

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD MEETING
OF JANUARY 6, 2010**

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

Call to Order

Mr. McKenney: Call the January 6, 2010 Poolesville Parks Board Meeting to order. Present are Jim Brown, Doug McKenney, Kurt Behrend, and Tim Pike as well as Wade Yost and Preston King.

Announcement

Mr. McKenney: This first announcement is that the next meeting will be February 3rd.

Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. McKenney: And we have two citizens with us tonight, do you have any comments on our agenda items?

Speaker: Not at the time.

Mr. Brown: Are you guys here to observe?

Speaker: Yes.

Mr. Brown: Great welcome.

Mr. Behrend: The young gentleman is here for his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

Mr. Brown: Excellent thank you.

Mr. McKenney: If we weren't trying to save energy and dollars he would probably have his jacket off and we would see the Scout uniform.

Mr. Brown: I saw a little bit of it but congratulations good.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McKenney: I guess the first order of business than is minutes from the December meeting. All four of us were there...

Mr. Behrend: Yeah we are all listed on here.

Mr. Pike: We are?

Mr. Behrend: Yes Sir.

Mr. Brown: I came late but I was definitely here.

Mr. Pike: I'm sorry I was looking under call to order.

Mr. Behrend: He came later but that counts.

Mr. Brown: I would like to make a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from December 9, 2009.

Mr. Behrend: Second.

Mr. McKenney: It has been moved and seconded all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions, motion carries.

Old Business

Mr. McKenney: Ok we don't have any new business right, do you guys have any or want to...

Mr. Brown: I can give my report.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah you want to do the Committee Report now or...

Mr. Brown: The only thing I was going to say was Wade was there anymore description of the since the band shell has come crashing down since the thing has come crashing down since our last meeting, was there anything more to be said about that since it is really kind of under our purview here.

Mr. Yost: Hopefully the new band shell you know the contract has been awarded to Bruchey Builders, they should begin by next week, they were held up a little bit this week, they have the materials ordered they will be mobilizing probably towards the end of the week and maybe into next week, other than that we have an insurance claim that is going to come out of the gazebo collapsing.

Mr. Brown: Yes good timing, whoever pulled that down. I have a question for you, is it the same Bruchey team that was participating here same guys.

Mr. Yost: The same contractor as this building here.

Mr. Brown: Ok and are they going to put up a trailer like they did last time too or what do we have a plan for that.

Mr. Yost: I don't know if they will or not this time being the scope of the project is small so I am not for sure but we do have a spot they have been using the parking lot on that side of the road right next to the that whole staging area on that side.

Mr. Brown: Ok cool.

Mr. Pike: Was that your concern about the trailer.

Mr. Brown: Just making sure that we since its not controversial but we had a space designated out here that if there was going to be one where were they going to put it, the one was right by the park path here last time and it was just not the best situation, I mean the best for this building but wouldn't be the best place for doing construction over there.

Mr. Yost: Yeah all the staging area will be in the first probably half of the ten parking spaces on that side of Whalens.

Mr. Brown: Cool good ok.

Old Business

Mr. McKenney: So any other. Well I guess naming of Parcel 840 we had a couple suggestions at the last meeting, I know you guys were going to call.

Mr. Yost: Yes we contacted Mr. Ray Hoewing and Mr. Tom Dillingham both of them agreed, I didn't really specify what we were going to do as far as which park would that be named but they said they would both be honored to be on the naming of a park list.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Behrend: That is interesting that is a change for Tom, but it is good to have the fact of the change.

Mr. McKenney: Let the record show that Kevin Carmack has joined us. All we have done basically is kind of open and approve minutes and just talked about the gazebo or former gazebo and...

Mr. Brown: Wade said they will be starting up soon on the band shell.

Mr. McKenney: I was not here but my understanding is before I forget my understanding is we the Town I shouldn't say we the Town did an excellent job of cleaning roads and such around that storm.

Mr. Behrend: It was very well done.

Mr. Pike: Good job.

Mr. McKenney: Kudos to you guys.

Mr. Pike: How many hours?

Mr. King: It started at 12:00 Friday and we got home at 7:00 Sunday. We took a 4 hour break on Saturday night.

Mr. Brown: 7:00 AM or 7:00 PM on Sunday.

Mr. King: PM.

Mr. Pike: How many trucks?

Mr. King: 6 trucks never stopped basically and then we had 1 snow blower that did all the sidewalks we could get our hands on.

Mr. Pike: Who drove the snow blower?

Mr. King: I did.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah I saw it break as I was waiting for it to come down my side.

Mr. King: Is that when it went into the ditch.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah.

Mr. King: We actually had to do it twice, because the State came by and threw on it.

Mr. Behrend: That's the one nitpick I was going to throw you but you had nowhere else to put the snow.

Mr. King: When we get that much snow it truly is.

Mr. Behrend: I understand but that was the one concern that was there with the sidewalks because it became 3 feet of compacted snow versus 2 feet of fluffy snow. We were able to move long before anybody else.

Mr. King: That is our goal every two hours we try to get a truck through.

Mr. McKenney: All right so then I guess we have two options, I guess we could figure out how to incorporate either one of those names into the park correct?

Mr. Brown: Don't look at me I am actually in favor of whatever the Board decides, I was the one that came up with Ray Hoewing but I am also if the Board feels that Dillingham this is his best opportunity for having something named after him certainly he is worthy of it then and I know we have limited opportunities coming in the future, I have no problem moving forward with Dillingham if that is the direction this Board wanted to go, which is where it appeared the Board wanted to go before I suggested Hoewing, so I just wanted to be upfront with that, I love Ray but there will be other opportunities for him as well too.

Mr. Behrend: I will say when I saw Ray at church before you called him he was stunned, the only way to put it.

Mr. Yost: Yeah he came in and talked to me about it and he really was kind of taken back by it all. I said Ray you are a great guy you gave a lot to this Town.

Mr. Brown: Still does.

Mr. Yost: Exactly.

Mr. Brown: Well we will figure out something.

Mr. Yost: Oh yeah there is a couple...

Mr. Behrend: So we are looking to put one or the other for the Skatepark or for the whole parcel or...

Mr. McKenney: Well I guess that is a consideration that we can either name the whole parcel one name, which is consistent I guess with what we have done with other parks or we could name just the Skatepark something.

Mr. Behrend: We have never done a sub facility within however the one exception I will throw here is you will have 2 potentially eventually drastic difference items within that parcel with the Skatepark and the potential for the Community Center.

Mr. King: (Inaudible) like a hall.

Mr. Yost: I could see that.

Mr. Behrend: Right I mean there is potential there so you have potential for 3 names at that point, it is a unique setup unlike the ball fields where I would heartily fight against anybody saying well I'll name this the Jim Brown field and that the Doug McKenney field within the overall Stevens Park, I don't see a need for that but this is a unique site situation.

Mr. Brown: I am still in favor of going forth with Mr. Dillingham without too much further discussion unless everybody wants to air it out.

Mr. McKenney: Well I guess it would commit him for the whole parcel.

Mr. Behrend: For the whole parcel.

Mr. Pike: Dillingham Park then.

Mr. Brown: Yeah ok that sounds good and this is a recommendation to the Commissioners. The Commissioners are aware of the other recommendation as well we are going to basically rank these recommendations right now and the other recommendation well if we are going to formally suggest Hoewing as well or are we just going to say our recommendation is only Dillingham.

Mr. McKenney: Oh I would put one forward.

Mr. Yost: Mr. Dillingham did request that it be Dr. Dillingham.

Mr. Behrend: Ok he is a doctor of education. And you all are always free to change this is an advisory thing so you guys are always free to change it but...

Mr. Brown: I see it moving forward.

Mr. Yost: Hard to beat his record really.

Mr. Behrend: Served the Town 20 years as a Commissioner we will leave it at that, served the Town 20 years as a Commissioner was a guiding force in the start up of the Parks Board 30 years ago so at least from the records he's told me and only Bobbie would know otherwise.

Mr. Pike: I like the name Dillingham but why do we have to put doctor before it.

Mr. Behrend: Because it is the Larry M. Stevens Park, its...

Mr. Pike: It's Larry M. Stevens but why does it have to be doctor.

Mr. Brown: Just put Dr. in like 10 point type and everything else in 20 point.

Mr. Yost: I got to say the kids not going to say lets go to Dr. Dillingham Park.

Mr. Brown: They are going to say the Dill.

Mr. Behrend: That will be a real pickle.

Mr. Brown: Exactly.

Mr. Behrend: I suppose I'll make the motion then that we recommend to the Commissioners that Parcel 840 be renamed Dr. Thomas Dillingham Park. If he has got a middle initial he wants in there I have no fault seeing that in there, I think it can be added.

Mr. Brown: I second that.

Mr. McKenney: Motion has been made and seconded all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions, motion carries. Park Rules and Regulations yeah I didn't get a chance to input the changes from the last meeting so as far as I know we are pretty much down to the nits so...

Mr. Behrend: There was one thing we that Staff what is a Town Official or that was supposed to go to Alan, the big fight we had.

Mr. Yost: No I did not my fault.

Mr. Behrend: It is not a big deal.

Mr. Pike: Oh something about being deputized.

Mr. Yost: I will get that done.

Mr. Brown: So next meeting you are going to have it adjusted and your going to have the answer to the question.

Mr. Yost: I'll have the answer and we can actually incorporate that in if we need to.

Mr. Behrend: So solve the issue one way or the other that is the answer we need, doesn't matter which way it goes just solve it.

Mr. Yost: And if it is ok we'll have pistols and badges.

Mr. Behrend: And Preston's is going to be the only one with bullets in it.

Mr. Yost: That is scary enough.

Mr. Brown: Ok good.

Mr. McKenney: I was going to make a comment I won't.

Mr. Behrend: Remember we have a Scout present.

Mr. McKenney: Campbell Park.

Mr. Yost: I have a little presentation for Campbell Park.

Mr. McKenney: Great good.

Mr. Brown: I tried to print that 40 page document out...

Mr. Yost: So I went ahead and printed it out for everybody, I mean it is a lot of reading I Googled it looking at where other dog parks were and there is so much information out there, a study of how you should do things and kind of overwhelming not as simple as we thought. I mean it could be that simple but we need to go through the process as Kurt and I were talking earlier.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah we want to give it the best chance of success.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Mr. Yost: Exactly.

Mr. Carmack: I like that viewpoint that you had there, I can understand and appreciate that view.

Mr. McKenney: What are those yellow circles supposed to be?

Mr. Behrend: Don't eat yellow snow.

Mr. Pike: Is that your dog Wade?

Mr. Yost: Obviously location is going to be our biggest thing and Campbell Park is what we are taking a look at now. Going through some of the paperwork we saw that setbacks from residential areas is probably one of the biggest concerns we want to deal with.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I noticed that too.

Mr. Yost: And then parking which there is a small portion there for Campbell Park and we will have to involve the adjacent property owners, notify them, get input from them of what is happening...

Speaker: Will we ever.

Mr. Behrend: That is routine for us too.

Speaker: We will have input.

Mr. McKenney: But I think if we have a good vision of what we think will work it will be, we will have a greater chance for acceptance.

Mr. Yost: Exactly. And going through those, obviously it is going to be fenced in and just throw it out there, \$17.00 per linear foot for a fence, whatever size we come up with that is a good ballpark for a black vinyl type fence that they recommend, I think they recommend not the regular galvanized because dogs could get hurt on it or I am not for sure why.

Mr. King: They piss on it and rust I think that is what it is.

Mr. Yost: Ok makes sense.

Mr. McKenney: But it is still a chain link.

Mr. Yost: Still a chain link with a vinyl coating.

Mr. Pike: Can we help Mr. Janet out and say it is going to cost 2 million right away.

Mr. Yost: Just depends on what you want to get because you will see the last slide does show one for about \$100,000.00.

Mr. Pike: There we go.

Mr. Brown: I did want to say that I felt this might be an appropriate place for a naming situation when mentioning Mr. Janet. I didn't have the microphone covered on purpose.

Mr. Behrend: It's ok because (inaudible) certain joke that I will not repeat.

Mr. Yost: In some of these parks they advise that there be a divider of some sort between big dogs and small dogs, basically there is some instinct that a big dog can get all excited and decide to kill the little one.

Mr. Behrend: Are you kidding have you seen how many small dogs push the big dogs around.

Mr. Yost: I have one I have a yellow lab and a schnauzer and the schnauzer pushes the lab around all day. And you could have benches, depends on how extravagant you want to get with it but there is all kinds of issues we need to think about, I don't know if Campbell Park will allow the division between big dogs and small dogs, there is tons of them out there that don't have it.

Mr. Behrend: We only have an acre in there right, it's chopped up.

Mr. Yost: Yep and we have measurements and stuff we will get to.

Mr. Behrend: Excellent.

Mr. Yost: Everybody says you need this kind of an entrance gate and for some reason I guess it keeps dogs from coming in being directly confronted with other dogs that are already in there feeling aggressive or territorial of some sort but everybody has these gates even all the Montgomery County stuff this is the standard here. So whatever we come up with this will have to be a part of it. Doggie bags, these units here run about \$400.00 apiece of course Preston is going to have to empty them out, our wonderful guys.

Mr. Behrend: That is going to be the guy who has discipline duty that week.

Mr. Yost: Actually they get quite a bit of that now in the parks.

Mr. King: In all honesty all of our cans I bet you that is 20% of our waste in all the cans.

Mr. Behrend: Believe it.

Mr. King: Which is good.

Mr. Behrend: At least it is in the can.

Mr. Yost: And then supplemental bags they are \$10.00 for 100 and they are pretty cheap really so that is not a big deal. A lot of parks we don't have access to water in Campbell Park at this time, it would take about \$5000.00 to \$7000.00 probably to run the waterline from Wootton Avenue to the point and that is a 3 or 400 item for the drinking fountain itself.

Mr. McKenney: We don't have drinking fountains in our other parks for people.

Mr. Yost: That is a good point.

Mr. McKenney: Bring your own water.

Mr. Yost: And a lot of parks do, the ones in Montgomery County I think only one of them had drinking fountains and things for dogs otherwise it was bring your own.

Mr. McKenney: Well wouldn't that be an issue in the wintertime right now like for us we would have to shut them off anyway.

Mr. Yost: Yeah these are frost free they are called so its not running it drains all the way down to a...

Mr. McKenney: Yeah below ok.

Mr. Yost: Similar to what we do have in, where do we have those, well the parks we have them, but ball fields we have water we shut those off and drain the lines in the winter. Of course Dog Park Rules, what would a park be without rules.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah reading through the California thing that actually made a lot of sense to keep the, not that I think we have a lot of dog walkers but there argument there was people that come in with 10 and 15 dogs the dog walkers like New York, Los Angeles whatever just let them run lose and they are dominating the park and they don't have control.

Mr. Yost: But these are pretty standard from the I saw several different ones.

Mr. McKenney: No strollers, carriages, I mean it makes sense but at the same time you think that if you had a young child and you are walking the dog and taking the child out for a walk too it would be a good opportunity to just hang...

Mr. Behrend: Leave the carriage outside the park.

Mr. Yost: Exactly.

Mr. Behrend: So other dogs don't walk up to it and use it as a fireplug.

Mr. King: It also puts the child at the dogs level.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah it is not your dog you are bringing it's the other dogs you got to worry about.

Mr. Yost: And they have a couple of little fire hydrants in there and different things, fake ones of course. But that is kind of a neat design and it is not really that big either. Now here is the Cadillac of dog parks here you have the large dog area or small dog area, you have all kinds of little trails running through it, you have shade areas, you have drinking areas, it is pretty amazing, it is hard to see to the left there you see the estimate of probable cost and all the way down at the bottom it is \$100,000.00 for this particular park, but it does have all the benches and shade trees I mean they went all out for this here, can't see that at Campbell Park though. But it does show you how serious this thing is growing and how people are taking it.

Mr. Behrend: In North Carolina, what's it got a lazy river in there for the dogs to be on rafts.

Mr. Yost: Better than most children's parks.

Mr. McKenney: Now that looks like it is part of a larger park complex right.

Mr. Yost: Yes exactly. A lot of them are, even Montgomery County most of them are part of a Wheaton regional the big one, Black Hills there is another one.

Mr. Behrend: Which makes sense because people are bringing their dogs and kids, kids are off on one area and the dogs are in another.

Mr. Brown: Wade when did they take that picture of you.

Mr. Yost: Get out of here. Ok so I guess we want to take a look at the area itself and this is Fisher Avenue and there is Wootton Avenue up here, so here is a little gravel area and then back here is 2 spaces and we went out there and measured it and we have from these trees right here all the way down through here is 220 feet and the area here is really about 70 foot wide. This is probably the area that is located furthest from any residence than anywhere else in the park, yeah there is 1 house here but this is just sheds.

Mr. Behrend: That looks like where we had the volleyball at one time.

Mr. Yost: Right here.

Mr. King: Exactly.

Mr. Yost: Now over here we have it is 240 foot from the back fence to the point of this fence and it is 85 foot wide here, a little closer to residences but those are really the 2 options to be able to put something in there.

Mr. McKenney: Right.

Mr. Behrend: And the pathway in between is to help kids get to school.

Mr. King: Yes and that path is used heavily.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah that is why we put it in.

Speaker: (Inaudible).

Mr. Yost: Well there is one on each one.

Mr. Behrend: You have got the walk path from there and then you've got the driving right there.

Mr. King: It is almost like a big --- in there because we have a section...

Mr. Pike: Comes to that corner right.

Mr. King: Right on the corner and then it gets to a small path and then opens back up.

Mr. Pike: Could use that for parking right.

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Mr. King: We could expand it.

Mr. Pike: And then where does it go ok and how far up to the corner.

Mr. Yost: This is all the park here.

Mr. Pike: Ok that is what I thought.

Mr. Behrend: Because we went and fenced it in what 5 years ago?

Mr. Yost: Well these 2 properties, this side we didn't, this one had, they were wood, now these 2 have taken their fences down.

Mr. McKenney: Oh they have.

Mr. King: Mother Nature took them down.

Mr. McKenney: Oh ok.

Mr. Yost: And they have actually requested us to put a fence back up we just don't have the money in the budget right now.

Mr. Behrend: Lets see they took their fence down they want us to put it back up.

Mr. Yost: Yeah exactly.

Mr. McKenney: Kevin where do your T-ballers go in there.

Mr. Carmack: Up on the, as you come in, yeah right up in there.

Mr. Yost: This is a concrete pad right here.

Mr. McKenney: Why is that there I remember seeing that.

Mr. Yost: It used to be a pavilion.

Mr. Behrend: There was a pavilion at one time and it was burned by vandals before I came on this Board.

Mr. McKenney: So presumably if we put something in there we could put a picnic table or a small pavilion or something back in there right?

Mr. Yost: Oh yeah definitely.

Mr. McKenney: Sort of a shade thing.

Mr. King: The concrete is in great shape.

Mr. Brown: And there is no thought to putting it on the corner right?

Mr. Behrend: That would not really be a good spot.

Mr. McKenney: Putting it on the corner.

Mr. Brown: The only reason is the lack of neighbors there, there is 1 neighbor.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah but it is pretty blocked off there is trees so it is not...

Mr. Brown: I just think there is no neighbors, visual standpoint, it is not really utilizing the rest of the park obviously like we should be doing.

Mr. Behrend: If it utilizes it and we do it in 3 parts, the dog park there, the T-ball further in, come up with something else that is great too. Campbell Park has always been a piece of land that we were stuck with, it was one of the reasons for the founding of this Board to help keep the developers from just owe I can't build here that is the Town parkland.

Mr. Yost: We have a couple of these parcels that came out of the Wesmond Development area.

Mr. Behrend: Right and that is the reasoning.

Mr. Brown: I just think about, I only see the corner ever being used for parking on Poolesville Day beyond that...

Mr. Yost: Oh up at the front area.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah you are absolutely correct.

Mr. McKenney: What do you think the approximate square footage there is?

Mr. Yost: Up in front?

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Mr. Yost: It is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre.

Mr. McKenney: So that would be more than enough right?

Mr. Yost: Because we looked at putting this building here initially. I wanted something that would fly when we talk about streetscape and beautification of the downtown, how that would actually go over.

Mr. Behrend: So the fire hydrants are in federal style, federalist style.

Mr. Brown: I don't necessarily think that a dog park is visually an issue per se. I mean if done right it is actually kind of neat.

Mr. Yost: Well we saw some that are.

Mr. Behrend: And that would be the trick to have it aesthetically pleasing, the other advantage having it up there on the corner is...

Mr. Pike: You don't lose the field.

Mr. Behrend: Well that you don't lose the field and that is an extra advantage, I was looking more at our wonderful vandals in Town because you are right in the open people are always going by because somebody starts snipping that fence just because they want to make a problem, dog park is down again and that becomes a safety issue, come on up.

Speaker: I just want to ask a question.

Mr. Behrend: We need you up on the microphone though.

Mr. McKenney: Give us your name and address if you would please.

Mr. King: Jim I like out front too.

Mr. Robinson: Good evening my name is John Robinson I am a resident of Spates Hill 17204. My question tonight is about the dog park that is being discussed in the Parks meeting and I noticed that the proposed location is near the intersection and there is presently a parking area there, I don't believe that that parking area is being used very much in its current role but if it is improved for parking when the dog park is in place it could pose a transportation issue because it is very near the intersection.

Mr. Behrend: Well that is a good point to bring up and that is something we do look at, that is a gravel parking lot not used a whole lot, it is actually I think under State Codes we are ok where it is at for distance to the corner because it has been looked at before, because we've tried several things in this park but that is an excellent point to keep in mind.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you very much.

Mr. Behrend: Thank you.

Mr. Brown: I mean I want to utilize all of our space of course that we own, is there any other future use that we could think of for that interior part of the park or is it being in its kind of a natured position that it is right now...

Mr. Yost: Well we tried a couple different things, we did horseshoes in there one time, we had the volleyball courts in there one time, and just really...

Mr. Behrend: One nobody knows it is back there really, the volleyball nets kept getting cut, there is a practice field for, there is a T-ball field that is a great use Kevin I am glad you are doing that. This one has always been a problem Jim because it is sort of shoehorned in, it is not a nice easy shape to work with...

Mr. McKenney: And it has got a fence around it so people don't necessarily even know it is there, it is a mature neighborhood so there are a lot of fence there.

Mr. Brown: And it has got a path going through the middle of it.

Mr. King: And that parking, you are limited by the parking.

Mr. Behrend: We've got small parking at West Willard too and that gets used a lot. We put that in as part of Poolesville Day, not the first but like the 2nd, 3rd, 4th somewhere around there we just dumped gravel in there if I recall, because we could park people over there.

Mr. Brown: What if we were to rehab that interior of it and move the path, I know that people walk a certain path no matter what happens but rehab that interior so that it could be more usable from a field standpoint and then since we are talking about building a structure and we know structures tend to have more vandalism then maybe that would be out front...

Mr. Yost: If you did this clump of trees right here are very thick, mass roots in here so if you have to keep the trail, you move the path you would have to move it out this way or something of this nature.

Mr. Pike: What if we asked the neighbors what they wanted to do with that interior park, so they want a swing set or a play area or leave it alone.

Mr. McKenney: Well I guess we had fenced it in so they probably don't use it much at all.

Mr. Behrend: We fenced it in although kids do soccer over there.

Mr. Pike: So why don't we ask them what they want.

Mr. McKenney: I mean Kevin I don't think we could ever really make even if you take the path out we can't really make a baseball field in there of any consequence right?

Mr. Carmack: The best you could hope for is a small T-ball field.

Mr. McKenney: Right, right.

Mr. Behrend: When we brought this forward before not a dog park but other ideas we had some neighbors in here some just wanted us to give them the land, some were willing to buy it at market value but the argument was well the Town is not using it and I can use it so give it to me, it varies I mean neighbors have moved in and out of there since that time, that was a long time back so...

Mr. McKenney: I mean is there anything to be gained by moving the path in all honesty, I mean you could move it and put it up against one of the fences kind of but does that really do anything.

Mr. King: Well you know what is going to happen, people are going to walk diagonally across...

Mr. Behrend: And if you do put a dog park in the...

Mr. King: You can see that picture now, the corner lot it diagonals across that grassy area...

Mr. Behrend: Well that is why the path was put there because that is where the kids were going.

Mr. King: I'm just saying we've never contained it but if you move it they are still going to...

Mr. McKenney: And I am all in favor of trying to find a good --- set it up but there is no value in spending money to move or do something if its not going to eventually be utilized.

Mr. Behrend: The other thing is if you put the dog run in the back area you have to fence that pathway for safety of the pedestrians.

Mr. McKenney: Or fit the thing in within the...

Mr. Behrend: So there would be a fence against that pathway one side or both.

Mr. Pike: Do we all like the dog park on the other side?

Mr. McKenney: I do.

Mr. Carmack: I do.

Mr. Behrend: I think it fits better.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Mr. Carmack: Yeah I'm ok I just think people (inaudible).

Mr. Brown: It will be interesting to hear from the one neighbor that is for sure.

Mr. Yost: Well it definitely won't happen in this year's budget I can assure you that.

Mr. Brown: So we'll have plenty of time to warm up the people.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah we can take 10 years and 9 months to develop this. No I think we should take our time and look at it right this is a great idea I think that is a good spot for it definitely we've got to as Tim was saying and Jim was saying we got to make sure the neighbors are involved.

Mr. Yost: Probably be nice to talk to some dog people I don't know where the dog people are.

Mr. McKenney: I spoke to McIntyre and he has folks that he's spoken to who are very interested in this and told them we were going to be talking about it tonight. I was hoping that they would be here so we could kind of get at least a proponent's perspective anyway.

Mr. King: If we plan another meeting we might want to post something at Halmos Park and Stevens Park because we do have a lot of people that use the parks and actually we had to chain open our gates to the ball fields because they were using those as a dog park, so we chained one gate, but I think if we posted it and said meeting on I think we would see some public interest there.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah get word out to the papers and spread the word ok next meeting February would like to have it but maybe in the spring.

Mr. McKenney: When is the next Straight Talk coming out?

Mr. Yost: Getting ready to put one together.

Mr. McKenney: I'd dump it in there and we'll make sure that its, lets see make sure that I am here February 3 not that it makes a difference but I want to be here.

Mr. Brown: I guarantee you this will be a hit it is a great idea, there is never one that is not utilized.

Mr. Yost: There was one I saw somewhere the worst dog park in the country it was called and it was bad, it was somewhere down in L.A.

Mr. Brown: I've seen several in Los Angeles and Santa Monica etc., but what happens over there does not relate to what we are going to do by any means.

Mr. Behrend: The biggest argument I can see against it is somebody saying it will be unsightly being out there in the open and I think that is an issue that can be dealt with.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I think so too.

Mr. King: We put a good fence up and if we mow and maintain it, you want to hear Stan talk about how we've added another couple million to the streetscape plan. But I think people will like seeing it there, I think on that corner there it is just going to draw people right there.

Mr. Behrend: And this is the one park that has had no utilization in 40 years because every use we have put in there has failed.

Mr. McKenney: I mean the interior is being used that piece right there is not at all.

Mr. Carmack: I think the appeal is it is located right in between 2 sets of townhouses, you know a lot of people they have a yard...

Mr. Brown: It's a great idea Kevin.

Mr. Carmack: If you think people are going to drive from maybe Spates Hill or something up to use it you might but that will be used just because of those 2 townhouses on either side.

Mr. Behrend: No it makes a good location for it.

Mr. Robinson: John Robinson again with another question to add to the discussion if I may. Just like to point out here on the Google map that you have got on display that you

have got the sidewalk on one side of Wootton and you don't have sidewalk on the other, there is no sidewalk on Fisher in the direction of the cameras down where the townhouses are and if you are going to expect people to walk their dogs there, there is going to need to be improvements made along this street.

Mr. Behrend: I'll say there is no sidewalk there yet.

Mr. Yost: Right now we are getting ready to go under contract for looking at sidewalks along this side right here, all the way down to the Catholic Church.

Mr. Brown: And it is budgeted.

Mr. Pike: So John we do do things at this Board.

Mr. Behrend: Thank you though great observation, sometimes we miss those observations.

Mr. Brown: The only thing I would add to this I am not sure I would put out that we are going to have further discussion on the dog park until we really have something to discuss. I would be a little bit worried about putting it out and you could put it out in Straight Talk but if people come in I guess we are just going to be soliciting public input I mean we have kind of hashed it over so far, we could do that again.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah rather than not given the expectation I think is what you are saying that we are going to do something then but yeah come give us the input of is this a valid an idea to even pursue.

Mr. McKenney: Either that or are you suggesting that we may go a little further and say alright we could put one here and it could look about like this and then go get the...

Mr. Brown: That is what I would be a little more inclined to do if this Board's thought process is that the out front location somewhat unanimously or unanimously depending on what the other members have to say, feels like it is the right thing to do right thing to propose than I would rather go with something like that because we could end up with I mean hopefully we will get pro and con discussion on it but I don't want to have the debate about the interior of the park is better because that's not the neighbor, you know that person is not here to represent himself, I would rather have a little more solid this is what we are doing maybe have a mockup on it of some sort without spending any money on it and then...

Mr. Yost: Bring a box of crayons.

Mr. Brown: That's fine that works just fine for me I mean I would just rather see that than just have general discussions.

Mr. Yost: Well at the next meeting too we are going to be doing seasonal permits.

Mr. Behrend: We are I thought that is all you now.

Mr. Yost: Not yet.

Mr. McKenney: Not yet once the Charter gets changed.

Mr. Yost: We are going to try to get most of them lined up prior to the meeting though.

Mr. McKenney: We could take a straw poll now, does anybody think that the interior of that park is the place to put this.

Mr. Behrend: I think it presents more difficulty than trying to put it on the corner.

Mr. McKenney: So corner, so we have a consensus for the corner so I don't think we need to spend anymore time on where, if we are going to put something in Campbell Park like a dog thing it is going to go on the outside, not on the interior.

Mr. Yost: Ok now what do you guys want to take this further so I can help put materials together the looks or to do this.

Mr. McKenney: Well I guess the question is if we do something what are the I guess we need to know first what are the restrictions with respect to the County setbacks or maximum side, minimum side, so we know what we have to work with.

Mr. Yost: Yeah this is all us, this is all our zoning here, we stay off of State Highway.

Mr. McKenney: Do we need, is that parking sufficient do we need to expand that at all?

Mr. Yost: You can only fit about 5 or 6 cars in there at best.

Mr. Behrend: Well that is the other thing you got to look at is how many people would be driving there, I mean town homes being right there a lot will walk right there which will be ideal and ok yeah we put a section of sidewalk on that side of Wootton just right into the parking lot from the intersection to the parking lot, we are looking at Fisher so now if you cover the sidewalk issues, yes that is gold plating it adding more money but...

Mr. Yost: Well we are looking at in a different program in this area right here as these townhouses come online the streetscape plan right now shows a 3 lane road right here, you will have a right turn only, a straight in left, and right here we are going to make a new lane...

Mr. Behrend: That is right I forgot about that development.

Mr. Yost: Now when that occurs who knows as this point.

Mr. Behrend: We got to plan for it.

Mr. Yost: Right that will be part of this too so it will be easy enough to do a sidewalk at that point because we will already be doing construction.

Mr. McKenney: So that intersection will open up to a 3 lane but it will just be the intersection right.

Mr. Yost: Correct. And then when you get up to where your hand is there it starts going back down.

Mr. Carmack: So can you park on the south side right where you had the curser right now, can someone pull up and park right along that side.

Mr. Yost: Yeah.

Mr. Carmack: Now moving forward with the new plan...

Mr. Yost: Well there will also be a drive right around here for those 17 town homes that are going to be built right here, that is going to be positioned in here, at that point that is why we are going to expand the road too there is going to be a little bit more congestion in that area.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah the idea is to have that 3rd lane so that as people turn to the town homes that, not that we have a whole lot of traffic coming up Wootton.

Mr. Yost: At 7:00 AM – 7 to 7:30.

Mr. Behrend: Rush hour period or rush half hour.

Mr. McKenney: What was the size of some of the parks that you pulled up and looked at, acreage wise.

Mr. Yost: ½ acre was what we looked at mostly.

Mr. King: And then one was a minimum of 2 acres.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah they were also looking at dog clubs and we are looking at a different aspect here.

Mr. McKenney: And it will be big enough and it's such a great hit we will make a little path down to the rest of Campbell Park and make another bigger one.

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Mr. King: If you look at what they were saying they would like to have 2 areas small and large and if it is a large hit you could expand it maybe into that anyway...

Mr. Yost: Or if there was a problem.

Mr. Behrend: But that is down the road for us.

Mr. Brown: Wade how hard would it be to develop a modest budget for putting together the fencing, some doggie --- inside there maybe...

Mr. Pike: Fire hydrants.

Mr. Behrend: Couple fake fire hydrants.

Mr. Yost: I think aesthetics will be a big part of it also.

Mr. McKenney: If you get the vinyl covered fence it could be green it doesn't have to be black and you could put along the edges the corner piece I was thinking you could put some sort of a hedgerow that is maybe knee high or something that kind of breaks it up.

Mr. Yost: That is what I was thinking, let me see what I come up with, at least some ideas we can toss around.

Mr. Carmack: Did any of the parks you saw have a different type of fence?

Mr. Yost: There was only one well it looks like a real big boxwood but I think there was a fence inside of that.

Mr. Carmack: I mean a lot of people around town have split rails but then you lay inside the metal, it is aesthetically, if you got an issue I mean from afar you are barely going to see the fence, you are going to be able to look right through it. Do you think you would have to do anything to the gravel parking lot or you could just leave it the way it is?

Mr. Yost: You hate to expand it because you would take away from the dog park area itself.

Mr. Brown: I would only want to expand that if you had to do it slightly in order to gain a couple more spots, but slightly for a couple more spots.

Mr. Yost: The only way you could expand it is into the park itself and you would have to expand at least 20 some foot to...

Mr. Behrend: And again our best customers are going to be living right there, walk the dogs right there, you got the three town home set ups, 2 now, 1 future...

Mr. Yost: And by the time we figure in or calculate in our 70 foot State right of way and then off of Wootton Avenue the right of way setbacks from there it is going to shrink it down a little bit you probably want to stay at least 15 foot off the side the residential there.

Mr. Brown: At least.

Mr. Carmack: So the kids will actually have to walk around.

Mr. Yost: They have to walk through a crowded parking lot, they jump the fence and walk through the park.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah that would be at your own risk of landmines.

Mr. Pike: How high were the fences?

Mr. Yost: Anywhere from 4 to 6.

Mr. McKenney: They aren't tall which is good that will help with the aesthetics then.

Mr. Yost: So a split rail is a possibility I guess.

Mr. Behrend: That inlays a question, are we talking 6 foot was the tallest fence.

Mr. Yost: That is what they recommend.

Mr. Behrend: Normally you can't take aggressive dogs but there are dogs that are not aggressive with their owner but can become so like Akitas having had that issue in my neighborhood where we had an Akita that kept jumping its fence and killing and attacking other dogs and cats, I think eventually they were going to --- but they needed to put a fence in but instead they moved. It was a vicious and aggressive dog and had it attacked another dog it was going to be put down, it was to that level. That is the outlier that we have to think about.

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Mr. Behrend: I can see somebody dumping a dog there and walking away and coming back an hour later.

Mr. King: I think in the rules they say...

Mr. Behrend: You got to be there.

Mr. McKenney: You got to be there, stay there yeah.

Mr. Behrend: But unless Butch is there to enforce that rule...

Mr. Yost: Ok we will get you a taser that will take down a dog.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah I have always asked for a ---rocket for traffic control you guys won't give it to me.

Mr. Behrend: All right so if you can I guess and I will try and look and see if there is, so we are probably dealing with what ½ an acre by the time we are...

Mr. Yost: I would say ½ an acre yes.

Mr. Carmack: When you put something in Straight Talk do you normally get the email feedback, I think a number of people would rather send an email versus coming in.

Mr. Yost: Some do, people that know me definitely do.

Mr. Carmack: Right so is that what you are looking for feedback either at the next meeting or electronically just to get some ideas.

Mr. Yost: It would be nice to be able to reach out to some of these folks if we knew who they were.

Mr. McKenney: I know another person who had an interest in this too that I can talk to and I can probably get the other people that have an interest...

Mr. Yost: I will see if I can contact somebody in the County that has experience going through this and tell them we are looking.

Mr. McKenney: So maybe we don't take public stuff just yet I mean if you are going to contact the County we may end up finding out that it may be beneficial to have somebody come out and tell us what they think we can do with this. But I do think that probably by the March meeting maybe we go and say I would prefer to have people here to kind of I know some people are afraid to voice their opinion they would rather do it anonymously so to speak.

Mr. Yost: I will see if I can get somebody from Montgomery County out here also and maybe that will spark interest for people to come also.

Mr. Pike: This wouldn't be till the FY12 budget.

Mr. Behrend: At the earliest. Yeah FY12 at the earliest more like 14.

Mr. Brown: I know this is a touch subject yet among some of us but Wade I would imagine there are probably some grant avenues for this from some groups.

Mr. Yost: Oh we will definitely explore that.

Mr. Brown: I mean I would think that there would be, it is a pretty big item that people do feel strongly about it.

Mr. Behrend: Honest approaches to grant money are never a problem, we have done much improvement in this Town through that method.

Mr. McKenney: All right anything else on this guys?

Mr. Brown: Wade when you come up with something that's some copy I mean maybe I could write something to but I will put it out in one of my emails I know I will get feedback on it and that is a really kind of an unbiased crowd because it won't be just dog owners it will be...

Mr. Yost: Yeah because some of the ones that you know Conrad and those guys always email me back their comments.

Mr. Brown: But yeah I will put it out probably closer to when we have something happening.

Mr. Yost: Yeah I think it would be premature to put it out right now.

Mr. Behrend: Other than I can see putting it out saying we are discussing the idea anybody with input...

Mr. McKenney: Well I guess on the one hand I think I understand what you are saying, on the other hand if we say we are interested in your input its that square piece of property up there and we don't have any idea kind of where we are headed I think it could just go off in a whole bunch of different directions and just kind of get a little too uncontrollable, it will be yeah the Town wants to do something here but they don't know what, they just want to spend money, no we want to do...

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Mr. Behrend: No that is a fair call. It is not like we are going to as we said the budget is 2 years out if not 3.

Mr. McKenney: I mean if we have something, this is the piece of property, here is a drawing a conceptual idea of what we have, and then let people talk about that, if somebody likes it they are going to like it and tweak it, if somebody hates it they are going to hate it no matter what it looks like, so whether we talk about it now.

Mr. Brown: In the interest of always trying to develop amenities and get them usable as soon as possible I think that the faster that we come up with a concrete plan with resident input nearby resident input, dog owner input, etc., the better and I would rather have something that is ready made that can be tweaked and if the money becomes available as a sitting Commissioner I can't sit there and tell you when the money will be available but we can have a shovel ready product.

Mr. Yost: No and if you are successful at getting grants you have to have it ready.

Mr. Behrend: Absolutely.

Mr. Brown: Because I think we could generate interest amongst our residents pretty quickly with a mock up as well as and then have something that can be plugged into the budget as a line item that we can even start saving for or have something...

Mr. Yost: Yeah it has to be on the radar in the budget.

Mr. Brown: Right to be under consideration.

Mr. Behrend: What about Open Space money, I know we used it up.

Mr. Yost: It is zeroed out for the rest of this year and they are talking about zeroing out for next year also.

Mr. Behrend: The State zeroed it all out.

Mr. Yost: Yes. Just met with (inaudible) Administrative Assistant 2 days ago.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah that was a good cash cow, good projects out of it.

Mr. Pike: Where is the --- ballpark.

Mr. Yost: I have no idea at this point it all depends on what we do here.

Mr. Pike: The ballpark.

Mr. Yost: I think if we went total Cadillac here \$40,000.00, jumps, landscaping.

Mr. Brown: That is the cool stuff that the Town could do I think that is neat we have the manpower to do that stuff.

Mr. Behrend: Be a nice Eagle Project.

Mr. McKenney: Or you could even set it up with a minimal things in it to get it rolling and then each year add something to it or have Scouts with a project...

Mr. King: People (inaudible) like they did at Whalen.

Mr. Behrend: Or if we provide the material they provide the labor and put in the fencing and the basic running there is all sorts of ways we can play it out. I know Preston you have got a good list of several things that are good for Eagle Projects since I am going to eventually become the Eagle Advisor.

Mr. Yost: We haven't seen an Eagle Scout for a while.

Mr. Behrend: I know not since this one. We have got 3 in the works right now, we got according to the --- we have 4 or 5 that are in the warm up stage so we could be seeing some folks.

Mr. Yost: That is good those are always fun.

Mr. Behrend: It is always good to at least throw it out to them of hey guys here are some ideas.

Committee Reports

Mr. McKenney: All right so we don't need to take any kind of votes on that right now. There was real new business, we are done with old business, Jim on the Committee Reports and Commissioners Reports do you have anything.

Mr. Brown: I do I will just give you a quick rundown, we had a meeting on Monday night. Jerry has got to testify...

Mr. McKenney: Wade thank you very much for putting that together I am sorry.

Mr. Brown: Yeah good job thank you. Jerry told us he is testifying at the Board of Education on the 13th for the Cluster's needs and he has circulated a copy of his testimony for us to critique and I will be taking care of that in the next day or so. We had the Holiday Lighting Contest winners, which Wade if you don't mind could you give me that list sent to me so I can put it out there as well and what the categories, the sheet that we had the other night didn't have the categories next to it.

Mr. Yost: I know that was the first time I had seen her print it out that way.

Mr. Brown: Yeah I thought that was but Lori had it under control did a good job on it.

Mr. McKenney: So do we know who the winners were?

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

Mr. Brown: I have them here if you want I will get you afterwards.

Mr. Carmack: I did half the town Lori did the other. It was a lot of fun driving around.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah it is I did that several years.

Mr. Brown: Here is the list you guys can pass it down if you want, no need to read that in the record. We set dates for the budget work sessions, our first budget work session is going to be on February 6 on a Saturday, it was determined that Link was going to take care of the donuts.

Mr. Yost: That is right Krispy Kreme.

Mr. Brown: Krispy Kreme. We got our first copy of the speed camera MOU which was interesting, I have been involved with that for the last several months obviously and the discussion about it basically will result in the Town hopefully being able to pick up speed camera revenues equal to 10% of our overall total budget which could add up to around \$300,000.00 so if it works out that way, that is what is on the table right now, that is in front of Leggett I believe. We also awarded the Enhanced Nutrient Removal Upgrade contract award to a company called L H Cranston that has to deal with the wastewater treatment plant as well as basically re-plumbing and doing some things so that we can save a lot of electricity and further utilize our bugs better. We approved the Ordinance No. 179 – Notice of Foreclosure Required – and basically if you have seen that Ordinance or haven't seen it, it requires that whenever an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust is filed on residential property located within the Town of Poolesville notice will be given to the Town. In the past we haven't been officially given that notice and now we will get that notice so we can know if something is going on basically.

Mr. Yost: Or a vacant house we can shut the water down, make sure the yard gets mowed.

Mr. Brown: Yeah the Town can protect themselves. Yeah we have been the last to know. In Wade's Town Manager's Report we talked specifically about how the guys have been very busy, especially the water crew with sewer line breaks, backup waterline breaks, they have been working very hard and we all acknowledged that, we also got an update on Parcel 840 as you can tell there is still some action taking place there but basically the game plan is to for February have the Skatepark guys start doing their thing. At the end of the meeting we had a further discussion on the Charter update, which was just basically going over the changes that we have already made and agreeing upon. That is it.

Mr. McKenney: With respect to Parcel 840 right now what they have done is just the grading for the whole piece of property is that where we are at?

Mr. Yost: They put in some storm drain inlets and the quantity and quality control swales are being installed now for the overall. They are building the actual where the Skatepark is going to be they are going to have the foundation of the soil compressed and ready to go.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Behrend: How bad has the weather set us back?

Mr. Yost: Set the contractor back really we aren't scheduled for the Skatepark guys to show up until mid to late February so we are fine, we are good to go. They can't pour concrete when it is freezing.

Mr. Behrend: But if we get another 2 or 3 feet of snow is that going to push everything slip it off a little.

Mr. Yost: I don't think so.

Mr. Brown: There is a gap still right?

Mr. Yost: Yeah there is enough gap in between the two right. We didn't really anticipate this contract, the earthmovers started doing the work I think he just wanted to get his guys busy and keep busy through the winter, which worked out fine for us.

Mr. Behrend: No that is fine just as Preston and I were walking in we were talking about how it is going to be a cold wet winter and I was just wondering how much gapping we have got.

Mr. Yost: It's like 2 months I think we are shooting for mid June for an actual opening of the Skatepark and I think we are still there.

Mr. McKenney: Speaking of that are we planning I suppose we as a group being Parks and Recreation should plan some sort of grand opening should we not.

Mr. Behrend: As we get closer yes.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah but June is going to get here quickly.

Mr. Brown: It is only 4 meetings away.

Mr. McKenney: Exactly yeah, yeah me too, where is (inaudible).

Mr. Behrend: In Australia right now.

Mr. McKenney: So maybe we put that on next month's agenda to kind of have some ideas as to what we might want to do.

Mr. Brown: Make sure we have Garagiola there that is all...

Mr. Yost: That is very important I forgot about that.

Mr. Brown: The rest of the guys too but he is the one that is going to be honored.

Mr. Behrend: That would be good politics.

Mr. Brown: Oh yeah.

Mr. Behrend: And if I guess Dr. Dillingham would be there then as well.

Mr. McKenney: I would think so.

Mr. Yost: Yeah that is right.

Mr. McKenney: I don't know if you want to cut a ribbon, send a board down, I don't know what it is.

Mr. Brown: I think that is a good idea someone will come up with something like that it is a great idea.

Mr. McKenney: Tim CEDC?

Mr. Pike: Yeah we had a meeting on December 15, couple notes, we worked on our FY11 budget, which I forget what the number was...

Mr. Yost: I know what it is, \$17,476.00.

Mr. Pike: And I guess our Committee the CEDC does the movies only right I thought we did the concerts also.

Mr. Yost: No.

Mr. Brown: That is Staff right.

Mr. Pike: That is Staff correct, because we used to do it on this Board.

Mr. Behrend: Concerts, movie proposal, and the Summer Rec Program.

Mr. Pike: We also discussed the spring of 2011 a Spring Fest a microbrewery cook off and Karen Micheals is doing a lot of work on that.

Mr. McKenney: That may be when again?

Mr. Pike: Spring of 2011.

Mr. Behrend: A year out.

Mr. McKenney: Well to bring us back to an issue on that we will need to resolve that in our Park Regs and Rules.

Mr. Pike: It may not be in a Town park.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Pike: We might pick another site.

Mr. McKenney: But at the same token I personally and I don't know where the rest of the Board stands but personally those sorts of events I don't have an issue if we wanted to have something like that at Whalen because it makes sense to have something like that there, have an exception process in place so that it can be, generally no alcohol in any of the parks except...

Mr. Pike: Cathy and Karen talked to the County and they have to put up a big tent, for \$30.00 you can get a 1-day beer license and you have to train people.

Mr. Brown: I want to volunteer, not volunteer but I would be happy to rent one of my fields for the activity, no training needed, I am serious.

Mr. Pike: Ok I will talk to Cathy and Karen.

Mr. Brown: Yeah let her know. I have often thought about putting something together like that it would be a decent location too. I would rather have it out here.

Mr. Pike: Yeah that is why we put it out a year ahead because...

Mr. Behrend: But I agree we need to have our exception process so we can have logical this is why, this is it, and you just generally can't, so we cover ourselves.

Mr. Pike: A couple other things, Tim Whitehouse on the Committee is working on a Farmer's Market, I don't know if you have an update on that at all.

Mr. Yost: I know he is meeting with Calleva and a few other folks and trying to put it together, that is all I know about it.

Mr. Pike: I think they were talking about changing the band night to Friday night along with a Farmer's Market, I will talk to Cathy about that.

Mr. Yost: That is through the budget process too.

Mr. Pike: Yeah I know it is a lot of money for that. They set the date for the Holiday Lighting next year it is December 3rd, there were about 400 people there this year.

Mr. Behrend: It was a nice job done by the Town crews.

Mr. Pike: That's it.

Mr. McKenney: All right thank you. Let the record show that Tim McIntyre has joined us and excuse me I just said Tim McIntyre, Jeff McIntyre.

Mr. Behrend: I would like to propose Mr. Chairman that we do discuss at the next meeting the idea of moving us back to 7:30 if the Board is amenable to that. If it makes it easier for everybody to get here as Tim stated before the meeting why we went to 7:00 a long time ago that reason is no longer so we can take another look at it.

Mr. McKenney: Do we need to consider it or...

Mr. Behrend: I don't have an issue for it but I think fair enough for everybody a fair comment of if their schedule would be affected.

Mr. Pike: Make a motion we move to 7:30.

Mr. Brown: Second.

Mr. McKenney: So it has been moved and seconded all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

Mr. Brown: Nice job.

Mr. McKenney: This is the January meeting so I would like to thank the Town for putting together everything on the roof for the Holiday Lights and all that I know that was dangerous, fun a challenge, how long are you leaving it up till?

Mr. Pike: Next year.

Mr. Yost: Two days ago.

Mr. Brown: Everything is done.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. King: We did get a lot of good feedback in the Town.

Mr. Brown: Everybody loved it.

Mr. Pike: Did you get any good pictures?

Mr. Yost: Bob Pierce did during the snowstorm but I haven't got the pictures from him yet.

Mr. King: I didn't see us winning an award though.

Mr. Behrend: Wade I haven't checked it but I am sure you guys saw it during the wind I think the American Flag got ripped a little.

Mr. Yost: It did and the cable broke.

Mr. Behrend: I figured you guys would be on top of it.

Mr. McKenney: Tim we may have interrupted you a little bit were you done?

Mr. Pike: More or less yeah. I mean I can go on all night if you want.

Mr. McKenney: Any update for Butch on the Skatepark other than what we already had. Anybody else got anything?

Mr. Yost: State of the Town.

Mr. Pike: When is that?

Mr. Yost: State of the Town.

Mr. McKenney: Yes.

Mr. Yost: The 19th a Tuesday night.

Mr. McKenney: That is Tuesday.

Mr. Yost: Yes. The 18th is a holiday.

Mr. McKenney: So is that next Tuesday?

Mr. Yost: Two Tuesday's away.

Mr. McKenney: The following Tuesday.

Mr. Yost: Yep.

Mr. McKenney: So I have a little bit more time.

Mr. Carmack: So Doug are you going to do --- to approve your presentation.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I guess. I need to go back and figure out what we have done I have not been keeping a running list so let me ask the question though, what is or what do the Commissioners expect out of these meetings, a summary of what was done, or you don't care what we have done, you know what are you guys doing in 2010.

Mr. Brown: A summary of what has been accomplished in the last year and future projects.

Mr. Yost: And any improvements you think as far as group meetings with the Planning Commission or any, whatever you would think would help.

Mr. King: Well you figure we had ball fields reconstructed that is one project we had done, future dog park.

Mr. McKenney: I don't want to mess up other things I think we may be a little more circumspect about how we say are looking at stuff, I mean if they say I know last year the room was full and if I go up and say we are looking at a potential dog park for Campbell Park...

Mr. Yost: I would say just the parks that are used.

Mr. McKenney: There you go exactly that is what I think talk about the parks, can they be better utilized, are those that are under utilized can we modify them to make them more usable for that field, that purpose, or other.

Mr. Brown: You could also talk about the fact that we had a discussion this past summer involving the trail proposed trail that we decided against, you could talk about...

Mr. Pike: The sidewalks that was a couple meetings.

Mr. Brown: And going over Park Rules and Regs too.

Mr. McKenney: Oh yeah.

Mr. Behrend: Charter input.

Mr. McKenney: We also have the Park Rules and Regs, we have...

Mr. Yost: The band shell design was the big one.

Mr. Behrend: We had a couple developments come through too that we gave advice to the Planning Commission on, worked out some good agreements for the Town.

Mr. McKenney: Right yeah ok.

Mr. King: One more project we want to install LED lights in the parks.

Mr. Yost: I have a list, I have all my agendas I keep all the notes so if you want to give me a call I can help you.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah maybe I will stop by and we will sit, I will try to make an appointment with you and we will sit down because I have the minutes I don't have like a summary of things, if you have a summary of things that would be helpful otherwise maybe I just need to sit down, I have the minutes somewhere but not all in one spot.

Mr. Yost: I take notes on all my agendas, I save all my agendas.

Mr. Brown: Whatever you do will be fine.

Mr. McKenney: I have done a little bit of the note stuff too but I just got to get my act together and put them all in one spot.

Mr. Behrend: A lot more that this Body does that a lot of folks don't recognize we do.

Mr. Yost: That is right you need to pat yourself.

Mr. Carmack: Do you want to say anything about our emails about permits and stuff?

Mr. Yost: Definitely been talking with Kevin and like I said you gave me your permit here just now the 31st we open the folder which is a Sunday this year, we meet on the 3rd, we are hoping to meet with Kevin and maybe a few of the other folks to see what conflicts we have if we need to work it up before we get here to the meeting.

Mr. Carmack: That would be great we are just short on Sunday is the deadline, Monday is the Commissioner Meeting, Wednesday is the Parks Board so we are going to meet Tuesday and might not have to but if we are going to set it aside in case there is any conflicts.

Mr. Pike: Do you have your schedule?

Mr. Yost: I have not even looked at them. --- by 1st, 2nd, 3rd they go in a folder, and we don't open it until ---.

Mr. McKenney: Well let me know one if you need me as Chairman and two if you need me as a permit...

Mr. Yost: Hopefully we will do it Tuesday or Wednesday before the meeting depending on people's schedules.

Mr. McKenney: Did you put in basically the same thing you had last year?

Mr. Carmack: Yeah basically but well yes last year I didn't ask for Campbell Park and this year I actually put in for Campbell Park because we did use that.

Mr. Behrend: That is a good idea.

Mr. McKenney: So we may be ok.

Mr. Carmack: It depends on I looked at everything from last year it depends on the other folks, I think you usually get some people drop off and some people have more interest this year like Cissell and some people in the Halmos 2 because the kids are getting a little older, we have retained some kids but Halmos 3...

Mr. Yost: That should open up a lot because that was our problem.

Mr. Carmack: It depends on if you get Volintine from GAC, it depends on where there kids are, if they are done...

Mr. McKenney: I would expect we get him because as far as I know he is not done but he is probably going to be interested in Halmos 2.

Mr. Carmack: Cartwright's son has moved up so I'm not sure...

Mr. King: There are 4 teams that are going to be conveying for the 90-foot bases.

Mr. McKenney: Right and that is Halmos 2 right.

Mr. King: Yeah we only have 1 field now since 3 has been removed we have 1 ball field that is 90-foot bases.

Mr. McKenney: Right that is 2 though right.

Mr. King: Right and like I said there is going to be 4 teams vying for the time.

Mr. McKenney: 4 teams?

Mr. King: The way I understand it I talked to Cartwright today.

Mr. Yost: Well 7 days in a week so it should work out.

Mr. King: It went from basically 1 maybe 2 teams to 4.

Mr. Carmack: Well we knew that was coming right that is why we talked about the Halmos 3 after the conversion but you know what it has been under utilized and it is probably a wave that is coming through and then but we don't know about the softball we will be able to figure out when we get it and but usually they are looking for 1 night during the week and some slot on the weekend and I think that is good. The high school last year did a summer like after it was because it was so wet last year that the kids didn't get a lot of games in at the high school so they did in JV but I think it was MCBA that Cartwright ran the team and so that worked out good, that was after all the rec stuff was done so that was alright, it will work out, I am sure we can work it out.

Mr. Yost: No doubt I think it should be easier.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I agree I think we will be better because we actually have more flexibility with fields now.

Mr. Pike: How is the Winchester building?

Mr. Yost: Slow. They have probably ¼ of phase 1 and it is only a basecoat it is not even a topcoat it is not completed.

Mr. Pike: What about the park.

Mr. Yost: Not until they get 90% of Phase 1 complete.

Mr. McKenney: How many houses is that do you remember?

Mr. Yost: That will be about 40 houses.

Mr. Behrend: It will be awhile. They are moving real slow but there is no price playing, --- walked in, when I walked in 6 months ago they were trying to sell them, that model house is priced at about \$880,000.00.

Mr. Yost: And now they have switched over and have some smaller models that they are showing which they didn't have before, but I think that is because Mr. Kettler, which was

his plan all along to have a little bit of a smaller scale home on his inventory of houses and Winchester didn't like that they were being undercut so it is a game they play.

Mr. Pike: Yeah I heard Tom's side of that.

Mr. Yost: Yeah I am sure you did.

Citizen Forum

Mr. McKenney: Anything else for the Board? Citizens anything?

Mr. Pike: Tell them what you think. Do you have a dog, you need one.

Adjournment

Mr. Behrend: Move to adjourn.

Mr. Pike: Second.

Mr. McKenney: Kurt has moved and who seconded?

Mr. Behrend: Tim.

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

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed.

Mr. McIntyre: Holy Cow 8:35 I got to skip these meetings more often.