

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD  
MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2010**

**PRESENT:** BUTCH ZACHREL, KEVIN CARMACK, DOUG MCKENNEY, AND JIM BROWN. ALSO PRESENT WAS TOWN MANAGER, WADE YOST.

**Call to Order**

Mr. McKenney: Call the April 7, 2010 Poolesville Parks Board to order. Present are Butch Zachrel, Kevin Carmack, myself Doug McKenney, Jim Brown and Wade Yost.

**Announcement**

Mr. McKenney: First announcement is our next meeting is May 5. Anybody have any objections to that. The minutes are summarized in the attached and were there any changes to those.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. McKenney: So I will entertain the Chair with a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Brown: Who was here beside me?

Mr. Carmack: I was here.

Mr. McKenney: Kevin was here and oh wait we don't have a quorum to approve.

Mr. Yost: The majority of a quorum, was the three of you here for those minutes.

Mr. Brown: I was here.

Mr. McKenney: Me, Kevin and Jim yeah, we are good, so the three of us can approve. So long as somebody else makes the motion.

Mr. Carmack: I make the motion to approve.

Mr. Brown: Second.

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

Mr. Brown, Mr. McKenney, Mr. Carmack: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions, none.

Mr. Zachrel: Butch Zachrel abstains.

Mr. McKenney: Oh yes sorry.

**Citizen's Comments on the Agenda Items**

Mr. McKenney: All right citizens comments on the agenda items, I know we have two citizens here today, no comments ok.

Mr. Yost: They are both here to present.

**New Business**

Mr. McKenney: Ok I guess new business very quickly before we get to Brightwell Crossing, the good news is the Commissioners approved our request to maintain the transcribed minutes so nobody has to worry about what my notes might say or I won't have to worry about trying to remember what I wrote.

Mr. Brown: Actually Doug that has just been, the Commissioners haven't approved the budget, they have just approved...

Mr. Yost: In a work session it was put back into the budget.

Mr. McKenney: Ok well hopefully nobody is too distraught over that and forces it back out again. All right time to new business and Brightwell Crossing.

Mr. Zachrel: I don't know if I put this in now I would like to see if next meeting we could discuss the possibility of a roller hockey course on one of the tennis courts, possibly Stevens.

Mr. Yost: Ok.

Mr. McKenney: Agenda item add it to the agenda.

Mr. Zachrel: Ok thank you.

Mr. Yost: I guess tonight Tom is going to be it is actually twofold presentation he has, one is on the Brightwell Crossing signs for his development that we have seen before and he changed them a little bit, and the second one has kind of been talking back and forth with the CEDC about changing the signs entrance signs to Town to match, they are getting kind of old and so he has done a lot of work on it and he is going to present it tonight to you guys.

Mr. Kettler: Are you ready for Brightwell?

Mr. McKenney: Sure go through the drill Tom.

Mr. Kettler: For the record I am Tom Kettler, President of Kettler Forlines Homes and Brightwell Crossing, Inc. Here to present tonight some updated concepts of work we had done on entrance features to our first phase of Brightwell Crossing, we had done some work several years ago but since that time some things have changed and primarily we've redone our graphics for the job and redone our logo and that sort of triggered a whole chain of other things, I guess before I get started I will give you a quick update on development, as you all know the site has started up and things are going so I will just talk to you about that real quick to show you where we are what is going on just to give you an update. The model home as you all have seen coming out of the ground is right here at lot 12 it will be open grand opening on May 1 so we are very close to having it finished, but we have a trailer there temporarily we are about to remove that so that will be gone out of there hopefully by the end of the month. We have gotten all the permits and started development work on the first phase of the first section and the way the site lays out we are actually having to come back along Tama up to the sites because the water and sewer are all coming to the back, so the first lot we will be developing will be Dr. Walling extended and Bliss Drive coming around the corner, coming up here to lot 14 so you come through that imaginary line and that angles around here so those are the lots that we will initially be selling. Our construction access is in the front here, we are actually in a period right now where we can't do any work here because there is a wetland buffer and we are restricting all the work until June 15 so we are going to work up here and all of that is going on and part of that you know starting the --- discussion originally we had an entrance concept up front which we have redone and with me tonight is David Post who is my landscape architecture he has been working with me since the beginning of Brightwell and he is going to present a couple ideas we tonight and first what you have got in front of you first is a discussion of doing some entrance modification coming into Brightwell from Tama because we realize there is signage coming into Tama and all of a sudden you leave Tama and you go into Brightwell and with that David if you want to come up here and tell them what we had in mind.

Mr. Post: What we would like to do this is the roadway here and this is the right of way line, so what we would like to do is to put 2 piers in the right of way about 6

feet or 7 feet off of the curb and the elevation of it looks like this as you are driving in, this side slopes up the hill, this slopes down to the pond entrance on this side over here. This is part of lot 23 but it is also part of the forest conservation area. The idea is that as you drive in you look at 2 piers or columns that are made out of brick and stone and have the Brightwell sign and logo. We are still working on materials and then if you are leaving the Brightwell Community and driving out you are actually going to be entering the Tama Community in this direction, so we thought on the other side we would just go ahead and put a plaque that says Tama on it. And so these are the street trees that are proposed on the overall plan, we are adding some additional planting in there that would include some planting to come up and breaks the piers (inaudible).

Mr. Kettler: There is no HOA for the Town but we also were thinking I think Dave we were talking about traffic calming has always been a big issue I know and that is part of Dave's concept of pulling the pillars in and pulling the landscape in because I know from experience that Preston and the gang are not going to be really wild about stuff out in the right of way but we feel from the look and feel of what we want to do that what Dave has presented and well you can describe the plant material that is there.

Mr. Post: We talked about the roof kind of comes down to this location and keeps going down till there is a low point here (inaudible).

Mr. Kettler: Initially it will kind of slope down a little bit.

Mr. Post: So I think material wise we are looking at some flowering trees on both sides, larger shrubs, smaller shrubs like the junipers...

Mr. Kettler: The idea too on the fillers is and I don't know if you all can see Dave brought samples of the material that we are contemplating using.

Mr. Post: Let me bring out some of the --- so something probably this kind of ---, this is the Eldorado style which is a concrete material for this part of the pier, they are using this actually on the houses too.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah our model home if you have seen it the pillars on the front have that same, it is a different style than that but it is the same company.

Mr. Post: (Inaudible) this part here and the water table portion would be a hole through it (inaudible) and then a nice --- break.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah the idea too on the signage and I really am sensitive to the fact when we build these things they are basically there forever and there is really nobody there to take care of them and we don't want to create things that are a maintenance issue for the Town so we will use material on both sides of that which will be basically maintenance free. The one thing that I anticipate doing when I do this assuming I move forward with this is going back to the original sign in Tama which I installed about 20 years ago and I did that out of a red cedar and frankly it is starting to look a little tired and hard to read and needs to be replaced so my thought is to pull that original Tama out and replace it with a more up to date synthetic, there are different products on the market now that didn't exist 20 years ago called Symboard and various Dave is up on that more than I am.

Mr. Yost: What is the material for the inset for the lettering.

Mr. Kettler: For Brightwell?

Mr. Post: This is a sample of the material that is a synthetic material but they can make it look like...

Mr. Kettler: A wood grain texture, but it is not wood it is a synthetic.

Mr. Post: And the letters might be raised. The main entrance sign we are going to have the letters raised the logo raised (inaudible). This is the concept of the wall at the main entrance on 109.

Mr. Yost: How tall is that wall?

Mr. Post: 7 feet.

Mr. Kettler: It maxes at 7 feet. Yeah in your handout if you flip back to the first page it shows this open and two dimensional which is the top and then the three dimensional is that bottom view where you are kind of looking down on them so you can get a perspective, Dave why don't you step that down and give them where that is on the overall site plan showing where it is and get everybody oriented. Yeah that is the primary entrance off of 109, which will be Briarly Hall.

Mr. Post: This is 109 and Briarly Hall (inaudible) on each side and then (inaudible).

Mr. Kettler: Yeah the idea on the fencing is that wooden black three rail fence kind of to mimic what you see around on over by the polo grounds and some of the neighboring properties so we are trying to pick up on some of the local character so we looked at doing PVC but the problem with PVC is that dark colors tend to fade out with the ultraviolet they just don't work well so Wade and I talked about this awhile ago and we just decided to go with the wood so that is what we are recommending.

Mr. Carmack: You don't have to worry about lighting or you use some kind of up lighting or...

Mr. Kettler: Well I don't think lighting as far as I know prohibited from entrance features, I would love to light it but the way the Ordinance is written right now I don't think I can, I am pretty sure. There will be overhead streetlights and we are also trying to work around these poles, there is one pole there and the relocated pole is going to be right there.

Mr. Zachrel: Telephone pole?

Mr. Kettler: Yeah we are never really wild about those we try to put them in places where they are at least because I have seen communities where they are literally right smack in the middle of an entrance wall, because somebody didn't pay attention to it, but at least this is offset so as you are driving down your primary shot is going to be the far wall up there on the, that is naturally where you are going to see it.

Mr. Zachrel: With this wall here and I am pulling out of the development what is my line of sight down this road.

Mr. Post: You have got a very long line of sight.

Mr. Brown: That has been a much debated that was a very much talked about from the Planning Commission's perspective a couple years ago.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah Butch those walls are intentionally pulled back off the right of way out state highway and there is actually going to be an easement on those 2 lots which we have done in other communities which basically allows for the entrance features to be, the people who buy those lots understand those entrance features are on their property in an easement that allows them to be there. The Town does

reserve the right and this has been an issue that has evolved in the last 20 years that if a truck comes flying down there 20 years from now and cleans one of them out the Town has the right to just take a wall down and there is no requirement the Town rebuild it because again normally in other communities where I have Homeowner's Associations all of that would be taken care of but Poolesville is unique in that, so the -- is there is no real mechanism to go back and rebuild it, which is partly why Tama has never been touched since we built it.

Mr. Zachrel: And these look very nice you must be charging a lot for those houses.

Mr. Kettler: Not as much as we'd like, you'll know in a couple weeks when we open for sale. And frankly we saw what Winchester and we also wanted to kind of we obviously saw them and they put a very impressive wall in at the entrance to their community so part of that drove our decision to kind of revisit what we were doing but we certainly thought we could be as good if not better than what Winchester did that is certainly what we want to try to do, that is what we always try to do but again brick material down below, molded brick, the Eldorado Stone in the middle and then we will cap off with brick on top. Now again this main wall will not get built until we move into the next phase of development because again we are not coming around to Briarly Hall until we work ourselves around Bliss so you can see from where I first discussed, we would anticipate putting in the pillars early on so as people are coming into the community from the back side they would have the sense that they have arrived at Brightwell Crossing but the main wall will be built when we come out and did the work out on 109, you know when we do Briarly Hall which could be again it is all economically driven, the number of home sales we have, how quickly the absorption is but obviously we will get around to the front as soon as we can. And the park is also driven by the, the park itself is triggered to be built just to remind you all I think when the 55 building permit is first phase we will have the park built, so again we don't start the park right off the bat because we are not into that area yet developing but we are anxious to get on to that too but all of that work is going to be involved in that redo of Elgin Road and the detour of that corner that was all worked out years ago with the Planning Commission and Mr. Brown you remember after many, many meetings. But do you all have any questions about that and our intent tonight is to just get your comments and reactions and then next week we would present this same presentation to the Planning Commission again because basically that is how the drill sort of goes, so wanted to show it to you guys first.

Mr. Brown: Tom can you fill me in or remind me what the Tama signs look like currently in terms of the color and scope and all that.

Mr. Kettler: The Tama signs are a combination of brick and stone and it has landscaping in front and it is kind of overgrown and the center panel is a dark green painted probably a red cedar with gold letters and that you will see later on tonight the green and gold is not the best color in the printing and graphic business you probably understand it is really not the best color combination because you don't have enough contrast so the idea would be to pull that center panel out and just replace it with something now if we do it with a Symboard it doesn't fade and has more contrast, the idea would be to replace it with something very similar in color, I mean I don't want to change it to blue or red.

Mr. Brown: Are you talking about Symboard for the big Brightwell sign too on the corner, the two of them on the corners?

Mr. Kettler: Yeah that would be Symboard, we are not quite sure what we are talking about for the smaller pillars, the smaller pillars I have actually used if you go into the Woods of Tama I actually used metal plaques for those signs it worked out pretty well they are indestructible, they are basically a cast plaque like that and we may do that...

Mr. Brown: The only reason I know I mean I know you guys know that Symboard can be damaged pretty easily, it could be as easily as someone taking a screwdriver across it, but everybody uses it too I know it definitely has its applications.

Mr. Kettler: If you have any suggestions we are certainly open to them and Dave and I have gone back and forth on that but the one thing I do not want to do is precast concrete just because I do not like the look of that and it looks too much like a...

Mr. Brown: You know it may end up being that that is the best solution plus they are even though it is easily damaged it is also fairly easily replaced, which you don't have to do but it does, anyway I was just curious I didn't know if there was a newer technology out there that was not as dentable, dingable, scratchable so because that is a big sign you are talking about putting up.

Mr. Kettler: Well it will be less, the square footage will be 24 square feet and possibly under that, we are very sensitive about letter size and what letter size is readable.

Mr. Brown: It is the biggest size sign allowable.

Mr. Kettler: 24 square feet is the max size and if the little bridge works out it makes it harder to do that but Dave is working on it.

Mr. Brown: I got ya. Very nice looking, looks good.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah we are excited about it but if you don't have any questions or comments we can move on to something else, anything else on either the back side or front side, yeah Kevin.

Mr. Carmack: You said that you don't think you will build that from the beginning of that phase or the end of that phase.

Mr. Kettler: The way we have got this project, this community laid out is they are really sort of four sub phases, there is this phase, this phase, and this phase, and this phase and we are not sure we could go from here to here to here, or we could do it from here to here, and we are not sure, these kind of stand on there own and are out there by themselves, but I would like to keep on coming around but there will be a couple things that determine which way we go on that.

Mr. Carmack: You don't have to put pillars in that upper development do you.

Mr. Kettler: Which upper development, up here, we thought about that we talked about it but...

Mr. Post: We talked about that well we talked about a lot of things.

Mr. Kettler: The thing is with different ways in and out it is kind of hard, at some point we just want to go pillar crazy with the thing but at the same time right now and this is a one way road too but that doesn't mean we can't do something up there and that means we may come back later and say hey we would like to put, certainly if we did that it would be a matching style to what we do out here. One thing to reinforce here these pillars are actually pulled into the right of way which we

normally would not do but the problem is the width here and the way the grade works you move them back off the right of way they get way off the road and you can't see them and they start to go up into the hill and they start to fall down the slope and we think if they are 6 feet off and we are sensitive to the issue of snow plowing and everything else and the way the sidewalks work we think and there is no sidewalk on this side because you have a pond so we think that is a pretty good place to pull this together. But with that I will conclude our presentation on that unless anybody has any more questions.

Mr. Brown: I'm trying to recall back from your previous what the previous plans were I don't remember especially on the corners that stone wall being so tall and so long and not that I have a problem with it but I was wondering if maybe not with this Board because the things we look at for certain things but I am wondering where the Planning Commission is going to land on that and I am also wondering where the Commissioners are going to land on it from a height kind of a you are planning on a beautiful community obviously but it might be a little bit walled off you know the way you are presenting it right there with the length of the wall and the height of the wall.

Mr. Kettler: Frankly if you compare if you use Stoney Springs as an example their entire frontage the wall it starts up high and goes down and we intentionally didn't want to do that.

Mr. Yost: They are tiered 4 to 5 feet, it gets about 5 and drops back down to 4.

Mr. Post: The pier in here represents about the height of a 6-foot person.

Mr. Yost: Thought you said it was 7.

Mr. Post: This pier here.

Mr. Yost: Because the other piers are 7 foot tall, the ones in Tama II.

Mr. Post: Well yes these are 6'4", these are almost 7.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah we knew that 7 was the maximum number, we kept everything below that but I understand what you are saying and we certainly don't want that walled off feeling and certainly the open fencing on either side of it and we stop the wall and we pick up the fencing is the way to kind of solve that because frankly David had an earlier concept that had the wall going further down and we shortened it up because I really did not want that feeling.

Mr. Post: Tom originally I think that we only had the wall here originally so we have added more wall because of Winchester.

Mr. Brown: I can appreciate the honesty in that. I can appreciate your honesty with that your wall has got to be a little longer and a little taller.

Mr. Post: Actually I don't think it is longer theirs is going to be twice as long as this or maybe three times.

Mr. Kettler: Plus I think they are doing a similar thing now off of West Willard too I don't know don't they have another one Wade?

Mr. Yost: There is a small feature over there.

Mr. Brown: Well it is certainly wonderful looking where did this magic 7-foot number come from the thought process behind that, I don't think we have any in here 7 feet.

Mr. Yost: No unless you are talking about the side one.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah I think we just used 7 foot as kind of the understood maximum height of things relative to signage and certainly we see this as a obvious feature of the sign built into it. I told Dave intentionally and again the 7-foot is only at this part the main part is 5 and ½. And that is shorter than I am so that is pretty short.

Mr. Brown: It is a beautiful wall.

Mr. Kettler: I really like the combination of the brick and the stone together, we worked pretty hard on color and Dave does a very good job of researching we must have looked at 20 different samples to come up with one that we like and again part of it originally I was trying to pick up on the some of the coloration of the local stone from my all time favorite wall is the one that Linda Lewis built up at the orchard a couple years ago, that wall is fantastic but the problem is you can't get that stone. She got it from the county somewhere but you can't quarry it anymore because it all came from the --- which is now national park property so you can't get it anymore.

Mr. Brown: Very nice thanks Tom.

Mr. Kettler: So if there are no more questions with that we can switch gears to my I can sit down and stand up again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation.

Mr. McKenney: Just before we move on the next one is not related to Brightwell Crossing right?

Mr. Kettler: Correct.

### **Multiple Conversations Taking Place**

Mr. McKenney: If it is going to go to the Planning Commission we probably should do something a little more formal so you guys heard most of this more than I did.

Mr. Brown: I just want the Planning Commission to weigh in on the height that is all.

Mr. Yost: So when does it stop being a sign and become a fence. At that point fences are not supposed to be more than 4 foot high in the front and 6 foot in the back.

Mr. Kettler: Tom is probably like just subtract the sign part out of the height and you got it.

Mr. Yost: Then it will be 7½ foot wide he doesn't want to do that.

Mr. Brown: So that is my concern and how do we want to formalize this in terms of...

Mr. McKenney: I would say someone needs to make a motion along the lines of that we should either think this is fine, accept this with the caveat that we are concerned or we want the Planning Commission to confirm that the measurements are fine.

Mr. Brown: Do we need a motion for that or just make a recommendation?

Mr. Yost: You probably should.

Mr. Zachrel: Ok I can make that motion that we accept the Brightwell Crossing Sign again with the caveat that the Planning Commission just take notice of the 7-foot height.

Mr. McKenney: Do we want them to just take notice or do we want them to say it should be, do we think it should be lower?

Mr. Brown: I think it really falls into their lap more than ours. I mean we can make a recommendation.

Mr. Zachrel: I mean I am personally fine with it the way it is.

Mr. McKenney: It is going to be on our street and sidewalk right.

Mr. Brown: That is right yeah, well that is why I think we need them to check it out. I would not ask for more than a formal recommendation that they take special note and...

Mr. McKenney: The only you know I am sitting here thinking and looking at which way the angle is going but if it is 7 feet particularly on that front end right on the diagonal piece...

Mr. Kettler: The --- part is where it rolls up the arch and that is driven by the bridge.

Mr. McKenney: The one on the corner of Tom Fox and Hughes, you didn't see that there because of that little hump in the road, you can't see down the road past that little hump but you walk by it or drive by it you say everything was fine, my concern is I am coming up here and I can't see through the height of this to the roadway and I can't tell on a two dimensional if that is...

Mr. Post: The --- part is here so you are past the wall.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah that is why it is pulled back that way. But I understand the concern and we will double check sightline distance because there are and land certainly falls into that category the trees that are in the center which I believe are Crepe Myrtles we intentionally pulled those back originally they were kind of I think Dave had them a little closer to the intersection, I said get them back we want to be sure we are wide open because I do not want a situation where, when you come out there you want to be able to have a full view and you will when you come up to that crosswalk because you will be stopped right before the crosswalk so you will be well past the wall at that point. But might be useful Dave between now and next week might be is put a person standing next to it, you have done it on a small version but I think it is always good to have a 6 foot tall person.

Mr. Carmack: This is at the stop bar right down there?

Mr. Brown: No.

Mr. Carmack: Well this is at the crosswalk you are not going to stop in front of the crosswalk you are going to stop behind it, so that is your stop bar isn't it, so I guess my concern is I stop if the theory your front tires are supposed to be on that stop bar and you are sitting behind that a few feet so if I drive straight down I probably am into that wall, now granted you are going to be looking out here but what are you going to be able to see.

Mr. Kettler: That pole is being relocated.

Mr. McKenney: Well I can't make a recommendation but I guess on the one hand I like the sign I think it looks nice, on the other hand I am concerned that with the best of intentions once everything is said and done we are going to have a situation where you can't comfortably see what you need to see for road traffic, now that road is Jerusalem right there.

Mr. Kettler: 109. I think clearly between now and the Planning Commission meets next Wednesday, Dave will go back and we can certainly try and relay that we know the speeds on the road and we know the sight distance requirements and we will show whether --- and we have done that I mean we did a ton of work on this intersection God knows and Jim knows we added a left turn lane at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour which wasn't there before so the road actually got wider than it was before so it actually probably opened up sight distance even more because of that left turn lane. We have a decel lane, an excel lane, a left turn lane coming south from the north so

but I understand the point Doug that we certainly are not going to build a feature which will compromise sight distance we can't, the county is not going to let me do it, nobody will let me do it.

Mr. McKenney: Knowing that we all do the speed limit around here I would probably encourage you to look at adding 10 miles an hour to whatever speed you are looking at for sight lines and timing and however that all gets calculated in.

Mr. Kettler: Well that is an interesting question Wade has a letter in two years ago to State Highway about resigning coming south to try to slow traffic down, its what 45 or 40 to 30 and trying to get them to slide that sign up so by the time people aren't blowing down there and there is more warning as they get into Town but we will look at the sight distance triangle based on the stop bar and line of sight.

Mr. Carmack: One more question because Jim touched on it, the length of the wall, if you go just from the center of that wall to the center of your sign it is 24 feet once you get between those pillars?

Mr. Post: Yes.

Mr. Carmack: So you got that 24, 24 plus this and it's a long way about 70 feet from the middle of the sign either way.

Mr. Post: You are talking about here to here?

Mr. Carmack: Or just the middle of the sign you got that concrete section and then you got the fence section, its 24 and the fence is another 24 is it going to be the same length?

Mr. Kettler: And then we will anchor the pier at the end.

Mr. Post: So you are right it is about 70 feet or so.

Mr. Carmack: And then 70 feet basically the other way.

Mr. Post: Yeah.

Mr. Carmack: You said you changed it just from having a sign with fencing to you added that concrete section from the sign.

Mr. Kettler: Well we may have just initially just had a wall on either side flanking the entrance to the corner and that is it and as Dave said frankly in response to Winchester literally covering their entire entrance from property corner to property corner and we will check the height too on there we will check all that, I know their pillars are at least 7 feet plus.

Mr. Brown: Do they come out of the house when you are out there with a tape measure measuring.

Mr. Kettler: Maybe not might have been after business hours.

Mr. Brown: Might have been.

Mr. Kettler: Could have been. Yeah and they used a precast concrete sign for their wall and then they painted the Stoney Springs letters but they decided to go with that.

Mr. Carmack: I interrupted Butch's motion so.

Mr. Zachrel: That would be the same motion that we approve the Brightwell Crossing sign with having the Planning Commission consider the 7-foot height and the line of sight down the road.

Mr. Carmack: I will second that.

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

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions, none, it passes. Quick question while we are on Brightwell Crossing and I don't remember where we were when we finally kind of settled on everything and roads and everything, since then I think we have put in the speed humps in Town right, is there anything, can we say anything about installing speed humps right from the get go in a development where it is obvious you are going to have a straight run.

Mr. Yost: We could have but we didn't, so we might want to piggyback on paving and talk to them about it and try and work a deal but you can't make it a requirement at this time.

Mr. McKenney: Right I had a feeling that would be the case but although that would be a maybe you don't think but I would see that as a selling point to have you already are going to deliberately slow down traffic in a development.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah and frankly it doesn't look like we even talked about that or the fact that I mean there is a possibility on Dr. Walling maybe where we put the pillars that might be a logical place to do and when you guys say speed bump I am talking more plateau kind of.

Mr. McKenney: Exactly.

Mr. Kettler: So I don't know Dave what would you think about that where the pillars are, that would be perfect there to also kind of note that you are going from one and again we don't want people flying through there part of the design as you all recall from the earlier design of Brightwell Crossing we were very sensitive of that and originally Dr. Walling was designed to swoop right over into 109, we went up, came around, came around so we really did but that one long stretch...

Mr. Post: We have crosswalks also (inaudible).

Mr. Kettler: Yeah so I don't know Dave would we be better off doing it at the crosswalk or at the pillar.

Mr. Post: I don't remember if there is a crosswalk here.

Mr. Kettler: I think there is that is where the sidewalk picks up because it comes down to one side and goes across.

Mr. Yost: Yeah wherever you put your speed humping you will have to look at driveways and there is a whole...

Mr. Kettler: Yeah so it may make sense to do it down there where the pillars are so we can look at that.

Mr. Yost: There is actually Montgomery County specs for speed hump placement.

Mr. Kettler: Well I am certainly willing to entertain that maybe in front of the pillars that may be an additional kind of definition and Dr. Walling is a long stretch and that is from Cattail all the way in so that might be a good place for it, that is a good suggestion ok. The other thing and I will be very brief about this, this is more of an idea session and this is from conversations I have had with Wade over the last couple years and in my work in other communities and my work driving around to other places and other towns and seeing what other people do and how signage is handled in different areas I felt that Poolesville for some time has been in a place or at a place right now with a lot of activity and there is the skatepark being built, there is the Whalen Commons of course is finished, we have got the new amphitheater coming in that we would that it might be a good time and I actually brought this up with the Community and Economic Development Committee as I was a member of

that Committee although I recently went off of that Committee, talked to them about the issue of signage maybe doing a new logo for the town and they had done just as a reminder for everybody's benefit they had a couple years ago this thing the Timeless Charm logo that they kind of did up, that was one of the earlier projects of the CEDC what happened with that was it is kind of a nice logo, it is nice for a welcome bag but not too good for signage and then they at some point the Commissioners said this started getting used as kind of the Town logo and the Commissioners said time out this isn't what we had in mind for a Town logo, so I think it is the perfect time to step back and with that I put together a little slide show based on signs around Poolesville and then there is a graphic company and again this isn't a plug for my graphic company it is just more cuz I deal with 4 or 5 of them but I just they showed me some slides of some stuff they had done in the community of Luray you know where Luray Caverns is and you will see that in a minute so with that we will just kind of go through a power point and I know there are individual slides of it but first slide is the existing now these signs now are of course we have 4 Welcome to Poolesville signs coming in from the 4 different quadrants this one is coming from the south as you come up West Willard and you can see that one is probably in the worst shape of all of them.

Mr. Yost: They are about 12 or 13 years old now.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah they are, they are made out of wood probably cedar that one obviously is damaged it was snapped off, shot at.

Mr. Yost: That one has been shot a couple times.

Mr. Kettler: To me that doesn't really say, that doesn't do a nice job of saying hey Welcome to Poolesville, it looks like we've got an old sign and we haven't even replaced it yet, and then the coloration and the size of the letters all are very difficult to pick up on so with that we will go to the next one. This is the sign that I would need to redo as far as my work, this is coming south on 109 it is kind of rainy day but again gold on green just does not work you can't pick it up, I mean that says Welcome to Poolesville settled in whatever and I just snapped that with my little issued camera whatever my little digital camera of course that is on wood filler some of them are on stone pillars and of course you have the old town hall with the central logo you can kind of pick that up there but again the graphic is very kind of busy and hard to pick up, next slide, this one is the brand new one and I got up close to it and if you are standing about 5 feet away it looks great but again this is the one that I think Winchester just redid as part of their proffer as you come in from Whites Ferry again same sign same issues that sign looks ok now in a year or two from now it is going to fade and it will be tough to pick it up and at night these signs, all of you guys have come into Town coming from Rockville at night and you see that sign coming from up Whites Ferry Road coming from Rockville at night even though it has a light on it, it is impossible to read the sign the letters are too small again the coloration is wrong so again that is that sign. I threw in a picture you know you have got the signage going around through different parks and paths and basically green boards with recessed gold lettering at Halmos Park obviously Town of Poolesville, there is one for all the parks in Town but you know the concept if you go into sort of a new old program you can look at the parks you can look at the skatepark the new skatepark, all the amenities, the pool has a sign although that is

County but again that is a sign that is getting kind of worn, the letters are kind of faded and hard to read. Whalen Commons again green and gold its that one if you have bright lights, time of day its pretty good so you can pick it up pretty good but again the gold on the green is a very tough color combination but again these were all and again 20 years ago there were no signs so I certainly for the first crack of doing signage in the Town I think it was great but I think it is time to revisit I mean I personally think it is time to revisit it and maybe kind of look at the whole thing. If you haven't been down to Whites Ferry that is one of the permanent maps that were done in combination with the CEDC and the Chamber of Commerce a couple years ago, we put maps in those little plastic bins on either side that is the same map that is in front of Whalen Commons, the same map that is in the concession stand at the high school, that map has been very well received I have heard a lot of positive comments on it, every time I go to Whites Ferry people just grab those maps out of it so again it has been a nice tool gives you a little history of the Town, tells you where you are, shows you the gas station and where things are now again that map that permanent map was a generation that came out of the paper map which is what we use in the sockets and those paper maps actually we are starting to run out of them and the Chamber this summer is going to probably reprint that so we will get working on that. Now this sign is an example of something that really and I know it is one of the newer signs, now this sign much different I mean the white on the green it jumps out at you, you can see it, I don't know who all was involved in the design and construction Jim maybe you were involved with that but that is an example of something that is much crisper, much cleaner, you can see it of course the back of it the portion is great and I think that has been a great addition and its nice so that is an example of something that I think is great and you can see the difference of the white on the green versus the gold on the green it makes all the difference in the world and those letters are much bigger than they are on the rest of the signage in Town so. Now what I did my company out of Manassas, Virginia that is doing the graphics for some of my work just completed a sign project for Luray, Virginia and I just threw in a random sample of the slides they did to kind of show you the kind of things that you could go to towns all over the area, Frederick should be doing their signage program, Rockville has a signage program you know towns of different sizes, Sandy Springs so that is obviously a welcome sign, Welcome to Luray there is no, they are not constrained by any you know in the past we have had the Town Hall and Wade and I have had this conversation it might be time to just say hey Welcome to Poolesville and come up with something graphic and not worry about trying to stick a building in or do something so these are just ideas. This is a different version of a similar thing but again very clean looking and that is on a concrete base, metal sign, pretty indestructible I think.

Mr. Brown: Looks like they spent good money on the sign and then...

Mr. Kettler: Were cheap on the base yeah.

Mr. Brown: Our guys would graffiti that up in no time.

Mr. Kettler: The pictures are a little grainy but it says where the caverns meet the sky that must be their sub slogan for Luray, I haven't been to Luray Caverns in a long time. Now Way Findings the other term you will hear I am not sure if you are familiar with that but way finding is basically kind of a directional signage within a

town and way finding would be this way to the pool, this way to the library, but even if you have a sign with 5 things that say the pool is straight ahead, Town Hall straight ahead, Whalen Commons straight ahead but it is telling you that those things are there.

Mr. Yost: Well there are a couple on the State Highway now one for the High School, one for the Golf Course but not really consolidated.

Mr. Kettler: Right and then you all have brown signs for the parks that direct you to the parks and there is a mixed bag of signage in Town right now but again these are just different ideas and again Luray is a little more obviously more urban and this sign project was much more involved than Poolesville would be but again we just wanted to throw some slides up there to get you thinking, Police Department we don't got one of those, we don't have to worry about that sign, parking that is going to be an issue, you know you have parking now over at the skatepark and of course there is parking coming down on either side of Whalen Commons not that you would have to have directional arrows for parking but that is an idea that they were trying to direct people to public parking and just other versions of the same thing, there is Jim's favorite concrete, yeah you hit that, but again what happened there I am sure on the other side it says Welcome to Luray and on the back side it says thank you for visiting, you know very simple thing, you are getting double mileage for the same signage depending on where it is put. And this is just traffic stuff sort of shows you how to do it and this is the other thing that could be tied into this and the Town now you know Wade has the program with the holidays and flagpoles in and the American Flags in or the holidays we put the flags in kind of on flag holders and this is kind of a version beyond that which is the vertical banner which is attached and that is like 6 feet off the ground and the banner itself is about 6 feet tall but you could have one for the you have got one that says Welcome to Poolesville Day you could have one for the spring, you could have one for the summer, you could have one just to say Welcome to Poolesville. I talked to Malcolm Brown the other day they used to have a Welcome to Maryland when you come into Whites Ferry the sign has been gone for 20 years and he has been trying to get it replaced but you should have a Welcome to Maryland sign at the Ferry. And again just showing you different sign concepts but I guess the reason I bring this before you all the Parks, Streets, and Rec group I guess I was just thinking maybe during the next year or so there would be a group or subgroup maybe and I know the Planning Commission is getting ready to review the Master Plan so it kind of seemed like the perfect time to just revisit this so it is just something that I personally feel is something that the Town certainly could take a look at and I don't know whether this group would want to tackle that or a subgroup or 2 or 3 members of this committee would want to get on board with that but basically you have companies that do designs and install, you have companies that design and you have companies that install the other good thing I think about any of these signage programs is there is a lot of grant money out there that I think would be available. So if the Town went down that road I think there would clearly be money that would be accessible either through Heritage Montgomery which the Town got \$100,000.00 to build the bandshell, I mean we got a grant to do those maps down at Whites Ferry and you were saying we were going to get money from the speed cameras.

Mr. Yost: Oh the speed cameras yeah we did --- with the County to enhance the streetscape, going to start doing some of the crosswalks implementing some of those things and definitely signage it was supposed to be part of it but those details are kind of missing from the plan right now so again that would be your purview from this Body to start making designs.

Mr. Kettler: I guess my whole thought is I know you are finishing up this year's budget cycle but maybe for the next 12 months could involve some kind of proposal to put a package together and get RFP's out to get 2 or 3 companies to look at it and come back with ideas and then maybe by this time next year when they are doing the budget cycle we could allocate some money from the Town and have it set up as a grant through whatever sources we could get and I know Wade has done a great job either with Program Open Space or with Heritage Montgomery there is a lot of programs out there so I didn't mean to go on and on about this but again I just thought you would be a good group to get in front of because that is what you guys do the Parks, Streets and the Park too I would think the park signage could tie into it and it would all be schematic and the way to do it is get it all coordinated together so it all ties together and it all feels like and even the Western Montgomery County Aquatic Center sign to me the County has that sign it is like brown and white it is kind of there but if Poolesville came up and had something that was a little nicer I can't imagine Montgomery County would care and dress it up a little bit include that as part of the proposal so there is really no action required tonight I just wanted to kind of bring this to you guys.

Mr. Carmack: When would we start talking about that if it is going to go into streetscape or FY11 budget, when would we talk about that?

Mr. McKenney: This is part of, this is the timing our next being the Master Plan review that the part that we have to deal with is transportation, roads and streets and things like that if we could roll something into that whole...

Mr. Carmack: Especially some of the out of the way parks like Stevens, Halmos, possibly the skatepark that area back there so when you are coming from Town these things are easy to find but...

Mr. Yost: Right and right now we do have little metal brown signs that says Halmos Park or Stevens Park.

Mr. Kettler: To me you have the schools that are a big deal, you have got the pool that is a big deal, you've got all the town parks that are a big deal and people coming to Town ought to be able to find those, I mean you shouldn't have to hunt around to figure out where they are and a centralized signage program that says turn this way and go to Stevens Park.

Mr. Zachrel: And then make sure we just don't like a lot of signs do, turn this way and then they go ok that is enough signage.

Speaker: Or here is the way to the Strathmore and you get on this road and ok now what do I do.

Mr. Kettler: But again it is something I personally am interested in and to the extent that you all kind of got someone to do something with it I would be happy to pitch in and as I say I recently left the Community and Economic Development Committee so my volunteer time is opening up a little bit so I always say time whatever it was to say sign enforcement action or something.

Mr. Brown: Well without a doubt it is needed and we probably should consider probably first before we even get into identity and how that all that is going to work we should look at what we have and where we how we can come up with a plan to where to put stuff because I think it is right we obviously need Town entrance signs but then it is also a matter of using those Town entrance signs and tying them into the parks and then as well as potentially some as Wade was talking about we are going to have street lights out here on Whalen Commons that could have those banner type signs that would tie into the entrance signs, kind of a nice idea, and would your company be able to do this?

Mr. Kettler: Well my company, this company that did that gave me these signs is Graphic Services out of Manassas, Virginia, there are a dozen companies that you could go for an RFP but I think to your point I think it would be the Town would sort of sit down through a committee and kind of decide what it is we are trying to put together and basically kind of make a bullet list that we would like a banner program, we would like new entrance signs, and again you have entrance features, you have these stone walls with the wood paneling you could take that wood paneling out and drop a new panel in it is not like you have to blow everything up so you could recycle and not have to start from scratch on that so having said that 2 of the signs in Town are wood, you probably should have the same look in all four directions whatever you do coming in from Fisher Avenue should be the same as West Willard, it should be the same as 109.

Mr. Yost: Yeah but once they come around the corner of 109 they are going to think they are going into the town of Brightwell Crossing.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah no they will see that before they get to Brightwell Crossing.

Mr. Brown: Editorial comment.

Mr. Kettler: Yeah these kind of firms will do the design, a lot of times these firms will do the design work and if you hire them to do the construction they will basically do the design for nothing, now I don't know how you compare that to a company that does design only and install them but if you can get a design and install company and you commit to do the construction, they do the construction and I asked them what the order of magnitude for Luray was an Luray was a very large deal I think they said they were at \$75,000.00 and it may have been closer to \$100,000.00 but that may include some interior stuff and they did some display stuff but I think but we are not talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars but we were talking about more than \$2,000.00 to do it right in Poolesville. Again I didn't mean to go on and on but I figured while I was here and had the audience I appreciate your time.

Mr. Brown: It is needed Tom thanks.

Mr. Kettler: Appreciate your time.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you.

Mr. Kettler: I don't know whether it would make sense for me to present that same thing to the Planning Commission next week if I should do that or is that jumping the gun.

Mr. Yost: Let me see what they have on the agenda.

Mr. Brown: It is not premature Tom.

Mr. Kettler: I could say I showed this to Parks and Streets last week and this is some ideas because again I know they are in the middle of getting to work on the Master Plan so that is the time.

### **Old Business**

Mr. McKenney: All right old business.

Mr. Yost: Dr. Dillingham Park. This right here was its changed right now because the initial concept that came out of the Committee which you were on also was never floated through all the Boards so we needed to do that just so we can cement it in through the Parks Board, the Planning Commission, the Commissioners have seen it and of course all site plans have full approval through the Planning Commission we are just taking it through those channels right now. What we have done on this is moved the sidewalk down, which was up pretty high up here, moved it down, got rid of the sidewalk on the back portion of the property near McDonalds and divided this piece in half and basically what you have is two  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre parcels with that 10,000 square foot area over here that potentially could be a dog park and it allows on this side next to the skatepark for a tot lot pretty close to the size of Bodmer and then you have a pavilion back here, it would be separated like a square pavilion I think we would have 3 nice character type octagon shaped or different shaped pavilion of some sort tied right into that, but it gives you plenty of room to do both on either side.

Mr. McKenney: So is that pavilion approximately the same size as the one on Bodmer too?

Mr. Yost: No the one on Bodmer is much smaller.

Mr. McKenney: Really no I am sorry I am thinking Halmos.

Mr. Yost: Yeah same size. Yeah the one on Bodmer there is two small umbrella tables, which I think we want something a little more fancy like that but a larger scope.

Mr. Carmack: Wade did you say a --- could separate the two? You said two  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre lots and separated.

Mr. Yost: Well we drew a line down the middle, this area we could divide in half and see what we come up with and so I went out and we measured Bodmer park and said this will fit in here. So I think everybody has seen this already with the parking area.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah we didn't lose any parking spots.

Mr. Yost: No everything is exactly the same. So what I would like for you guys this is something you want to look at and recommend approval to move forward with this Site Plan for a potential skatepark and then our friends of the dog park.

Mr. McKenney: Well they haven't started pouring concrete yet.

Mr. Yost: Maybe next week. They got the mounds all in today and tapped down so that is it really on this here so we don't have to even specify the dog park yet we can just say potentially it is one of the uses we are looking at for this park and we just want to get the site plan approved through all the channels and we will keep on working on the dog. Now I missed last month so Preston was kind of vague on what you guys were looking for at this meeting for anything on that besides cameras and I have some information on that.

Mr. McKenney: I think we just wanted to know if we have room in here to do what you are talking and I mean as far as I am concerned I would rather without making it looked jammed in and shoehorned in I would rather try and put as much on that property as we can.

Mr. Yost: I think so too.

Mr. McKenney: Because that really utilizes it more than taking that tot lot or the pavilion and spreading it out because what is the point. We have the open space we talked about the idea of a dog park and go forward with it than it is logical to put it there, if it doesn't work or doesn't happen than it is open space and we can still do something with it but it is not...

Mr. Yost: Yeah you could put a basketball court there or whatever.

Mr. McKenney: Or put a roller hockey...

Mr. Carmack: I mean there are always things that people are looking to put in.

Mr. Zachrel: Also just on some of the open space here, here and here, we could always leave some of it open for future generations.

Mr. Yost: This particular area here we have this right here the swale is built in there for quantity control of stormwater runoff for the site. This right here can never be touched, this will always be green space, this right here yes is for whatever, wide open there.

Mr. Carmack: But it has got a slope right?

Mr. Yost: There is a pretty good slope there not bad though not bad at all and who knows if this is ever going to happen over here with a Community Center, which is something we will talk about as we get into the Master Plan I guess.

Mr. McKenney: So do we give formal recommendation to Planning?

Mr. Yost: Yeah to approve this Site Plan.

Mr. Zachrel: I can make motions all night long if it moves us along. I make a motion we approve the Dr. Dillingham what are we calling this...

Mr. Yost: I guess this is the master Site Plan.

Mr. Zachrel: Master Site Plan, make a motion we approve the master Site Plan for the Dillingham Park.

Mr. Carmack: I will second that.

Mr. McKenney: Been moved and seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye. Well any further discussion, ok all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, abstentions, none of those, so that passes so move that on to the Planning Board, Master Plan Review.

Mr. Yost: You want to talk about security cameras for a minute.

Mr. McKenney: Yes, yes lets.

Mr. Yost: Ok I had ADT come out and we had one other company also but they are both recommending to have at least 2 cameras one on either park that can view and one camera can actually see the other camera in case someone vandalizes the one camera the other is picking it up and you get the full spectrum of the park by having the two cameras. They said lighting very well could be an issue with this, you may want to put lighting in, they have lenses that do capture in the dark but they are not very good at all so they need some ambient lighting of some sort I don't know if McDonalds would give enough lighting, there is an overhead light directly I think in

the parking lot behind it there so that is something we need to look at is there enough light. And what we will have to do they do have the solar powered ones, they really are not going to generate a lot of power and it is going to be something reliable because what we are going to do is tie these directly into a box that you have your recorder device, you have a box on the ground that is doing the recording and everything and you guys also said you would like to have this so that you can see it on the web, so we would have to run a phone line in or a DSL line in from Comcast or Verizon or whoever to so we can have it on the web.

Mr. Carmack: Nobody has got a camera that will or a camera system that will send a signal from there to the wireless signal to here for example.

Mr. Yost: Nope it works just the opposite from how they explained it to me.

Mr. Zachrel: You can take a camera because the last company that was out here that presented from Rockville...

Mr. Yost: Yeah I have the quotes still.

Mr. Zachrel: We were actually talking about a wireless shot and they said and this was actually talking about over by Stevens they were going to ping it off the tower because they didn't --- the Town Hall so with it being right over there and so close we could get a direct...

Mr. Yost: You would have to run a DSL line up the top of the tower and maybe you could do it but anybody else could capture your signal to so you are going to have Wi-Fi for the town and what if you do it and its not...

Mr. Zachrel: Well this was a radio shot, so it wasn't Wi-Fi it was a radio shot from the camera to here and then once the signal is here we can tap it into whatever Internet access we have here.

Mr. Yost: This guy thought I was blowing smoke when I was explaining that to him, he was like I have never heard of this camera and so that is why I called ADT I figured ok they are one of the largest people around, he said our cameras can't do it.

Mr. Zachrel: Ok because it is actually being done at other places. Parking garages as well as some other parks, I mean I can get some information on it.

Mr. Yost: Ok because all the ones that I have seen like up at Ocean Pines and stuff they are all hardwired in.

Mr. Zachrel: Yeah Ocean Pines is hardwired in and if we do need to bring electricity out there I know they were talking about going from Wootton and having to dig all the way out there to get electricity out there, anyway we could come the other way like through Tad's through that area.

Mr. Yost: If you get easements and right of ways and if Allegheny Power will, get a right of way or an easement from the property owner to Allegheny Power to run the line back.

Mr. Zachrel: Windmills are out. But I will get the information on the radio wireless shot because then all the equipment is here, the only thing that you have there is even possibly a battery powered you know and then the radio shot...

Mr. Yost: That could get you on the web.

Mr. Zachrel: Well the radio shot gets you to here and then you tap into the web from here.

Mr. Yost: How do you do that?

Mr. Zachrel: Well once you have a digital signal you can even a radio signal, you can take that radio signal and convert it right into your router that you might have here or your digital modem whatever you have...

Mr. Yost: Ok you guys know more about it than I do.

Mr. Carmack: What was the reasoning behind putting it on the web, I mean to look at it late at night or to check and see how crowded it is.

Mr. Yost: Kids could actually show their stunts off to people.

Mr. Zachrel: More of a social thing.

Mr. McKenney: Also the fact that now it is summertime I mean if anybody were looking at Town Hall not that you have better things to do I am sure but nobody is here after 4:00 because you guys work what 7:00 to 4:00 roughly right so they are getting out of school 3:30 or 4:00 doing homework then jumping over there, there is nobody looking at it and this would be at least an opportunity for if a parent wanted to check and make sure everything was ok and make sure their kid was there that would be a way to do it as well.

Mr. Yost: But in the long term I think run the power out there and if we have to run a DSL line if you are going that route doing a hardwire is the best way, we can look at doing it on the tower and sitting stuff up there but...

Mr. McKenney: From there I don't think we'd have to ping anything off the tower because we have a line of sight from there to here.

Mr. Yost: No trees and John Strong and I were looking at that too because he wasn't for sure how it could be done either, there are trees all across there.

Mr. McKenney: We should try and call that guy because I could have swore that he like Butch said that it was a really, really...

Mr. Zachrel: It was \$30,000.00 to run power out there, which was the big ouch.

Mr. Yost: No it was not that much, \$10,000.00.

Mr. Zachrel: Oh ok.

Mr. Yost: Who told you \$30,000.00.

Mr. Zachrel: That is the number that was sticking in my head when they were talking about having to run the lines and dig it and all the other things that had to go along with it.

Mr. Carmack: Don't you have to run power for the lights anyway?

Mr. Yost: Well we don't have any lights out there right now, it is a pretty bare bones park right now, very bare bones.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah if we got to run power than we might as well run something for a light even if you don't put the light in right away.

Mr. Yost: What you would have to do is have a socket basically.

Mr. Brown: Well at our last meeting we came up with talking about the right way to spend the \$43,585.00 would that include potentially, I mean we talked about some very low ticket items but we did not talk about...

Mr. McKenney: Running power.

Mr. Brown: The priority was cameras so if part of priority one is power that will help the cameras and potentially feed other situations.

Mr. Yost: And we will get a few little cost savings on the skatepark here we are probably going to come in under budget.

Mr. Carmack: Is the skatepark going to be open until like at dark is that the idea?

Mr. Zachrel: 8:00 to 8:00 right.

Mr. Carmack: Like every other park around. Because we talked about with Whalen external lighting at Whalen.

Mr. Yost: Yeah I had the quotes from the first guy who came in and gave a presentation, it was for hook-ups and radios.

Mr. Brown: Well and so --- I guess we went back to Wade again.

Mr. Yost: That is fine.

Mr. Brown: Can you get a hard cost for running power out there because every time we have a meeting about what we are doing here we always talk about power and we go well crap we don't have any power out there.

Mr. Yost: I know it is usually \$10,000.00 to set the socket and have the panel in place, and the --- redig it but I am just not sure I have to find out exactly where the transformer is we can tie into and we will see because copper is rather expensive to run the line itself and see what kind of line we need, what we are going to put out for --- probably at least a 100 amp or 200 amp panel.

Mr. Brown: And what about a DSL line going as well.

Mr. Yost: We dug the one here and it was \$3000.00 for the conduit and have them come out and Comcast pulled it through or Verizon. whoever did it, I will look that price up.

Mr. Zachrel: Just run surveillance cameras have a range of about 3 miles and 2.4 gigahertz.

Mr. Yost: For what?

Mr. Zachrel: The wireless remote cameras and they have a station back here and you just have to put all the pieces together.

Mr. Carmack: Is it better to run power at the beginning of this project as in trying to put it in later, is there a cost savings at all?

Mr. Yost: What do you mean now verses the skatepark being in place.

Mr. Carmack: Right well the whole everything. Aren't you going to have power out for the lights in the parking lot?

Mr. Yost: Not right now there is no power anywhere.

Mr. Carmack: Oh ok.

Mr. Yost: I said bare bones. The Commissioners were more focused on making the sidewalk improvements and the things in the frontage of the curb and gutter and sidewalks going in.

Mr. Carmack: I didn't think you could have a parking lot without lights.

Mr. McKenney: It is not going to be paved right away either its going to be gravel isn't it.

Mr. Yost: Going to be gravel.

Mr. Carmack: I'm sure there is some rule or guideline or something.

Mr. Yost: There is but the local government is actually exempt from their own rules.

Mr. Brown: We can make them and violate them.

Mr. McKenney: We can go provide exceptions not violate them, provide exceptions.

Mr. Yost: No we try not to but it is going to be close with the gate there and they can park out there now if they want to.

Mr. Brown: So strategy?

Mr. McKenney: I would say lets find out like you said how much, lets get a hard number on running power, lets look at the guy that came in here before and if you would email us or Butch who that is and Butch if it is the same guy or if you got another guy lets talk to them...

Mr. Brown: I think Wade should speak to him directly about it because there is no need to have to go through Butch to figure it out.

Mr. McKenney: No I mean if the guy that we all remember is the guy you have than fine yes Wade go ahead, no I am not looking for Butch to do leg work here I just want to make sure we are not barking up the wrong tree and wasting everybody's time that is all. And then I guess with respect to power we probably need to make a decision before the next meeting right.

Mr. Yost: No.

Mr. McKenney: No ok.

Mr. Yost: I believe I can come off this bottom corner here but either way I would be coming straight up between Selby's parking lot, straight line directly to the back so there is nothing in the way.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Brown: Wade with respect to the 43 and change that we have been banting about if we come up with this cost and agree to do power, cameras, etc. at our next Parks Board meeting what has to happen after that. Do the Commissioners have to make an amendment you know what happens?

Mr. Yost: It would be a budget amendment yes.

Mr. Brown: So we have a meeting and a half to get this done, you know we are talking about mid May Commissioners Meeting and having a vote in their hands to have this in place...

Mr. Yost: Well I don't have the full \$43,000.00 yet either.

Mr. Brown: Right.

Mr. Yost: Not until we get substantial completion on this band shell here.

Mr. McKenney: But to say to earmark something for a budget item we would have a month and a half.

Mr. Yost: Well no the budget is going to approved next Monday.

Mr. Brown: We are just worried about, if we need to spend 10 grand on getting power to this before we can finish the build out on the skatepark.

Mr. Yost: No I think it is better to wait because there is going to be money left over possibly 10 grand.

Mr. McKenney: So you are saying to get the information but we don't have to act on it until...

Mr. Yost: I think we just take next month and go through it and then if you come to a consensus this is what you want to do just move forward at that point. I mean I will probably know more by next month where I am exactly with the money.

Mr. Zachrel: And you can feed us some of the hard numbers like for the electricity, your conversations with the video guys, and start feeding us that information via email so at least we have a knowledge base for the next meeting.

Mr. McKenney: Ok does that work?

Mr. Yost: Yep.

Mr. Zachrel: Any more work we can give you?

Mr. Yost: Job security.

Mr. McKenney: What do we need to do with I know I had this one and it looks like you had...

Mr. Yost: Well I went ahead and did a redline version...

Mr. McKenney: Yeah and I had some comments that I just wanted to get I mean do we need to do this tonight.

Mr. Yost: You don't have to. I just wanted to get everybody, I sent out one copy an electronic version a couple weeks ago and I said well let me go ahead and do my own redline up just things that I knew and points of discussion we should talk about.

Mr. Zachrel: Because I would like to read through it obviously from our conversation today.

Mr. Yost: (Inaudible) already.

Mr. McKenney: You had the earlier version you didn't read that.

Mr. Zachrel: Not without all these nice redlines through it, looks like less to read.

Mr. McKenney: Well there were a couple of interesting comments I kind of had this whole idea about critical intersection capacity and a study in 1994 and then more recently and as a result of the more recently we installed something in 1996 and I am like wow is this dated.

Mr. Yost: Exactly. It was updated and --- the data because data was collected in 2002 I believe.

Mr. McKenney: That was my big question kind of throughout this is did the County come out and do something that we can get more data on.

Mr. Yost: State did.

Mr. McKenney: State did that ok.

Mr. Yost: And also both of these subdivisions had to do highway studies so you should probably incorporate some of that in there of what the traffic will be like from the other developments.

Mr. Zachrel: He commented earlier where some of these capacities really doesn't fit Poolesville and these capacities are the capacities that got the traffic problems elsewhere in the State and County.

Mr. Yost: Unfortunately I think they are speaking to the State Highway this time for the intersection of Wootton and Fisher, we have no jurisdiction we have to go by those guidelines unfortunately. I had the argument myself with the head of State Highway out here and in that intersection about that, the way that they gage us relative to how they gage people on Randolph and Georgia.

Mr. Zachrel: Exactly and then even based on what I am seeing here you think about the quality of life in Poolesville not judging us against Rockville or Gaithersburg or Germantown but really judging ourselves against ourselves, you know my first thought is when these communities come on board I would think just a conservative estimate would be another 800 or some cars and that I think is being very conservative 800 some cars on our roads and just trying to get out of some of this stuff now, the traffic in or around the high school especially with that Ride-on bus that just sits there and waits for his shift to start it just really starts getting congested there.

Mr. Yost: Well that is the things we need to address and how should we look at them and keep talking.

Mr. Zachrel: I remember one morning there was a truck trying to make a turn at the stop, couldn't make it, it just basically shut Poolesville down at the 4 way stop there and if we could I don't know if we can ask that bus driver if he could start, wait for his shift to start maybe somewhere else instead of sitting right there because literally the bus is stopped until it is clear enough for them to go around and that just backs up that whole turn in the mornings, without the bus being there 2 way traffic, when the bus is there the school bus cannot it has to go into the other lane so they don't clip mirrors.

Mr. Yost: Yeah.

Mr. McKenney: All right so what it sounds like we should probably do is be prepared to talk about this in great detail next meeting.

Mr. Zachrel: Should we start at 5:00?

Mr. McKenney: Well we have Wade's comments can you email that commented version out?

Mr. Yost: Sure.

Mr. McKenney: And that will probably take up a lot of everybody's comments and thoughts because I notice whole sections here that just seem old or not consistent with what we are doing so they are probably just going to come out or just might get updated.

Mr. Yost: Right I am going to have to have some have John Strong he has all that data let him have all that input.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah and then I think it is just a function of what do we want to add and what do we want to do, one of the things that I kind of regret now is this whole idea that if we have anymore subdivisions we require that when they pave that they put in traffic calming devices or speed humps or speed whatever and we won't have to hope that they go and do it later or we pay for it when it gets repaved. Same thing I mean I would put in to add subdivisions are repaved that we incorporate as necessary...

Mr. Yost: Yeah I think we need to have that language in there.

Mr. McKenney: It needs to state somewhere that we intend to do that but we don't have it written anywhere. So if we push this off because I think we are already at 9:25 here Jim do you have any other old business?

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Brown: I can just go over what we did at the last Commissioners meeting.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Brown: Interesting meeting because it was basically just all public hearings talking about different items that we have been working on. It included just a public hearing on the budget as well as the tax rate, we got some really interesting conversation as you know Doug you were there. The feedback from the usual people that always have interesting feedback, we also had a public hearing on an Ordinance to add provisions regulating alternative energy systems, which surprisingly it was good feedback from a lot of the residents surprisingly more feedback on geothermal than I thought we would get on it. And then we also had a public hearing on Ordinance No. 180 to talk about to add requirements for underground storage tanks and I don't believe we had anybody on that. We announced that we are only having one meeting this month right now which will be

April 12 next Monday night, approved our minutes, we made an appointment to the Board of Elections that was Sharon Armstrong and we heard of our committee reports and then we adjourned to a budget work session where we basically came to an agreement about the direction of the budget, that is it.

Mr. McKenney: Tim Pike says the CEDC I don't think met this month because they had people on vacation or didn't have a quorum. No big changes, no big news, the only thing they are working on is this Business Fair.

Mr. Yost: And they are working on, they are going to have a presentation after the reallocation of money for the Farmers' Market they want to do, they are tossing that back and forth quite a bit they are going to do it every Friday night throughout the summer, now I think they have tuned it back to just once a month for 3 or 4 months during the summer and they want to do it on Friday night and have concerts on Friday nights simultaneously try to get a whole big community thing going on.

Mr. Brown: Car show.

Mr. McKenney: So you think they will get a buy in from residents along the one way street here on a Friday night you close off that street for what you call pool cars and let them park in a line there.

Mr. Brown: I am sure I can get the car community to come back out again.

Mr. McKenney: I think you could get the residents there to...

Mr. Brown: It would be difficult because they would all have to park one behind each other and nobody could leave at the same time, we would have to work out something.

Mr. Yost: That is just --- you see how far you can peel out.

Mr. Brown: I feel a challenge coming on.

Mr. McKenney: Skatepark?

Mr. Zachrel: Well we have actually already talked a little bit about that I think we are looking for concrete probably within the next week or possibly the week after that.

Mr. Yost: Yeah hopefully not too long. As we said all the mounds are all in place and packed down.

Mr. Zachrel: Yeah and they said they were ready to, I can't remember what term he used, it wasn't motivate.

Mr. Yost: Mobilize.

Mr. Zachrel: They were ready to mobilize. So that should be happening soon and I think the opening date was sometime in June.

Mr. Yost: We are still sticking with late June.

Mr. Brown: The night before school let out.

Mr. Yost: So we need to get with Cathy she is our event planner to help us...

Mr. McKenney: Right I think we were going to try to do something from here but I don't know if anybody has, I certainly haven't grabbed that brass ring.

Mr. Zachrel: I've been trying to put together some thoughts and trying to line up some local skate shops that could come out and give away...

Mr. Yost: Yeah and Cathy had talked to some other skate store in Gaithersburg in the mall and they want to come out.

Mr. Zachrel: Pitcrew in Frederick they are in and then we are talking to a couple of east coast pros.

Mr. Brown: You know it probably should be I mean I would love to have, we have to worry a little bit about having competing skate companies like Pitcrew I don't know if that is smart or not...

Mr. Yost: They don't care.

Mr. Brown: They don't care if their competitors are there right along side of them passing out the swag.

Mr. Zachrel: No not at all.

Mr. Brown: Ok good sounds good to me.

Mr. McKenney: We ought to at least let them know who all is going to be there so they can prepare for whatever they want to do, but if they are willing to show up or whatever do it. Are we going to have any kind of ribbon cutting ceremony, is Dr. Dillingham going to...

Mr. Yost: Well I think Senator Garagiola should be the one, well that is a good question.

Mr. Brown: Both of them.

Mr. Yost: That is fine.

Mr. Brown: That would be appropriate throw out the first board.

Mr. McKenney: Whichever one of the two of you goes down in the thing and doesn't come back up...

Mr. Brown: I'll hold the camera or have the camera aimed down from above I guess. Well lets get with Cathy to talk about that really she should be the one that kind of coordinates it with our ideas and that is what she is here for.

Mr. Zachrel: And again I was just trying to hook up with the free prizes, the free giveaways and get a couple of pros in if we can.

Mr. Brown: If you can Butch that would be the best is if you could line up one or two pros and then...

Mr. Yost: If we can get that lined up pretty quick because June is going to be on us really quick and we are going to want to advertize this and have their names and stuff on the postcard we make up.

Mr. Zachrel: We have to get on the Senator's schedule.

Mr. Yost: Right this will be difficult to do at this point because until they get started, until they show up on site.

Mr. Brown: Well the 19<sup>th</sup> of June is a Saturday, we could target that date and that is the week after school lets out, that is the first Saturday after school lets out, I think we should target that date and have that be the one to see if, can Cathy see if the Senator's schedule is clear for that day or if he is available. And then we will start leaning telling Brad that is our date that we are looking for and make sure they mobilize.

Mr. McKenney: And you know you are going to want power for that day anyway.

Mr. Yost: Yeah I have generators and stuff.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah otherwise you run generators.

Mr. Yost: I have generators that is quiet enough if it is sitting right here...

Mr. Zachrel: Yeah and I have access to a silent one as well.

Mr. Yost: I am sure they are going to want to play some music and kids up there dancing.

Mr. Zachrel: You would be surprised. You know what they were skating to, the number one skate song is Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass don't ask me why, I heard that start blasting over and I am like oh my gosh you got to be kidding me and I was reading in some magazine that that is the kind of like the number one skate band that is consistently played you know everybody has their own little and I am like because it just goes, I was surprised or it is the age of the skaters.

Mr. McKenney: Any other business.

Mr. Yost: Tim Pike did want me to bring up that he is working with a guy from Peter from over there...

Mr. McKenney: Oh yeah for Kaboom...

Mr. Yost: He did the basketball court at the end of McKernon and you can see in the Master Plan there they talk about lets extend that road as soon as possible, which I don't know why you would really want to do that.

Mr. Brown: We should put that on the agenda I think that is a worthy item.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah that is what I told him too you should probably put it on for a May agenda item, there is only half of us here and we probably need to flesh it out a little bit more plus what the impact might be, may not be, whatever and then go from there, but thanks for reminding me.

Mr. Brown: And it is no coincidence that his kids both won awards at our PBA Banquet a couple weeks ago.

Mr. Zachrel: So think how much better they would be with a court right there.

Mr. Brown: I know I think it is a good Kaboom funding situation.

Mr. Yost: I guess you better contact most of the neighbors too make sure they don't want to hear it.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. McKenney: All right entertain a motion.

Mr. Zachrel: I make a motion.

Mr. Carmack: Second.

Mr. McKenney: To?

Mr. Zachrel: Adjourn.

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

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed, motion carries no abstentions.

