. Behrend: I know you approve Jim.

Mr. Brown: I do.

Mr. McKenney: We are spending more money just cleaning up than we are on...

Mr. Brown: That is part of the reason why we are trying to establish a parks budget so we can address it. So we don't have to be micro at another level.

Mr. King: I think the power box was put in place.

Mr. Brown: We did put the power over there.

Mr. King: Now once again, something you guys can think about.

Mr. McKenney: Does that park need more trashcans?

Mr. King: Well we have...

Mr. McKenney: Or recycling cans, are there recycling cans over there?

Mr. King: Yeah there are recycling cans, there are several trashcans. It is just amazing the trash, you can put in all the cans you want, it is not going to happen.

Mr. McKenney: All right any other new business? Anybody got any old business?

Mr. Pike: To keep that park clean what can we do? We put trashcans and they don't use the trashcans.

Mr. Brown: Some of the kids do take responsibility and try to keep it and do the best they can to keep it clean, and they are actually the same kids pretty much every time.

Mr. Pike: Not everyone does it.

Mr. Brown: No it is definitely not everyone doing it, in fact I would definitely say it is a limited few that...

Mr. King: It is 1% that causes 90% of our work and they are not going to change and you have nice kids over there, you tell them to leave they leave, they grab the trash, yes Sir man not a problem, there is that 1% that just...

Mr. Brown: Yeah every single time that I go there, when there are skateboarders skateboarding, now they just see me and they start picking up, I don't even say anything and they start picking up. I walk everywhere in town as much as I can.

Mr. McKenney: We need to get a picture and stick it on our passenger side window and drive by.

Mr. Brown: But I agree it is an ongoing issue, a part of the problem too is that the, I mean just magnified, the fence traps the trash and if there are people trashing other places in town, there is no fence, it just blows somewhere and doesn't get a chance to congregate. I was saying the other day and I got shot down by some of my fellow Commissioners that I absolutely would say that it as a goodwill gesture that McDonalds should put somebody out to farm around that vicinity, not just the skatepark, because if you walk, I walk all the time and it's all McDonald's trash. I mean how about some civic responsibility, I hate it that people trash it, I hate it, but the fact of the matter is we could do a big anti liter campaign but McDonald's could contribute, they are making the money. So anyway I am not off my soapbox completely on that one yet. It is irritating but are you guys ready for me.

Committee Reports

Mr. Brown: Ok so this is my Commissioners Report but this is also a culmination of discussions with Commissioners not just the present and I want to paraphrase that on for a couple different levels when you see where we are going to go through this. The last thing we are going to talk about is we will probably need to get up and look at the high school plat here and have some discussions about that, this is an offshoot of, I had previously had some discussions with Susan Crohner the Business Manager and Wade and I kind of let it die because we kind of put it back on them to see what kind of cooperation they could get out of the high school and the County rather and then we could figure out what we could do to help and I guess Susan, the easier thing to do is just keep bugging the town, and there is a lot that we can't do because it is flat out Montgomery County school property, there is just nothing we can do, we are not even if we wanted to do it, it would probably be an issue with it. They have a better shot at getting the guys who do all the Booster Club work, the Jeff Oyer's and those guys, the Kevin Dorsey's and those guys and try to get them to do it, which is a shame because they should never have to do that kind of stuff. We will get to that, that is the last thing. There are three things here that in the last few months of Commissioner Meetings you guys probably know that we have been tackling the Charter updates and changes on a much smaller level, ad hoc basis, much smarter than we did the last time I think and trying to tackle things the right way that makes sense for the Town and that have kind of a logical flow to them. On one of the Charter discussions has been about the positioning inside the Charter of our group, the Parks Board, as well as the CEDC potentially, as well as the Planning Commission. So in what was kind of a parliamentary move, it was presented amongst the Charter changes suggested that were worked up by the President of the Commissioners in working with our legal advise, that the Parks Board, why would it have to be a chartered group, that doesn't make sense that it is a chartered group,

we know that those discussions especially from the President like to come up, and I wasn't dozing, I was paying attention, I saw that this was going to be a part of our discussion point and bristled and said no, of course these need to be a chartered part of the town for all the reasons that are the chartered part of the town, so that opened up a group, and first of all that basically it became obvious that the votes weren't there for the Parks Board to be taken out of the Charter, so that ended that part of the discussion, then that started a further discussion about the functionality of the Parks Board and what the town gets out of the Parks Board. What we are going to talk about is a mixture of online and offline discussions at this point, you can read the minutes of what the Commissioners actually spoke about regarding the subject. The end result was is that this there was discussion about staff once again handling all permit issues and having the ability to do that, they do have the ability to do it obviously, something that I know Doug has had discussions with Wade on and all of us at various times and having Wade here too or Preston talk about it, but that is something that I think the Commissioners would like to see in a round table discussion, have Town Staff handle permit allocations, and also have it be that if there is a dispute or something that needs to be solved, then it would come to this Board and the Board could play a role in solving that dispute. So that was a direction that I feel like the Commissioners will want us to go in and that is something, I am introducing it now, and we can make it an agenda item and have a discussion about it, so I don't know how everybody feels about that but we can...

Mr. McIntyre: I think that is the way we've been going, Town Staff has been doing the regular ones and it is mainly the larger permit requests that we really have a discussion about to make sure that all the right teams are...

Mr. Brown: Right I think the direction that both Town Staff as well as the Commissioners, or at least in the debate, would prefer that the Town Staff handle the permit, the actual permit allocation big and small, and then have this body focus it's, we could be tiebreakers or discussion points but also really focus our direction on parks and streets, and input on future direction. Decision making about things that we even just talked about tonight in terms of the budget and not get into the technical aspect of breaking down permits and having this Body decide who gets what versus having Town Staff do it. I am not saying I am advocating for or against it, I am just telling you what the discussion was on it.

Mr. McIntyre: The one we just talked about, if they didn't have the alcohol, it was a discussion I think that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Brown: I think more its ballpark is where the discussion was for Town Staff and not for something like that.

Mr. Behrend: If they do one permit they are doing them all.

Mr. Brown: Well I say lets put it on the agenda and talk about how we want to structure it ok, so lets make that for next go round. So you have seen that we've had a little evolution here, discussion about the Charter, probably whatever the Charter changes discussion come in place, members of the Commission wanting to discuss what boards belong in the Charter which ones don't, which then leads to the functionality of those boards, so that is how we ended up where we were right there. Something that I had to fend off, which is I have been as guilty as anybody else, is that the word has got out about our timeliness and starting meetings on time

and our working with Town Staff on keeping them longer or later than what they should be, and the discussion was and as I said this was offline but it was look and I said I have been late too, I am not saying I'm not guilty in the slightest bit, but if you can't be dedicated to make the one meeting on time per month and so that the people that are being paid to be here or have to stay late or stay later, so they can do what they have to do, and also make a quorum and have the right discussions to make sure we have a quorum on time then in the words of our President, what is the point of having the Board, and I defended that very easily, it was a piece of cake...

Mr. Behrend: There is something driving this and I don't understand what.

Mr. Pike: He wants to get rid of the Parks Board.

Mr. Behrend: Why what is driving it, there is something driving this.

Mr. Brown: Well all I am asking is I think we should as a Board work together to make sure that we eliminate that part of the discussion and really do what we can to be on time and make it a focal point, like I left my office today because I was feeling guilty because I was just having the discussion and I was down in Cheverly looking at an office building and I left at 5 to get here at 7:30 and I barely made it, but it is what I did to make sure that I could get here on time. So I would love to be able to take that whole silly issue off the table and go on from there, so do what you need to do but I am just raising the question because it was put at that level, it was something that needed to be discussed, and I am not trying to offend any one individual person, I myself have been late. So that is really all we have come from, from the Commissioners standpoint in terms of the board itself. The Charter change was defeated, and the discussion was to have Town Staff take over the permits, we can talk about that and figure out what we say is the right recommendation on how to do it, and I think the Commissioners will go with it, and then being on time and trying to respect Town Staff in terms of getting here when we are supposed to be here, if not early, so they can leave on time. That is all there was from a functionality standpoint and the last was the discussions that have been taking place based on West Willard and the high school and what the high school's latest requests are and then something that we probably need to sink our teeth into and I will tell you the direction the town has gone, which hasn't been, we haven't obligated one penny to doing anything, but we have put it back on them once again to say, go get your ducks lined up, find out what you can do, we will help you with what we can do if we can overstep our bounds a little bit we will talk about it and we probably will because we can only overstep our bounds a little bit, but the discussions that took place today basically Susan Crohner, myself, John Strong, and Wade Yost, it did involve decision making that this I felt like, and so did Wade felt like, this board should talk about, because really it involved the entire area that surrounds Wootton Avenue where it meets West Willard, where West Willard comes up to Fisher Avenue, I mean yeah to Whites Ferry, and how that whole section can be handled from a town perspective and how far this board would recommend that the town could possibly go to alleviate some of the issues. The biggest issue as you guys know are that the school is adamantly opposed to the student drop off on Wootton Avenue, the road doesn't support it, it has got a failing shoulder on one side, there is obviously a lake that is now the entrance to the high school at the teachers entrance there, there is water sheet flow issues throughout the teacher parking lot where it comes in,

sidewalk, crosswalk, our friend at the County level built a nice bus stop that has zero sidewalk and is placed right on the street, it's a pretty good sized conundrum on what to do to make that better, including what we can do to make it better, and our limitations so if you want to gather around the thing we can go look at it and then have a discussion about it and I will outlay what they want to do and what we can do, so lets go from there. I urge you when you get a chance to stop by there because there is a lot of misconception about what is actually in the rotation. So here is the bus stop along Wootton Avenue and of course West Willard, the school here, the parking lot, the Ride-On space, so as we know this stop is, of course I dropped my kids right on the road. I mean we kicked around a lot of different things, we sat for probably half a day talking about this from a lot of different angles, you can see a lot of potential drawings here. We know that there is a sidewalk that runs along down here, as it comes over there is no crosswalk right there, there is no apron to step off, no handicap steps, we know there is a sidewalk that comes up here and it dead ends right around here, and this is where the puddle is, the lake, so this we determined, this humongous puddle is due to somewhere they have sediment control issues right in here, normally this is supposed to come in sheet and then sheet right down the back of the parking lot and right now it is really not doing that and they have also got issues down on this end. As you can see on this, all the sheeting issues that they have here are a problem already but it starts and ends almost with the fact that it doesn't impact this corner at this point. (Inaudible) that is one problem, but the asphalt and everything else has degraded. Now Preston you can back me up on this, Wade said that there was a former asphalt pathway along here, I drove by that real slow today and I couldn't see it.

Mr. King: Right in there, go through there and it actually...

Mr. Brown: But not down here. Ok I have seen that one. I couldn't see it anywhere along here.

Mr. King: Now does the county own the other side of the road too?

Mr. Brown: They don't but supposedly we don't have a right of way.

Mr. King: There is no right of way, there is none. Now if I am not mistaken the corner house is owned by the Morningstar's correct.

Mr. Brown: Morningstar family.

Mr. McIntyre: Maybe we can get some cooperation out of them.

Mr. King: You figure (inaudible) so the only person --- the corner lot, I don't know who owns that corner lot.

Mr. Brown: Well previously we were under the impression that this corner had no right of way and the people were not interested in cooperating in terms of the sidewalk. But it really comes down to whatever we own or don't own, it's like what is the best solution and then we will try for that. The school has made it clear that they want no drop off along here, that they want to funnel everybody into the student parking lot down the road, even with the backup on West Willard, they are like they will take one supposedly safe backup versus unsafe drop off. So we have to figure out and that policy is not going to change, you will have to eliminate, this --- will have to quit and a new regime will have to come in including a principal probably that didn't like it and wanted to see something different. Other than that this is the process, they will come down West Willard (inaudible) even there it is not

great because you have students pulling in and parking, going crossways where they could have a line of cars to come in and circle around, come in the entrance here and stack all along this lane and circle around to drop off. They fully recognize they have got a problem that is not going to be rectified before this school year is over.

Mr. Zachrel: Especially if you come out of the parking lot and no left hand turn.

Mr. Brown: Yeah.

Mr. Zachrel: Right here as well, when they are coming down here and the school buses turn down here if someone is sitting here they can't make that turn, someone is sitting here, here, here, and here backed up those buses can't make the turn but they will sit there and wait, guess what that does, it stacks up this, then they have actually had it where they can't get buses out of here, so if those buses don't make a left here and go down and make a left, or a right excuse me, then this flows.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. Zachrel: Because if someone is here trying to make that left onto here, then that bus cannot make, the bus cannot make a right hand turn here or here if there is another car there.

Mr. Brown: We will leave this alone for right now, we will start with this part. So we discussed today, yes we have the sidewalk coming in that is already in existence...

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. Brown: So anyway back to (inaudible) so she is talking about talking to Montgomery County about building a sidewalk here, which they definitely need to do, they need to do all the improvements along here (inaudible). So they talked about building a sidewalk, fixing this apron right here and then having a sidewalk leading to a crosswalk that would come across or come down here. So then we still have the issue of the drop off and they approached me (inaudible) and we said if you get this figured out and then we will get this figured out and we will help you with this, we will help you to try to get (inaudible) so across here, going across, what is the potential of a gate, this does not get morning traffic in the ride on area, so potentially there could be a gate (inaudible). So something would have to be made to make this functional so the kids could walk out of here and get to the gate and the Ride-On bus, so it would basically have a fence run all the way across so you can dump kids, potentially another sidewalk and then that would open up the whole door about what happens with this sidewalk. (Inaudible) which a gate was a suggestion.

Mr. Zachrel: A 5 foot fence?

Mr. Brown: That is what they talked about.

Mr. Zachrel: You are thinking about a fence this tall, black, running down the whole line, it's going to look horrible.

Mr. Behrend: That is what I was thinking.

Mr. Zachrel: It's almost like is it a high school or a prison.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. Brown: Initially my first thought process was, that doesn't seem like it would be good visually.

Mr. Zachrel: Even a hedge about this tall, you know that is much better than a 5 foot fence if it is that wide and you can still see right over it. I can just see this black wall going straight down, but the hedge does the exact same thing.

Mr. King: Traffic control talking about dropping off and everything, you know roads in DC are one way at certain times, why couldn't we implement a one way during the morning hours, which would put everybody around...

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. King: I'm just saying, if you are worried about kids being dropped off, if you can't drive down that road, you have to come over here to drop the child off.

Mr. Zachrel: You know what, that would get rid of the problem with school buses, because there would be no cars sitting right here.

Mr. Pike: Everybody goes here, why don't they go here.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. King: We could designate it 7:00 to 8:00.

Mr. Zachrel: And it is really only an hour.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. King: Because they have a person there in the morning anyway so if he could take a couple cones and funnel them right on up there.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. Brown: Well I don't have an issue, but --- better utilization of the sidewalk here, especially if this gets built for a drop off there, because the big problem is really down there, this parking lot, cars coming from the other direction.

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Mr. Zachrel: You know my first thought here, if this is the county then what is the liability, if we are sitting on the drop off, is that what you are talking about.

Mr. Behrend: The intentional drop off lane is between the sidewalk and the ---, all we are doing is directing traffic flow, we are not saying you can drop off but you can drop off at any street here in town.

Mr. Zachrel: Because even if they are dropping off down here, we are getting rid of x amount of traffic this way.

Mr. Behrend: (Inaudible).

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Mr. Zachrel: If we can just take this traffic and push it down here, a percentage of it, this turns, you don't get dropped off here, you don't get it here, turn it down, and they are going to drop off, I mean they are going to drop off somewhere.

Mr. McIntyre: Just funnel them that way.

Mr. Zachrel: And here is what is going to happen, drop off, (inaudible).

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Mr. Zachrel: Oh by the way we had four students that took top honors for --- project, 11,000 students across the globe, four Poolesville students took top honors.

Mr. Brown: All right guys, any other ideas, I mean that is good, we can kind of get away from the focus on this for a minute and go to the other side and look at the --- on West Willard and what to do there.

Mr. McIntyre: When we do the streetscape is there any way at this intersection here expand it out?

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Mr. Zachrel: There is a turning lane here but when you are sitting in the turning lane you can't make, buses cannot make that turn.

Conservations taking place too far from microphone

Mr. Brown: So we do have to decide, we have a sidewalk that starts here and ends here, and the entrance to the parking lot which is the back way to the ---, when you go through that then you just have green ground, you don't have sidewalks. Brightwell has an obligation, I mean Stoney Springs has an obligation to build a sidewalk that would come here. The sidewalk ends right there and you have parking lot.

Mr. King: I think there is a sidewalk here though.

Mr. Brown: So this is the sidewalk that comes from Winchester, crosses the cement pad, which we have come across here, there is no crosswalk here and then that is where the sidewalk is supposed to go. So if we really wanted to kind of put a solve on this, then we've got to figure out a way to extend the sidewalk. I think we would be able to do the job if a sidewalk came from Whites Ferry down to here on this side, drive by and look at it.

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Mr. Brown: So that would be from Whites Ferry all the way to this corner, have Winchester complete what they are supposed to do, this is kind of shoddy right here right now, and have them complete that. (Inaudible), how about if I draft up a recommendation (inaudible).

Mr. King: Yeah but in the past, I don't know what is underneath there, if there was a storm drain, we've put drains in before, we help out and kind of take care of our own Town. I don't know what we can do (inaudible). But before we do we need somebody to say, this is the issue, this is what we need to take care of it, and we do what we can do.

Mr. Brown: Ok that is it. That is what I wanted to get out of us, so I will write this up and (inaudible).

Mr. King: That is one thing, give it a run for a year, see how things shake out and then modify it later, actually a few signs are not a high cost. Being our road I don't think we would have to go through much.

Mr. Behrend: (Inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: Good question where do we block the road.

Mr. King: Why do you want to block, I don't understand.

Mr. Behrend: To keep somebody from turning.

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Mr. McIntyre: But the other thing too you have to worry about is there will be parents coming this way, pull in here and drop off.

Mr. King: But they are not fighting double traffic. I think if they are dropping off the kids are going through traffic going the opposite way.

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Mr. Brown: It's a little scary, not 100% what they are trying to accomplish.

Mr. McIntyre: Is there issue with dropping off.

Mr. Brown: Well there are 2 issues, one was of course the two-way traffic and the 2nd one is teachers pulling in and out of the parking lot and just cars, you can't --- that this is more dangerous than what is going on down here but...

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Mr. Brown: The reality of it is that because of the condition of the school that a vast majority of the kids go get there just in time to go to class and they are fully coated, have their backpacks on them and there is no social 15 minutes beforehand where they go to the locker and get their shit together, they got it on them and they are ---. Ok this is all good, I got everything I need for this so I will put it into writing and you guys can chop it up if you want and we will go from there.

Mr. McIntyre: What happens if they come back and say they don't like that idea.

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Mr. Brown: Everything that we've talked about, even from a school perspective today, does not involve a lot of money. The biggest thing is physically building this. But anyway I still have a Commissioners Report, we can just do it quickly. So we had a final discussion on the, no that is way old, sorry, we voted for Brice Halbrook to serve as Commissioner so we added our 5th Commissioner back and swore him in. We announced that we are having a State of the Town Meeting on January 9th, which I guess Doug you will be doing a presentation for that?

Mr. McKenney: January 9 yeah probably.

Mr. Brown: January 9, State of the Town Meeting. We are also going to have a budget discussion that is going to be right after that so it is fresh in everybody's mind, what we are going to be talking about as it gets presented to the Town so we will be looking for your input at that point. We had a couple residents that came in and talked about, we had a water hammer take place and they had quite the little blowout in their house of water, I mean it was fresh water, that was the good news. We worked through some issues with them on that, that is not a big deal. We had a little bit further discussion on the draft Master Plan then it was put out to vote and it was approved, so the Master Plan process is in effect done, after a couple years worth of work. In the Town Manager's Report, you can pay your water bill online now, that is good news. The Holiday Lighting Contest takes place on the weekend of the 17 and 18 so all holiday lights will be judged then.

Mr. Pike: I am one of the judges that is why I am writing it down.

Mr. Behrend: Mine are all solar this year.

Mr. Brown: Very good. We also had a, and then we, Wade reflected on the commentary of the public hearing from one of the residents about the lack of viability of the lagoons, and we had pretty much disputed what the resident had to say about that and then we had a little bit further discussion about the engineering of the Wesmond fix and the next Wesmond fix, and that was it. One of the residents, he refers to our engineer as Kamber Man and he says that there is, referencing a previous engineering firm, and that its been proven they don't work and you end up having to treat the water, and then Wade actually includes the study, which I can email to anybody, that shows with all the flow monitoring that the lagoons for the most part, don't get the water inside them, the street runoff does not get treated, it does not have to run through the Wastewater Treatment Plant, so the I&I in effect keeps the lagoons at a level that makes them both workable from an evaporation standpoint and then we don't have to end up having to treat it, the water that goes in there.

Mr. Behrend: That is the lagoon...

Mr. King: Behind Stevens Park. You can't believe the wildlife that uses that. This year we have had redheads, that is a type of duck, we had green necks in there, we had spoonbills, which everybody thinks is a type of Mallard, but it is a tremendous amount of wildlife...

Mr. Behrend: You've been eating good then?

Mr. King: Not out of a lagoon but it does have a benefit to the animals in the area also.

Adjournment

Mr. McKenney: Motion to adjourn?

Mr. Behrend: Call to question.

Mr. Zachrel: Second.

Mr. McKenney: Any further discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: All opposed? Motion carries, we are out of here.