

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2011**

**PRESENT:** DOUG MCKENNEY, JEFF MCINTYRE, KEVIN CARMACK AND KURT BEHREND. ALSO PRESENT WAS TOWN STAFF, PRESTON KING.

**Call To Order**

Mr. McKenney: Call to order the October 5, 2011 Poolesville Parks Board Meeting. In attendance is Jeff McIntyre, Kevin Carmack, myself Doug McKenney, and Kurt Behrend. Also present is Preston King.

**Announcements**

Mr. McKenney: First announcement is next meeting is November 9.

**Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items**

Mr. McKenney: Citizen's comments on the agenda items, anybody have any comments on tonight's agenda? Ok good.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. McKenney: Minutes from September 7 can we approve those?

Mr. Behrend: Three of us were here that are here tonight, so we can approve it.

Mr. Carmack: I make a motion we approve the minutes as is.

Mr. Behrend: Second.

Mr. McKenney: All in favor signify by saying aye.

Mr. Behrend, Mr. Carmack, Mr. McKenney: Aye.

Mr. McIntyre: Abstain.

Mr. McKenney: All right they passed.

**New Business**

Mr. McKenney: New business. Relay for Life, name, address.

Ms. Hockenbery: I'm Chontelle Hockenbery, address 19300 Hempstone Avenue, Poolesville, Maryland. I am here to put in a request to see if we can hold our Relay for Life event at Whalen Commons this year. I am not sure, do you know what Relay for Life is all about, does everyone here know what that is. This will be our 7<sup>th</sup> year for Relay for Life and through the 7 years we have been at the High School and most recently the last 2 years we have been at the Fire Department. Our numbers are town, we have polled and participants, our donors and one big reason is because we've moved out of Poolesville, we are located at the Fire House it is inconvenient. We have lots of young children and high schoolers that don't have means to get to the event and the biggest comment is they want it back in town. So we are looking at where we can have it to hold our event and the biggest request is to have it here, why can't we have it here at Whalen Commons, its for the Town's use and that is what I am coming to propose. It is an overnight event, we typically rent or use a facility for a whole weekend. Our setup is Friday night meaning the tents get put in, we have a professional company come in and put tents on the site, Saturday is the actual event time, campers come in, not camper trailers but people, just event campers, camping or pop-ups, a lot of people just use the pop up tent, not actual camping tents, like you use at the market days, cabana type tents. We usually have a

check-in about noon, and our event usually kicks off about 2 pm and from 2 till about dusk we have dj's, activities, kids games, all kinds of things happening. At dark we tone it all down, we do a luminaria ceremony that usually lasts about an hour and half and it's total quiet, its walking around and seeing the luminaria for people that were either have cancer now or we've lost to cancer. It is a memorial ceremony and then after that we usually kick it back up a notch and just have a dj playing and people are walking and we have kids activities during the evening. The only people that can stay overnight are registered participants, they have wristbands, we have check in times, we have police on site, those are the security issue type things. We also have at like 6 or 7 am is our closing ceremony, we do one final lap basically announce everyone that stayed and then it is clean up time and depending on how many people we have participate cleanup time can run for about 2 hours, the big tent is taken down that day at some point whenever the company can come back but we clean up everything and we are done hopefully by noon on Sunday afternoon. Concessions, we typically do our own concessions, at a park facility and it being at a different location we really have to look at how we would handle that. We have been looking at proposing to all of the businesses in town to come out and put a stand out and have them do it, since we are a 501C3 corporation, it is all donated 100%, any fundraising that happens on site comes back to us 100% that day, and that being said, on site if you walk around and go to tents, whatever is being sold, that comes back, we do an accounting check every hour, we have an accounting camper that is secure, we also have Inova Blood Service will be there doing the blood drawing from 2:00 to 7:00 and in the past we have raised 40 pints of blood with people and we are hoping that we would raise the bar with it being out here, people could drive by and see that its here and we choose Inova because it is a local facility and all the blood actually goes to all the local hospitals, it doesn't go to a bank like the American Red Cross and comes back to us, but this actually goes to a local hospital, so when you are donating you know it is going to Shady Grove or to Frederick, it doesn't just go into a pool and nothing against the American Red Cross we just wanted to find something that people could feel comfortable knowing it is definitely coming back to town. Our goal is to get the town and the people more involved, the businesses and getting them to participate and I feel that if we are more here in Town, the visibility and it is a win-win for both businesses and the participants. That is pretty much a quick overview of what the event is and what we do. We pretty much walk, it is not a relay race, it is not a run, you can run if you want, you can relay if you want, we ask that somebody is on the track walking the whole entire time, so if you have a team of 15, somebody in your team is walking continuously and the goal is that we raise as much as we can, raise the awareness that we are here, and why we are here and that we are here to make a difference in our community. We have been here 7 years and in 7 years just Poolesville alone we have raised almost \$600,000.00 and we only have what 5500 people. I mean the per capita is blown out of the water, and that is phenomenal for our community, which says something and I know we can do better, it is all about location and participation and people being able to get here and where we've been able to, we had to move from the High School, we just haven't been able to work with the athletic department and the Fire Department gave the facility to us for free so all the

money we raised goes 100% to American Cancer Society, and that is part of the goal is that we get everything donated, so any of your money goes right back to the services. It goes back to the look good, feel good program, recovery program, advocates and to research, and research is huge, the biggest thing that we do.

Mr. McKenney: How many participants do, if you come back here, how many do you anticipate will probably...

Ms. Hockenbery: I would like to see 200 participants. Our numbers are really low, in the last year we probably had 200 participants and guests at the Fire House. I would say my first year here would be 200 to 300 people, just because basing on what they know from last year, is it going to be different, what is it going to be like, so people I would say 300 people, the following year could double or triple because location, word of mouth, just like Poolesville Day, it is much better atmosphere for walking and getting to and fro.

Mr. McKenney: How many tents would you anticipate?

Ms. Hockenbery: Tents we usually have at a maximum, at our very first event we had 60 teams so that is 60 tents, which would be nothing on this field, because it is very similar to the high school so it is really not much different. But we have not that, its mostly been 20 in the last couple years, people really weren't staying and one of the reasons, it wasn't convenient, it wasn't, at the Fire Department it was further away, they felt that they were too far away from home if an emergency happened, like if Dad stayed with the kids and Mom was at home, I heard that they couldn't get home in a timely fashion, where at the high school we had parents who stayed and some who stayed at home and they would switch off and maybe at the midnight hour Dad would come back and Mom would go home, and it was just a lot more convenient and like I said it's secure and we were looking at possibly putting up a snow fence type of barrier to, Matt is head of security, right now logistically we have looked at it to be set up very much like Market Days and Poolesville Day, but all centralized on the park itself, nothing in the street, the only thing would be, the only thing in the street would be the Inova Blood because he would be parked on one of the ends and that would be the only thing that we would actually be having near a roadside, everything else would be in the park on the grass, walking on the walkway, luminaria would be on the walkway, just like we do at the Christmas Lighting, we would have logistically you would drive in one direction, you go around and you park, its not drive and park wherever we assign, that kind of thing, we have parking attendants, we look for Boy Scouts to help, Girl Scouts to help, any volunteer organization, because they can earn service hours so we try to work with the high schools and any organizations that are willing to help in that fashion too.

Mr. McKenney: I know at the high school you have the benefit of the lights, do you anticipate trying to bring portable lights or...

Ms. Hockenbery: I am thinking with what you have set up, we would be able to work with that, because with the light on the stage and then the lights would be, the lighted around the walkway, I think that would be plenty, because at night time it is the more somber hour and the luminaria light the pathway so there is not going to be, and with it being in town we would look at activities that would be quieter like we've started having a midnight bingo where it was commenced all in one area, so there wasn't a lot of running around, it was more sleeping, people just walking,

maybe something on a scavenger hunt tent to tent, but nothing more active than that. And the date that we are looking at is the weekend of June 8, 9, and 10 and the reason we asked so far in advance is we need a lot of planning time to get all that in and then as Preston mentioned earlier, we have to work with Cathy and the park system would be nice and the bands, so that we all get on the same, be able to work the schedule.

Mr. McIntyre: For parking would they park over behind Selby's.

Ms. Hockenbery: The Elementary School, possibly Selby's and really kind of pushing the walking factor, since we brought it here to town, you know during the day you could have a place like a pickup, drop-off location and mark that off or handicap parking for these closer areas, but then looking at the other parking for pickup, drop-off.

Mr. McIntyre: We parked behind Selby's for Poolesville Day and that was great.

Ms. Hockenbery: Yeah any of those facilities that are convenient I think and with it being in town also that part of the walking part is really promoting that and getting people more excited about being in the area. I am hoping for the visibility. I mean the Town has been very welcoming to us every year, it is just the economy is bad for everyone and it is not all about the dollar and cents but I want people to know that we are still here and they can participate at any rate and if they are not coming and its because its so far away I need to figure out how to get them there and let them know that they can participate, they may not have a car they could walk and now it is back here where it is convenient, and that is pretty much the goal.

Mr. Behrend: That is the one concern we had earlier was security because I know at the high school and fire house you have the fences and you did say a snow fence and I appreciate that.

Ms. Hockenbery: That was our plan the snow fence and like I said we do the wristbands and we do have a security tent, we could get police officers involved here, however if I can't get police officers, I do, we try not to pay out of the budget that we make, but these are things that we have to have so if we have to have them, we have to have them.

Mr. Behrend: And that is through the whole event?

Ms. Hockenbery: Yes through the whole entire event. And because this is on a main road my security issues are heightened, where we have been before, I have not been quite so worried, so I have been diligently looking at that to figure things out, because I do the accounting and all the money that comes in, so I am quite aware the access of people being able to walk up, so I am looking at that. The only other issue that we haven't determined and how, if it were to storm, we do have to provide shelter or access and would it be possible, if need be, could people come in or do we just advise everyone to go to their cars, that is the only other issue that I have to figure out, because we have always been in a location where at the firehouse we could go upstairs to their services, the high school we rent, and we rent the cafeteria so if that needs they know they have to unlock the building and that we have to come in.

Mr. Behrend: You can get a permit for this room, the town does that, if you need more that would be something for the Commissioners to address.

Ms. Hockenbery: So that is just one piece and I don't quite know how that goes.

Mr. Behrend: As I said this room could be available as an emergency shelter but you get a permit for that whole process.

Ms. Hockenbery: Ok so that would be the only other thing that we know, I need to be able to provide something, we would have the tents on site but that is still not clearing the field and making sure that no one would be in harms way. And I will have a certificate of insurance, I couldn't get it today because they don't want to print it with it not being the right date and time, but it is a large certificate of insurance that I can get.

Mr. McKenney: One of the things I was looking at when you first started, I wasn't ignoring you, I was trying to look and see if we had any restrictions in our park rules with respect to tent camping in our parks.

Mr. Behrend: Nope we don't.

Mr. McKenney: We don't, I can't find anything in it, so because that would have been something that we would have to address, we can provide exceptions but I needed to know if we needed to do that.

Mr. Behrend: They are 501C3 so they are not subject to the sales issue.

Mr. McKenney: Right so what I would suggest is, well I can't speak for the board, just for myself, I think what you are suggesting seems reasonable, I think we can do it, what I would like to do is what we do with a lot of people that kind of have these big things and far out dates and a lot of logistics is to begin to put your permit together and submit a permit with as much as you can with as much detail as you can and then if we have questions we can come back and say this looks great, we need to know about that, how are you going to address that, and that gives you something to follow too and then when the time comes we can vote on it, definitely talk to Cathy now so that she can kind of with the assumption that things will go well, she can kind of block out that date or work with that date.

Ms. Hockenbery: Do you know what kind of, our logistical thing is, it is all about the advertising the date for the event, is this something that would be determined within a couple weeks, whether we would be able to hold it, I don't know how that works.

Mr. King: I would say you talk to Cathy on that, what did she say about the date?

Ms. Hockenbery: Everyone said it was fine.

Mr. McKenney: The biggest thing is what do we need as a Parks Board for the permit and that could be...

Ms. Hockenbery: They told me to fill out this application and I did that, the only thing I didn't have was the insurance, they didn't say to give you anything, they just told me to give you that information verbally. The only other thought was that the four homes that are here is figuring out is that feasible or workable for them. We do have other options to still have the event here, what I gave you is what I would like to do, I do have other ways to work around that. The National Cancer Society sent guidelines that they like to see every Relay follow, but sometimes in different communities it doesn't always work and we can't always do those things. And at a college community some of the things may not be a complete overnight, some of them are a 24 hour event, some are a 12 hour event, some are a 10 hour, some are 6, it all depends. The goal for Relay is that cancer doesn't sleep, so it is the reason why you do it from dawn to dusk or during the day until the next day, if you get

diagnosed it doesn't go away just because you go to sleep or the day changes, so that is the whole principal so that as you are relaying you are feeling and understanding that this is an ongoing battle 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and that you are being a part of that and that is why they instill that into us to try to shoot for that goal. But knowing in different communities things are different and you can't always get that, but if we can succeed to get through like our luminaria ceremony and do our closing, it may be later, we do it at midnight and that's it.

Mr. McKenney: I think what you are suggesting basically that you want to talk to the Board and this is definitely something you'd want to consider, yeah that is the Parks permit but generally speaking if you look at that it is kind of geared toward a few hour event or maybe a 1 day thing, we don't usually have stuff that we contemplated going overnight and things like that, not that we can't, and given the size and what you are doing I think we need to know a little bit more in writing or logistically what your plans are so that we can...

Mr. Behrend: I think a lot of what you have spoken to today, you put that into a plan for us, although I might also say and I am going to be presumptuous here but looking at my colleagues but the sense of the Board is we are not against it.

Mr. McIntyre: You are saying 8, 9, 10 but when you talk to the folks its really just the night of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hockenbery: Yes the actual event, it is just so you understand that there will be people on site because the logistics of the event we have to schedule tents to come in and they have to be here before and we've tried to do all of it in one day and it is just physically impossible, working with different companies and people and that is why we try to find a time that we can do everything. Friday would be the tent setting up, the big ones, and a couple other added things, but we would be having a survivor lunch and dinner up at the Firehouse that evening, so most of it would be we'd set up what we can and then my whole group would be going up there to celebrate with the survivors, which would be a first time for us, because we usually are doing all the work and only a small group can actually participate in that, so that is one big plus with the change for us. The luncheon is usually held the same day as the event so we do a luncheon and then go right into the event, so we are hoping to do a dinner and then being able to let the survivors rest up and then come and then actually sit and really enjoy the day, and being here in the park is a better facility for walking and getting around and handicap accessibility and that type of thing.

Mr. McIntyre: Let me ask Preston a question, with Poolesville Day and the tents we set up and there, they are there for a few days, because of the visibility out here do we ever have any issues.

Mr. King: No.

Mr. McIntyre: I know we have had issues in other parks recently.

Mr. King: I guess you are referring to vandalism?

Mr. McIntyre: Yes.

Mr. McKenney: This is the most visible area.

Mr. King: It is the least vandalized, I am not saying it is perfect, but we have never had trouble. What you do you talk to Cathy, your friend, and talk to the husband and they can put a couple extra eyeballs on here while things are up, he is very good

about whenever there is an event talking to his crew saying run a couple times through.

Ms. Hockenbery: And that is typically, we send a letter to the station down in Germantown and let them know that we are holding an event, the times it starts, what we are going to be doing, so the whole station is aware and when they are on duty that they are making more frequent stops through and getting out and actually walking through are event, and when we had it at the high school they were very visible, which was great because that uniform makes a big difference.

Mr. McIntyre: Yeah I just wanted to bring that up.

Mr. McKenney: That is all I got.

Mr. Carmack: I mean it is early enough, what do they normally have a Friday night Farmers' Market, they have the movies.

Mr. King: We will talk to her early, that first week of June is normally when our concerts start and then mid June is probably our first movie, towards the end, so we will go Friday movie, Saturday concert, we had 13 concerts and 5 movies this year, so the earlier she gets it in, it sounds like she is kind of working with Cathy on that, so Cathy is just starting to get next year's things lined up, so the sooner you get the permit in the better.

Mr. McIntyre: I was just thinking for our benefit, I mean you are obviously going to type it up on the computer, whatever, if you email that to Wade and Wade forwards that to us before the next meeting we can maybe look it over, ask any questions and forward them back either directly to you or to Wade, it would help get everything passed by next meeting.

Ms. Hockenbery: And that is the November 9 meeting?

Mr. Behrend: Correct.

Ms. Hockenbery: What time does that usually happen?

Mr. Carmack: 7:30.

Mr. McKenney: It was 6:30 because we walked around, we were supposed to walk around the last meeting but it rained, so we did a virtual and by the time we were done it was kind of like well we really don't need to do this, the next month but I forgot that I had set it up at 6:30 start time instead of walking.

Mr. Behrend: Some of us were here at 6:30.

Mr. McKenney: Butch actually said 6:30 and Butch isn't here. He was the only one that noticed that this still said 6:30, anyway sorry.

Ms. Hockenbery: Is that everything?

Mr. McKenney: That is everything. I mean even if we had questions at the November meeting and you had to come back December, I think that is well ahead of schedule that, I mean as long as you work the date out with Cathy that is really what is kind of the, we can answer questions right up until the end, as long as you know your date, we can get all the other stuff done.

Ms. Hockenbery: Ok.

Mr. Behrend: With the information you have given us today it is doubtful that it will go beyond November.

Mr. King: If you can get the email and get it to these guys and then Wade will be able to talk to Cathy but most likely she can block it and you would know that.

Ms. Hockenbery: Perfect thank you.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you. Now don't tell me this, she has been here since 6:30.

Mr. King: Yes I have.

Mr. McKenney: No she.

Mr. Behrend: 7:30.

Mr. King: 7:00.

Mr. McKenney: 7:00 ok I apologize. All right next order of business, Eagle Scout Project, Robert Winning. Come on up and introduce yourself, name, address and we will go from there.

Mr. Behrend: I would just like to take a moment to state that --- communication has occurred between me and Mr. Winning, as the Eagle Advisor, I know roughly the ideas and I did give him some advise on how to approach us but that has been the extent of my communication with him. So in this case I will not recuse especially since we have only 4 bodies here.

Mr. McIntyre: Did he take your advice?

Mr. Behrend: We will have to find out.

Mr. Winning: My name is Robert Winning, I reside at 19616 Bodmer Avenue, Poolesville, Maryland. I'm here to give an initial proposal for my Eagle Scout Project. I have been involved with Scouts for close to 9 years now and I have also been involved in the Poolesville sports around town for pretty much since I was 5, baseball, football, wrestling, a little bit of basketball, but I have been trying to come up with the Eagle project for awhile now and I thought it would be a good idea to give back to PAA and my community. I have been in contact with Mr. Morningstar who is the President of PAA and he has told me about a few projects that he gave me an idea and he said that he would like to have either dugout roofs similar to those at Stevens Park, he would like to build those at Halmos Park and also the other project being a batting cage for either Halmos Park or Stevens Park. So I am here to basically give an initial proposal and ask for suggestions from the Parks Board about just where, the dimensions, some ideas for materials and other things, so far I have come up with what I would like to do is build batting cages at Stevens Park, that would be ideal for me, and I think it would benefit the community and the Poolesville Athletic Association. I've come up with the idea of building it between the field and the tennis courts, I don't know if that would work out, but that would be my initial idea. And then I would like to start it as soon as possible but obviously I would have to come back for the November Parks Board meeting to get formal approval. So basically right after that I would like to begin that project and for cost investments of this project I would have to find a way to pay for it, basically do I would like to get donations and sponsors either from some local businesses such as Lowes or Home Depot, go and ask them what a ballpark estimate, like what the cost would be for a project like this and see if I could get them to sponsor me. And then I have to talk to Mr. Morningstar and PAA to see if they would be the sponsor but I know that Kevin Connor, for one of his projects, was sponsored for his Eagle project for PAA and last I would like to donate some of my own money if I had to, I would be willing to do that, and that is it for the overview of what I would like to do for an Eagle project and as you can see there, there are some ideas that I've had. I did a little bit of research and I also went up to the Poolesville High School, they have 2 batting cages there, and I believe the size of the softball one was 60 feet long by 12

feet wide and 15 feet high, and then the baseball one was longer than that, I didn't get exact measurements but I am guessing you could add 10 to 20 feet onto that for the baseball one. And when I did some research the past couple weeks I found that the general length would be 70 feet in length, 14 feet in width, and 12 in height and there are a lot of similar ones close to that. The materials that would go into this, I would like to ask Mr. Morningstar to help me with this because I know his brother has a welding company and that would be best for the frame of the batting cage. I talked to Kevin Dorsey who asked Mr. Morningstar to weld the batting cage up at the High School and he said that the Morningstar's did that for him, so if I can get that done it would be ideal, if not then another possibility would be aluminum piping and the size of the piping would be 1 and 5/8 inch thickness and then for the nets that go around it, for indoor nets nylon is ideal, but because this would have to take on environmental factors nylon would stretch and it would get worn out over time, so I found online a polyethylene material doesn't sag or stretch with moisture and that would be best for outdoor use for the nets. And then when fitting the nets you have to look at the size of the holes or of the mesh and usually it is anywhere between 1 and 2/3 inch and 1 and 3/4 inch, if you wanted to use golf balls which is sometimes the players use that as a way to help their, it is an exercising technique used by the batters to help them, basically a smaller target, harder to hit, so if we were to do that you'd have to have smaller mesh so the balls wouldn't go through obviously. And then also when considering the net you, when building it you would have to have it the length and the height of it you would have to have it taller than the height of the actual frame because you don't want it to be tight because then it is easier to rip when the balls come in contact with it, so you want to have it sag and also provide a cushion for when the balls are hit and then for the frames, which would be the steel pipes, usually you have to dig holes and basically post them and somehow secure them to the concrete, I think the ones at the high school don't have any concrete, I think they are basically just dug into the ground, and then the last thing for materials would be what would go inside the batting cage, up at the high school they don't have anything, it is just grass, and some other possibilities are maybe some gravel or stone dust and yes that is basically it for the materials. As I said before this is just an initial proposal and I would definitely like to get your comments and suggestions. I would like to move forward with this after I would get formal approval in November so thank you.

Mr. McIntyre: I have a question for you two guys, when they did it up at UMAC initially they had just the netting later they put actual fencing all around, do you know why the fencing?

Mr. King: I'm going to tell you why the fencing, vandalism.

Mr. McIntyre: Even out there?

Mr. King: We get it up at Urbana, we had to go with the metal fencing on the sides, it keeps the kids from climbing and pulling, you end up attaching the netting on the inside but my suggestion is, I hate to say it, its not an ideal world, I would have fencing put on the outside, and I would check with Capital Fencing, they get used fence all the time, Dave MacKenzie is the man over there, give him a call and I know for a fact he got a whole bunch of chain link so there is a suggestion for some of the

material. The Town will supply the stone dust for inside the cages, that is at our cost of \$100.00.

Mr. Winning: Ok thank you.

Mr. Carmack: The other thing that that does, by putting up a metal fence, the issue at the high school is cutting the grass and keeping it trimmed up and everything so not only can you use weed whackers right up against it and then on the inside is all the dust. So you basically have an exterior shell, you don't go across the top with the metal fencing and then on the inside you put the post and you hang the netting so it is inside the metal fence.

Mr. McKenney: So you will need to either expand your total dimensions a little bit to accommodate a little bit of extra room for that fence or if there is no extra room your interior is going to be a little bit smaller.

Mr. King: On another side note, like I said we just put one in at Urbana and you are talking 14 foot wide, and what we did, you have visiting teams come in and they like to do them, we did it large enough that we could run two and then there was a center divider made out of the netting and at Stevens we really do have a nice place where we could do a double wide, you know 1<sup>st</sup> base side there is that nice flat area and I don't know if PAA wants to put into it or whatever, but instead of having like 2 singles, I would do 1 right on that nice flat area, Stevens side, you have 2 bays, a visiting team as well as home team can use it.

Mr. Behrend: Do we have sufficient space?

Mr. King: Yes we have plenty of space, it is perfect and that would finish Stevens baseball field off, because we have the shelter now, and it would just be a nice addition, that is just me, I don't know if you guys...

Mr. Carmack: What you have to do is maybe figure out maybe 14 feet more than you need, the question is how wide is wide enough, you could go out to Taylor and see how they did that, because they have done exactly what you are talking about behind the school at Taylor Elementary. So the question is how wide, you know 10 foot, 12 foot, 14 foot because if you are going to double it with one exterior fence, that is the easiest thing to do and then you do have a new ---, that is exactly what they want, each team home and away can do some batting practice, it keeps people off the fields when the fields are wet.

Mr. King: And we put stone dust in and it drains, and then for location 355 right before you get to Frederick there is a road called Araby Church Road, drop down there and our facilities are down there on Araby Church Road, if you go through Urbana on 355 and you will see Araby Church Road at an angle about a mile past Urbana, go on down there and you will see 2 small fields, but right in between those they have a brand new facility, if you wanted to go take a look at it.

Mr. Behrend: A suggestion for next time is drawing some pictures.

Mr. Carmack: By the way you can ask Wade for a site plan of the layout.

Mr. Winning: Ok.

Mr. McKenney: That would be the best presentation. Mr. Behrend can answer better but it would probably carry some weight with the Eagle Board if you had something like that as opposed to something just looks like it is drawn on the back of a napkin.

Mr. Carmack: Robert I helped Kevin because I was PAA, paid for the materials, but Lowes will give you a 50% discount on materials, you got to have your outfit on, you got to go down and they have to set up a meeting with the manager but between Home Depot and Lowes they will be able to give you a good price, the fencing, the welding...

Mr. King: It is not going to be a cheap project but there are enough people willing to help. Another thing the last Eagle Scout raised the bar a little bit, he had a nice little PowerPoint, you might want to go to the other ball fields and take some pictures, take a pictures of Stevens and we have a screen you can bring your thing in and use our computer and we can run it off a screen.

Mr. Behrend: Put the drawings into the PowerPoint.

Mr. King: And this is just a suggestion, you don't have to, but like I am saying the last Eagle Scout did a nice job.

Mr. Carmack: But that will help, whatever you present here...

Mr. Behrend: To the Eagle Board.

Mr. King: Use us to get ready for them.

Mr. Behrend: Its not us it's the Council District. Leadership, how are you going to s how leadership in this project?

Mr. Winning: Well I was planning, most Eagle Scouts do this, they plan and set up a time and basically tell the rest of their troop when they are doing this and I was inviting any Scouts to come and help and when doing a project the younger Scouts basically see what I am doing, I will mostly be managing, I will mostly be solicitating and telling them what to do, I wouldn't be too much hands on although I would be willing to do that if we didn't have enough volunteers, but hopefully I would get enough volunteers where I don't have to and I would just be directing them.

Mr. Behrend: So you might show them how to dig a post hole and how the poles would properly go in and properly be secured and then help walk them through on their own. Explain it, demonstrate it, guide it, enable it.

Mr. McKenney: Kevin and I were talking, does Stevens seem better or Halmos.

Mr. Carmack: Just thinking the age of the kids playing and the different fields and where more baseball is, where we have more kids playing the Halmos fields, is there a central location at Halmos we could do this instead because I was thinking Stevens a lot of times has younger kids.

Mr. Behrend: We thought about a single cage out on the first baseline at Halmos 3. I think there is sufficient space there.

Mr. Carmack: We do know that we use Stevens a lot more for the games because of the concession.

Mr. King: That is a good point, 3 is a practice field if I am not mistaken on the whole, or has it been elevated to games.

Mr. McKenney: Not really I mean there has been games held on occasion there but its not really...

Mr. King: 2 is a game field and Stevens is a game field, but 2 is limited and normally older kids you don't have as many games, where Stevens you got 6 to 10, you have a lot of games in that age group.

Mr. McKenney: The ultimate would be to have batting cages in both places but I think...

Mr. Behrend: We only got 10 Eagles waiting to come.

Mr. King: What is that?

Mr. Behrend: I got 10 Eagles on the list.

Mr. King: Well you figure lets finish Stevens, we have the concessions, we have the covers on the seating now, so we could finish that and then turn our attention to...

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I don't think anyone could really argue with that as much as you may want to put the batting cages at the fields where they are bigger and for games and practices you might use them more, for the older boys using it they may use it more there but as far as more overall consistent regular use, it would be Stevens.

Mr. Carmack: The flat area that you are talking about, if you are behind home plate there is a little walkway that goes between the tennis courts and it wraps around, are you talking as you get toward the end of the tennis court to the left of that.

Mr. King: Yes to the left, it would be on the ball field side.

Mr. Carmack: So between the path and that warm up mound.

Mr. King: The warm up mound ends and from there on down it is just screams to adding a cage. It is away from the bleachers, it is far enough away.

Mr. McKenney: There is warm up mounds on both baselines.

Mr. King: On both sides closer to third, so we are saying first base side and actually just a small tree that if we had to remove or transplant we could do it, but it is relatively flat.

Mr. Carmack: Are you suggesting we use any of the existing fencing.

Mr. King: He could tie into the fencing on the one side, I think it is 6 foot tall and he could probably go 12 foot, how tall were you saying?

Mr. Winning: 12 yes.

Mr. King: 12 so he gets another roll of 6 and it would be closed off to the field and then you would save a little money. But I would, just like we did the --- butt it right up there.

Mr. Carmack: And Robert we could hook you up with who is now running PAA baseball and there is a PAA Board now but I am sure that they would be able to donate to something like that because we have done it in the past with all the other ones. What ideas do you have for fundraising beyond the Lowe's discount, PAA helping.

Mr. Winning: Not too many right now I mean basically just in town from my parents I know a lot of people in town and obviously it is a friendly community, I would like to think that they would be willing to help out and maybe do some sort of, I know for school we do some sort of carwash and a lot of times we will get people come by and only donations, so a lot of people seem to donate and I would like to think for an Eagle Project and for PAA people would donate.

Mr. Behrend: One thing you need in your report though is how much your estimated cost is.

Mr. McKenney: Any idea how many poles it's going to take to run 70 feet?

Mr. Winning: The ones at the high school have 3 but then it is probably, since it is 70 feet and not 60 feet like at the high school, it would probably be 4, maybe 5 at the most.

Mr. Carmack: I would say 4 probably. I know that Kevin, when he did it all out and provided some reserve funds, it was about \$750.00 or something.

Mr. Behrend: Robert I have a book if you want to take a look at it.

Mr. Carmack: Should you have a door that is lockable?

Mr. King: It wouldn't be a bad idea, so when it is off season. We do have to secure it in the winter months.

Mr. Carmack: But it would be open to the public.

Mr. King: Yes we could set a system up that somebody could come get the key or the coach or staff of PAA could have a key to it at all times.

Mr. Behrend: Example being though if I wanted to take my son who is not in PAA and wanted to go play.

Mr. King: I don't think we would lock it, but we should have the potential to lock it if things happen.

Mr. McIntyre: Didn't we try to do the locking over here at the skatepark?

Mr. King: We do lock it every night.

Mr. McIntyre: Oh we do now, I thought we got away from that?

Mr. King: No we tried and then later on I am going to go into that.

Mr. Carmack: Maybe in season or when it is warmer, when you lock up the park, lock up the bathrooms you could lock it up, it is only going to be one door in.

Mr. King: That is what I'm saying, we'd work it into our parks when we close them.

Mr. Carmack: So you have to think about a gate like they have on all the other fences. But talk to Mr. MacKenzie.

Mr. King: Yeah we have a gate on ours so people just can't walk in while you are throwing and hitting, because you get people moving in and out, it might not be locked but at least it's something so somebody can't just walk in.

Mr. Carmack: Good start.

Mr. McKenney: How much time you got?

Mr. Carmack: That is what I am worried about.

Mr. Winning: I think it is 5 months now.

Mr. Behrend: Late March birthday which means he needs to be before the Board in early March for review.

Mr. Carmack: And the issue with the winter is you never know what the weather is going to be like, he'll tell you if you are going to pour concrete for the footings or those kinds of things so I would definitely...

Mr. King: Mid November is the latest you want to pour concrete.

Mr. Carmack: I know you got lots of things going on, you don't want to do it all and not make the presentation and not make your birthday.

Mr. McKenney: All right so next meeting you will come back with some more specifics, drawings of the plans and here is exactly what I need and here is where I am going to go get it and how much it is going to cost to order this, that, and the other thing.

Mr. Carmack: And remember it is your project, not Mom and Dad's.

Mr. Behrend: I don't think that is going to be a worry. Come see me, I have Kevin's book so you can see how it was done.

Mr. Winning: Ok.

Mr. McKenney: Good job.

Mr. Winning: Thank you.

Mr. Behrend: Thank you Robert and he does have his socks...

Mr. McKenney: I was just going to ask, what kind of socks you got on?

Mr. Behrend: Very good.

Mr. McKenney: When you come over to have me sign, you'll have to have them on too.

Mr. Winning: Ok.

Mr. Behrend: And before the Board and everything else.

### **Old Business**

Mr. McKenney: All right old business, well...

Mr. Behrend: 0 for 2.

Mr. McKenney: 0 for 3 I think actually, on the proposal or his idea and coming to discuss it, so anyway. Fisher Avenue streetscape crosswalks, I know they are putting in curb and gutter out by me. Now let me ask a question, it is going to go to Hughes, is it going to continue on.

Mr. Strong: No.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Strong: Not this project.

Mr. McKenney: Both sides, ok and we are not widening that road by virtue of that at all right?

Mr. Strong: Well (inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: Does it ok. Does it have to be wider, just curious?

Mr. Strong: Well you have to --- the road itself is not straight, not perfectly straight, so you got to cut a straight line and by cutting a straight line...

Mr. McKenney: Right you lose a little.

Mr. Strong: You actually gain a little bit because (inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: Ok all right crosswalks. You have some ideas where to put them or we are supposed to give you ideas where to put them?

Mr. Strong: You got to tell me what you are thinking. I don't know where, you have a whole host of places to go, also have to take a look at patterns, I only have one because (inaudible). What has been discussed before is a pattern like this, this is a street print xd, which is a laminate type material that actually adheres to the asphalt and these are the patterns that are available and this is the later pattern that has been suggested before to use, which is very nice. If you go into Fisher Avenue and knew the work on Fisher Avenue, a maintenance ---, the state will allow it because of our traffic --- but the Town will have to enter into a maintenance agreement with the state to maintain these patterns on the roadway.

Mr. McKenney: For us to maintain it?

Mr. Strong: That is correct. The state will not maintain it.

Mr. McKenney: Well what do they mean to us, does it mean when the plows chip it all apart we have to fix it.

Mr. Strong: We have to come back in and laminate it, that is correct.

Mr. McKenney: Ok and how likely is it that they will tear it up?

Mr. King: Well it has been in Laurel for quite some time and we have gone there a couple times to check on it and we haven't seen it, but it is possible. It is possible that somebody drags some type of mechanical piece and tears it up.

Mr. McKenney: Right what do you have to do to relaminate it, is it just kind of like a patch or do you have to take a whole chunk of it?

Mr. Strong: You have to cut a small area out and reheat the asphalt and then put down a new laminate section, it is not as easy like the stickers that we put on roadways and things like that.

Mr. Behrend: What is the level the state will maintain on there own?

Mr. Strong: None.

Mr. Behrend: Where do our taxes go?

Mr. McKenney: Ok so do you guys like that pattern?

Mr. Behrend: I was going to say why is this the pattern choices is that typical.

Mr. Strong: That was the pattern choice that we discussed some of this before, they were leaning toward that pattern, also Wade and I went out and looked and thought that was a nice pattern, a little different, it is brighter and a little better.

Mr. Behrend: So the black line and the white line...

Mr. Strong: It is a white, a black and then kind of a grayish white.

Mr. Behrend: So really white, black, grayish and then your red or that could be white.

Mr. Strong: Yeah.

Mr. McKenney: Now could those be, well this is Fisher Avenue so we are not going to raise any of them.

Mr. Strong: Even your side streets you wouldn't raise them because they are in ---, so you wouldn't have any of this. Just running down costs, you have a crossing at Cattail Road, we estimate the cost is about \$13,000.00. Across Fisher Avenue at McDonalds the cost is approximately \$10,000.00. Milford Mill...

Mr. McKenney: Why is it cheaper to go across...

Mr. Strong: It is the configuration, it is actually the configuration of the road and the width of the road is greater by, in order to get a crosswalk in, if your crosswalk, if your wheelchair ramp is 6 feet wide you have to have 12 feet of crosswalk.

Mr. McKenney: To have the ability to pass.

Mr. Strong: It is actually not the ability to pass, its just the way the law is written, but that is fine.

Mr. McKenney: That happens at Cattail.

Mr. Strong: That happens at Cattail.

Mr. McKenney: Does it happen going across to McDonalds?

Mr. Strong: No the wheelchair ramp coming down is 5 feet wide there.

Mr. Behrend: Is that going to possibly modify since we had to modify the ones at Tom Fox and Fisher.

Mr. Strong: No the reasons those were modified, it was a slope issue. Ok so the ones at McDonalds that is a 50 x 10 and that one comes down to \$10,000.00. Milford Mill along Fisher Avenue is approximately \$7,000.00 that is only because it is 30 feet wide there. Then you have crossing Fisher near Fyffe, you are looking at about \$9,500.00. Fyffe is 20 x10 because it is actually recessed back a bit, so it is not at the turning radius and that one is \$4,500.00. Then the big intersection at Elgin Road and Fisher, we would not recommend that being done at the present time because they are going to be resurfacing that intersection, according to the State, not me, the State, it is supposed to be done this fiscal year, which means should be done by

September of next year. Anyway that cost would be approximately \$33,000.00 for you to do that.

Mr. McKenney: You got 4 of them right?

Mr. Strong: That is correct.

Mr. Behrend: Why don't we put that into another year's budget.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah. What happens when the State decides to resurface?

Mr. Strong: The next cycle for resurfacing should be another 15 to 20 years from now. Now when they resurface it, they will most likely mill out all the work that is in place, and then you will have to redo it.

Mr. Behrend: Ok is there any way when the resurface the intersection up here we can do it at that time or do we have to wait until it is resurfaced and cut into it and put it in place.

Mr. Strong: What happens is they resurface it and then the process is they bring in a great big propane torch and they heat the asphalt section that you are going to put this stamped pattern in and then they roll a metalized form into the asphalt, pull the metalized form up and then they put down the laminate. So it is better if the new asphalt is down.

Mr. Behrend: So you have to wait until they are done?

Mr. Strong: That is correct.

Mr. McKenney: So they actually pour that laminate in.

Mr. Strong: Actually they heat it into place, it adheres, it is a bonded system. Then your next crossing on Fisher Avenue is near West Willard Avenue, or West Willard Road and that one is approximately \$7,500.00. And then the crossing across West Willard is approximately \$12,000.00, and again that is because of a radius issue, and that is actually a pretty wide section right there.

Mr. Behrend: Milford Mill is the Post Office area.

Mr. Strong: Milford Mill is actually the one on the other side of the bandshell.

Mr. McKenney: Ok that is why I am drawing a blank.

Mr. Strong: What you are thinking of is Norris Avenue and Norris Avenue does not have a sidewalk on the other side. So that is where we are at with that.

Mr. McKenney: So what do we have in the budget for this?

Mr. King: I thought there was \$80,000.00 set aside.

Mr. Strong: That is correct, for streetscape. Now I know some of that money is going towards signage.

Mr. Behrend: Roughly \$60,000.00 is what we are looking at.

Mr. McKenney: So the one at Cattail goes across Fisher right?

Mr. Strong: No.

Mr. McKenney: No it goes across Cattail.

Mr. Strong: And this is another advantage to be considered. Any road that goes across, any crossings that do not go across Fisher Avenue can be done by the Town themselves and maintained by the Town themselves, there is no maintenance agreement to be entered into, because you are behind the roadway right of way, not the right of way, but you are not crossing, you go to the flow line.

Mr. McKenney: All right so if we have \$60,000.00 where do we want to put 2 maybe 3 of these is what it kind of comes down to right?

Mr. Strong: Correct.

Mr. McKenney: Which ones we want to...

Mr. Behrend: Start with.

Mr. Carmack: Is this the same pot of money that we talked about last time about hiding all the power lines.

Mr. Behrend: And we said we needed more data from John.

Mr. McIntyre: Our other options were to use this money to (inaudible).

Mr. McKenney: There were a number of different things.

Mr. Strong: You are talking about burying power lines, you are looking at approximately 1.8 million dollars per linear mile.

Mr. Carmack: Right this is exactly what we talked about last month.

Mr. Behrend: Roughly 5 million dollars from end to end.

Mr. Strong: It may be even more than that.

Mr. Carmack: But then we talked about we could do a lot of other things associated with the streetscape. My two cents is without a couple of the other, I know we can't vote while they are not here but it just seems like one of those things that everybody is going to have an opinion on, Jim and...

Mr. Behrend: Don't have to rush. And the stuff that we talked about last time we can do bits and pieces over the years and that is really how we have to break it up, the whole streetscape to do it end to end you are talking 7 to 10 million dollars.

Mr. Strong: And the Town has taken that approach, for instance they put in the sidewalk along what used to be Meadowlark Inn, that was one portion of the streetscape, and then they've done other portions of the streetscape project.

Mr. Behrend: The whole sidewalk along Fisher is part of it, so we have done bits and pieces just as we have done all of these projects in bits and pieces and it may be 20 years before we are done. A lot of money for these things, they look good, it would be neat but I don't know.

Mr. McKenney: The alternative is we can paint stuff on right.

Mr. Strong: Paint? It depends on how you want things to present.

Mr. Carmack: My thing is to really evaluate we would have one kind of --- here is a list of the things and here are the associated costs, here is how much money we have this year, and next year, and maybe come up with a plan, all right lets do this, this year with this money, and here is our priority list and then next year we can look at these things and go back and look at it.

Mr. Behrend: That is what we have done with the Trail System.

Mr. McIntyre: We need some kind of list.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah I think next meeting we should prioritize and play around with it.

Mr. McKenney: So what does Wade have you doing on this, is he having you gather...

Mr. Strong: He asked me to get pricing together for the crosswalks.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Behrend: That was it, do we have...

Mr. McKenney: We now have that.

Mr. Strong: He also asked me to look at our in road warning lighting, which is lighted crosswalk areas. There may be an issue with the state as far as our IRWL's go because there has to be, it may not meet there warrants, because they are activated when the proximity, when somebody is getting into a proximity area, it

may not be enough pedestrian traffic to warrant a IRWL.

Mr. McKenney: What is an IRWL?

Mr. Behrend: In road warning light.

Mr. Strong: Yep.

Mr. McKenney: Why would the state care if we wanted to do that?

Mr. Behrend: We haven't had somebody die in a crosswalk yet.

Mr. Strong: They have all kinds, when we proposed the street print XD, they had just, now this product has been out for some time, it was just approved this past March, and they have specifications now for it, but they had to have a certain amount of traffic passing through the area in order to present a higher visibility area. Because their experience has been that if the, and I am going through this right now with the County at the swimming pool area, there has been a suggestion for a crosswalk down there, they have to have a certain amount of pedestrian traffic going across these areas, because if they don't have that pedestrian traffic then the vehicles will see the warning system or the crosswalk and they have never ever seen anybody crossing there and they will assume its there but I can just blow through it. It is sort of like a 4 way stop, you put in a 4 way stop and that is one of the reasons that down at Wootton we don't have a 4 way stop is because the traffic again doesn't warrant it, the load doesn't warrant it and what happens is people see the 4 way stop, they think there is no, I've never seen any traffic there, ah the heck with it and they blow right through it.

Mr. Behrend: One of the criteria is if somebody dies there, it automatically goes up and all the other factors go away and you can have it, which is, I won't comment.

Mr. McKenney: I'm trying to remember we had this, which is extraordinarily expensive, it would be like dropping, we talked about lighting.

Mr. McIntyre: We talked about having the light poles going down 107.

Mr. Carmack: And we had some estimates or something on that.

Mr. McKenney: The lights and the poles.

Mr. Behrend: 1.8 million roughly.

Mr. Strong: To bury the power.

Mr. Behrend: To take the poles out, put the light posts in.

Mr. Strong: I want to say it is probably about, you have to put in the conduit, you have to deenergize the existing light system, you have to erect new poles and also go with the solars, what are you paying for poles these days, do you remember?

Mr. King: \$1,200.00 a light.

Mr. Strong: Yeah I would say \$1,500.00 or so, I think.

Mr. King: And that is without installation, just the physical trunk, we did the LED which we would do again and run your conduit and the other thing is fortunately we tapped into a power source, it would take a little study, and the spacing how we want it to re-parallel everything.

Mr. McKenney: I remember Jim saying we were looking at that and we were looking at something else I can't remember what it was.

Mr. Strong: There may also be some issues if you go with the lighting.

Mr. McIntyre: We are right on the same place we were last month.

Mr. Carmack: Streetscape as a whole, page 11, it has a whole lot of elements and it scans from West Willard Road down to Wootton and beyond, the challenges we are

facing we have \$80,000.00 this year and we never sat down and prioritized, ok do we do the crosswalks first or do we try to do the streetlights first, do we just try to concentrate on Norris Road or right here in front of Whalen Commons, so pretty much the same thing.

Mr. Strong: I want to say something about the street lighting, you probably want to do that in concert with any walkways that have to be developed or crossings, or the for certain areas because there may be grading involved and it may shift the location of those lights up or down. In some areas it is already in place, other areas aren't, so you would have to look at that. In fact over by the Post Office I know that is an area that still needs to be done down to the Deli, there is a fair amount of grading that needs done.

Mr. Carmack: And it talks a little bit about I remember the number \$600,000.00 and that was a lot of money and you thought it was going to be a million maybe more to bury it all and maybe do all that work.

Mr. Strong: If you look at the new Master Plan by the way, you will notice some Photoshop in there that was done where we have actually dropped the power lines out.

Mr. Behrend: Here is the numbers we used, \$50,000.00 a pole to bury the lines pole to pole.

Mr. Strong: Just a few years ago it was 1.2 million.

Mr. Behrend: From end to end.

Mr. Strong: That is right.

Mr. Behrend: And we were thinking \$600,000.00 to cover the largest area or whatever, that is where that \$600,000.00 came in.

Mr. McIntyre: Right there on page 17 it says for \$600,000.00 you could certainly line streetlights up and down quite a bit of the street, have your banners, signage, some of the benches.

Mr. Behrend: My concern also is if we put new streetlights in and leave the poles up, how much does it add to the clutter, rather than cleaning it up, which is the goal. Looks like what we need at this point is a prioritized list or a list of items that we can put into priority to push up the budget. The budget is in December or is that for the next fiscal year, this money we got now.

Mr. Strong: Preston its \$80,000.00 right now?

Mr. King: I think it is \$80,000.00 and you have to deduct \$20,000.00 for the lines, so it was \$60,000.00 if we choose to do something and I am pretty sure 60 was the working number.

Mr. McKenney: I'm trying to make sure...

Mr. McIntyre: I think we should come up with a plan.

Mr. Carmack: How do we get all the things that we want on one sheet or one layout and you know what the costs are and we can make some informed decisions on this years \$80,000.00 budget.

Mr. Strong: There is 2 ways of attacking this, one is bits and pieces, another idea is to centralize your development and then work your way out.

Mr. Behrend: And that is where the \$600,000.00 came in for a central area.

Mr. McKenney: And I think what Kevin said, if we listed all of these crosswalks, you know here is this one and here is how much it costs and we have that list and we

have whatever else, the signs, because I know we talked about designing some signs and how much that was going to cost for the design and then how much to put them in and put them where and so forth, we have that and the best alternative or the biggest thing is burying the cables and we have that kind of broken out from such and such place across the street to here to here, what can we do for how much money and yeah then we can sit down and say we want to do 2 crosswalks and 5 signs, whatever.

Mr. Carmack: I would think that there has got to be some priority from a how you do it point of view, which is you don't want to say ok well we had \$80,000.00 so we can do this, this, this, and this and realize that next time you go to spend money you have to undo some of what you did or you are going to tear up some, there should be a recommendation saying listen what you want to deal with is you want to do this first or if you are going to do an area, in that area you are going to do this, this, this and this and you are not backtracking.

Mr. Strong: Generally what happens is a committee decides on a specific area, a starting point if you will, be it the central business district, be it Whalen Commons, be it down at the other end, and then you work out from there. You would say this is area 1, Whalen Commons for instance, and this is what we want to do in Whalen Commons, and then you would say well they are going to be doing, assuming this is going forward, they are going to be doing the Jamison townhouses, which is going to be a newer development area and you want to brighten that area up to attract new people, so we can take parts and always structure costs involved with that, but you all as the Board have to decide the starting point I guess.

Mr. McKenney: I guess that is the question, if we know what, we all have access to the recent streetscape, which starts basically at Wootton and ends up at West Willard. Is it our position to say alright yeah we are going to do this, I guess we are recommending to the Commissioners where to start right. Who besides us is saying yes we want to start this and we are going to start at Wootton or we are going to start at West Willard, I guess I am a little confused on that, is that the Planning Commission or the Commissioners?

Mr. Strong: You are in charge of the streets right?

Mr. Behrend: We are, hence the reason stuff comes before us.

Mr. Carmack: And how often do we get overruled.

Mr. Strong: Well you might get overruled but at some point, I mean from my point of view, the engineer's point of view I can say, this is what it is going to cost and this is what has to happen. As far as priority areas my understanding is to brighten or make the area more appealing and that is why you are going through this exercise. So you would have to or someone in the elected officials, appointed officials, will have to make that decision where to start.

Mr. Carmack: I think there is a couple decisions, one is do you do it, and we would be looking for a recommendation from the people who actually would do the work and have that kind of knowledge, is it better to do it an area and try to do everything in that area and then move, like you said to area 2 and area 3 or is it more efficient to do all the lighting because you tear up stuff and then do the benches, do the signage, then do the crosswalks, it is either do it by area or do it by task. So that is a recommendation from people who would be doing the work to say listen we do this

stuff and our recommendation is that you start here, and then like how long is the \$80,000.00 is there a timeline of when we need to be thinking that we need to put that out there and spend that money by.

Mr. Behrend: Before June 30.

Mr. McKenney: Well it will roll over but the risk you run is that instead of it rolling over to us it rolls over to some other account and is not available any longer.

Mr. Strong: The other question I have is Preston do you know if any of this money came from the traffic cameras?

Mr. King: I don't believe so.

Mr. Strong: Ok.

Mr. Behrend: I don't think we are getting any money from the traffic cameras.

Mr. Strong: You do get money from the traffic cameras and that money is supposed to be used for highway safety so a crosswalk would be considered highway safety issues, along with other things.

Mr. Carmack: Wade should put together a plan for 2 options, by task or by area and then what the recommendations would be, first things first, based on the most efficient thing and then we can say alright we have \$80,000.00, lets do this and go up and do this.

Mr. McKenney: Put in 1 crosswalk and bury 5 poles.

Mr. Strong: Let me just say, as far as burying utilities, it is not usually done from pole to pole, it is very large sections.

Mr. Behrend: Well we did it --- in front of Whalens.

Mr. Strong: We didn't do it, it was Verizon did it.

Mr. Behrend: Understood but it was coordinated with their project and they understood to hey bury it in this section.

Mr. Strong: Right but cost wise your bang is not...

Mr. Behrend: Understood but it can be done in small batches, it just costs more.

Mr. Strong: You can do just about anything.

Mr. Behrend: And that is part of what we have to think about and rationalize. I hear what you are saying, but 1 to 2 million to do it end to end, which would so nice.

Mr. McKenney: Generally speaking I think we need to make a decision at the next meeting probably as to how many signs are we putting in, are we putting in crosswalks and have we decided to start at one end of town and move in or are we starting at Whalen and move out. I think this is what it is going to come down to, but we kind of need that list to know. I think Wade was getting information on the signs, we told him to go ahead.

Mr. King: That is why that \$20,000.00 has been moved.

Mr. McKenney: There was like \$2,500.00 that was going to be used for design and we said yes do that, we want to see what they come back with, and tweak and whatever and then yes.

Mr. King: So the signs are moving forward if I am not mistaken.

Mr. McKenney: Yes that is what I thought too, the signs are moving to the next step, which is design and review stage and then I would guess by early next year we are good to start putting them in. They were going to use some of the stone framing that was already there.

Mr. Carmack: Does that come out of the \$80,000.00?

Mr. McKenney: I think it did.

Mr. Carmack: So it's not really 80.

Mr. King: No that is what I am saying, we are right there at \$60,000.00, because I think they set aside 20 but the initial cost was like \$2,500.00 for sign development, stuff like that and then go into actual design, signs being made.

Mr. McKenney: Ok so who is going to be making up that list, are you going to do that or is Wade?

Mr. Strong: If Mr. Yost tells me to make up the list. We actually have a count of all the different parts and pieces already assembled for benches and trash barrels and things like that, so that is out there. But usually your trash barrels things like that is usually one of the last things put in.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I think we need to get a summary of the cost per crosswalk probably, is what it is probably going to come down to, we probably aren't going to have enough money to do much of anything else and then it is a function of which ones do we want to put in where. Thanks John appreciate it.

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. McKenney: All right Jim isn't here. Preston do you know what happened at all with respect to the Commissioners meetings at all?

Mr. King: I have no idea.

Mr. McKenney: CEDC we actually have Tim Pike on the agenda this time instead of somebody else and he is not here, so ok.

Mr. Carmack: Did you see Jim's email blast today?

Mr. McKenney: No I didn't.

Mr. Carmack: There was a couple big paragraphs about the Town and decisions that are being made.

Mr. McKenney: Anything we need to do with respect to that. Do you have any reports, I am sure you do, because you and I spoke over the weekend.

Mr. King: Yes I do concerning Dr. Dillingham Park. It is bad, I was called by Doug two Sundays ago, Saturdays ago, concerning glass that was broken on the new tot lot. I go over there and glass was broken intentionally on top of the equipment, it was also, every slide there was glass placed on the slide and at the bottom of the slide the bottle tops that were jagged and pieces of glass were buried in the wood fiber so they were vertical so if somebody went down the slide they would have cut themselves. Since then we have had 2 incidents of people defecating on the equipment several occasions we had, one evening somebody had taken all the advertisements for real estate in the area and ripped them, thrown them on the equipment, it rained, it was stuck to the equipment. We had a complaint from a person who watched kids take pieces of metal and beat the equipment one night, the police were called on that, the construction crew every day came in and had to clean up broken bottles off the work site every evening they were here. We had to assign a person to sit out there while the concrete dried to keep the kids off the concrete so they wouldn't vandalize it and I am glad we did because even with our men there, they had people approaching the concrete and they had to get out of the truck physically and stop the people. We have taken the action of removing some of the tree line that is in between the shopping center and the play area because it was a beer drinking site or whatever that were inside the tree line and literally, I was

hoping Tim was going to be here, I wanted to see if the Boy Scouts could clean it up, because once we started removing the brush and trees, there is thousands and thousands of broken bottles and beer cans in that wood line and there was 2 huge camps where you can see there was activity in there constantly. There is probably 10 to 15 wild cats that are living in there and the trash in the skateboard park is becoming out of control. I guarantee this weekend it is going to be in the 80's if you guys go buy there and if Jim doesn't send any special notice out to have somebody go by and clean it up, go by there Monday afternoon, or Monday morning before anybody is in there and you see, you go to the ballparks after a baseball game you might have 1 or 2 bottles that are left, maybe but most of the people put the stuff in the can, we have 2 cans, there is no attempt, none to put anything in the trash, and every day, I know it is my job, but it is not equal to the ballparks and there is a lot more kids in the ballparks, it is not a balanced thing, it has really become a problem. John Strong witnessed a person with a hammer beating on the concrete over there. We take out pallets, we take out trashcans, we take out chunks of wood, we take out tires, it is a constant bombardment of junk and crap, and I am telling you as a parent, there is no way I want my kid in there or on that play equipment with the crew that is hanging out there right now. I am not a Poolesville citizen and I have young boys and I am telling you right now, that is not a place I want my kids to hang out right now, it has degenerated to terrible, and that is me on statement, I have never said anything negative about the park, but it has been over a year now and I'm a pretty observant person and it is not the best park in Town right now.

Mr. Behrend: Would security system cameras help.

Mr. King: No because here is why the security cameras won't work, who is going to enforce it? They are going to call Preston King, Preston King, I can't arrest anybody, I can't beat anybody. Call Wade, Wade can't arrest anybody, we need a police force or somebody on the weekends to come to the Town, because you can't touch them, you can't touch them, none of us, so what is a security camera going to do, how are you going to identify, who is going to spend the money to identify the person, then you got to send them to the house, are the cameras the right way to go, or having somebody who can literally enforce the law, that are on hand.

Mr. McKenney: Well I guess with respect to the security cameras the question would be to the Town Attorney, if we had video footage, that we were able to identify and you handed that over to law enforcement, can they do something, you are right, we can't go knocking on doors, but they can. But I just don't know how problematic that is.

Mr. King: That is what I am saying, what is the deterrent factor.

### **Multiple Conversations Taking Place**

Mr. Behrend: That was one of our considerations when we were looking at it.

Mr. Carmack: No matter how high you put it on a pole.

Mr. King: They can get to it. Anyway would you take your young boys over there right now?

Mr. McKenney: No.

Mr. Carmack: And like you said, when you compare it to the baseball, so it's the mentality, they are doing it on purpose, I mean to have all that trash out and the can

there, if there was no can, but to not put it in there, they are making a statement right, they are choosing.

Mr. McKenney: Is there, do you know because of what you have seen, that the vandalism at the tot lot and the pavilion is coming from or associated with the skatepark?

Mr. King: At this time, no I cannot tie the two together.

Mr. McKenney: Ok. Because it is possible that there is a bunch of garbage trash around the skatepark and that is not the same group that is doing the vandalism at the tot lot.

Mr. King: Right. Inside the skateboard park 99% of it is McDonald's and that trash. On the play area it is beer cans and whiskey bottles. We also had a citizen that has been over there several times walking a dog, late at night at 10:00, they are on that equipment. Now the concrete is finished, they are doing the finish grading, I have 4 picnic tables that are in the middle of this park, you know where they are going next week, they are going underneath the pavilion that is over there. Now we are going to give them a nice place to sit, who is going to supervise that area?

Mr. McKenney: Can we light it, would that help.

Mr. King: Well if you light it, we thought about that too, then they jump the fence and they skateboard all night. Because they jump the fence already when we lock it.

Mr. Behrend: Have we had similar issues of vandalism with tot parks or park equipment in any other parks in this town.

Mr. King: To the level, no not even close. The only time we ever had anything, we had a tagger go to Stevens Park for one summer. All the parks have had minimal attacks but on the whole, not to the level of viciousness, it just seems like somebody is sending a message.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah it would be one thing if you had adults or underage drinkers hanging out and drinking and they just tossed their bottles, where you have the thousands of bottles in the woods, but to do the other thing, like you said is very deliberate. I mean the only thing I would say as far as the pavilion, maybe lighting it, I am not talking about lighting the whole area, I am talking about if you stick a light in the top of the pavilion, but they are going to get to that too and turn that out.

Mr. King: And Wade has really been good about writing letters and trying to get the police force to come by on a regular basis, until that happens it is not, so we are trying to do our best, we are trying to clear out the hiding spots, so hopefully when they do drive through, and hopefully we can talk them into driving through the parking lot, because if they do the lights will go right through everything and if they see anybody, and that is one thing if you have police, most of the time if they show up enough times, it is no longer fun, I'm going to get harassed or something is going to happen, and I hate to say it just moves to another area, but that is supposed to be a park for kids, park for skateboarders, use it the way it is supposed to be designed, that is fine, but don't keep bringing junk and trash and leaving stuff in it.

Mr. Carmack: Apparently in the email blast Tuesday morning, Eddie Kuhlman and Wade Yost met with, and Jim was there I guess, with the Commander and Lieutenant of the police force and a lot was associated with the break-ins and basically they are doing everything they can to try to have more of a presence and follow up with things.

Mr. King: And they consider our problems minor, they said it again and they don't consider, be lucky you just have vandalism. I hate settling, to me, we have to settle for that?

Mr. Behrend: That is where the broken window theory comes in and its we are moving up the scale, we are moving up the scale, and eventually it is going to take somebody getting shot again. Now we are getting break-ins now that we never used to have, so we are moving up the scale and they are still going to say well you got one person shot, we got 30 shot in Germantown, that is forever going to be the answer.

Mr. King: Wade did research on getting a police person in here, even if it was just a Thursday through Sunday thing, and approached it with the Master Plan and the whole deal about trying to get it onboard and there is nobody, it is not being pressed forward, he did the research.

Mr. Behrend: Oh I know, it's been done several times in the last 20 years.

Mr. King: How do we get the community behind us to get it, I don't know, I am just saying trust me guys, go over there Monday.

Mr. Carmack: Start taking pictures. Nobody knows about it, you know about it and a couple select individuals.

Mr. King: And Wade and I that is what we just talked about, is the next time the trash is out of control we are going to leave it locked and take pictures and we are going to post it, and say this is why we have closed the park, again. There is a big giant sign too that we put up, if the park does not remain clean we are going to close it. So it is starting to become a problem and how do we address it. On a good note, Poolesville Day I thought went very well, even with the rain, we do have a good town, it was very enjoyable, a lot of good people.

Mr. Behrend: Cleanup wasn't too bad on Sunday morning.

Mr. King: No Tim brings and I guess you guys brought in, like I am saying, this is a great town, I just don't want it to go beyond.

Mr. McKenney: We had about 15 Scouts, it took an hour, hour and a half. Yeah Poolesville Day went very well from what I can see, you guys did a good job, everything got cleaned up afterwards and such. I also know that you and your crew should be commended for all the water stuff recently, rain and you guys running around.

Mr. King: That was a record setting event that rain, that was amazing time period and the water department, we have a new Superintendent down at the plant, Craig Warfield, we had one guy leave and the next week he got thrown into it, he did a great job handling the plant, and everybody chipped in, we were out pulling manholes, cleaning drains, I think we had 300 manholes and personally I pulled them in 2 days before the weather to make sure everything storm wise was going out, so it was a lot of work and my crew did a good job and the water department, it was a hustle all the way around.

Mr. Behrend: Something we couldn't get a contract crew to do could we?

Mr. King: No because we are instantaneous, literally I went home, I watched the weather and I said, I ain't waiting for a call, I come back, and I barely made it back because of the creek and then everybody filtered back in without even a phone call, we were coming in, we know, it's the town we gotta do it, and we went right into

help mode and help the water department and stuff like that so that is one thing about having a crew that is invested in the town, we don't need to be told, we know when things are bad or when things need to get done and my crew and the water department, they hustled. Actually we had 10 days of bad with the trees and the rain.

Mr. McIntyre: Preston does Wade pass on at the Commissioners Meetings your experience over here at Dr. Dillingham Park?

Mr. King: Not yet. Wade and I are going to take some pictures and then it is going to be forwarded on to, but Wade is aware of it.

Mr. Behrend: I think with excrement being put on there, we need to get that word to the Commissioners, and intentional, the intent to do harm, not just damage, there is an intent to do harm, that needs to be brought forward. The Commissioners should be made aware of that, it is one thing if they are just being damaging, but their intent is to hurt somebody.

Mr. McKenney: Do you have, I mean you asked us for our suggestions, do you have any suggestions, and if you don't I understand, we are all kind of stuck in the same boat here, you can do one thing and that does or doesn't work or whatever.

Mr. King: At this point I really I really don't know, like I said Wade and I we started to clean the thing out, we might have to put a fence up so there no egress from the back of the liquor store and stuff to the park. Tad has run one all the way down now, his whole back side of his property is fenced and then that was discussed also, Wade and I kind of threw that around a little bit, maybe we need a fence that goes the full length, which would stop the travel, you still could have people hang out but from the beer store you got to go around and all of a sudden its not as fun anymore and whatever.

Mr. McIntyre: Like the type of fence Tad has or what are you talking?

Mr. King: That is a wood stockade fence and that is easier to repair than a metal fence for me.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah but we can't electrify it.

Mr. McKenney: Are you and Wade of the mind that we as a Parks Board should make a recommendation that you put up a fence for there?

Mr. King: I don't think we've reached that point yet because like I say we are in the process, and you guys might want to take a travel, we have done a lot of work this week over there, back of the trees and I got other projects so I can't finish it, so it is probably a great time to take a look over there and see what we are dealing with and maybe you guys can say you know what, maybe a fence, take everything down, plant Lelands in there, put a green screen up and a fence, I don't know, I really don't know at this point in time, but it is one of those things you go looking and it is amazing and we have been dealing with other issues, but the encampments that were in there, so maybe we get the encampments out, make it less...

Mr. Behrend: We have roused one of our local vagabonds out of there before.

Mr. King: So anyway it is something we need to look at and address and I will try to get some pictures of it so we can show the Commissioners. I don't know, I really don't know right now, I have never had to deal with it in the town, it is a new thing. I didn't mean to put a damper on the night after we had a good night here but it is to

the point now, the shine is off of it, the reality of are we going to allow it to turn into a place that you want to take your kids, so that is where it is at right now.

**Citizen Form**

Mr. McKenney: All right thanks Preston. The last item is Citizen Forum, anybody?

**Adjournment**

Mr. Behrend: Move we adjourn.

Mr. McIntyre: Second.

Mr. McKenney: Moved and seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions. We are out of here.