

Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 2, 2019

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm

Present: Dave Buemi, Linda Dodge, Jere Glover, Neal Hoffman, Lewis Linker, Suzy Lutz, and Carol Tabak

Absent: Rob Greve, Bev Hemminger, and Gary Mols

Community Comment Period: 7:03pm  
No community comments.

President's Report – Linda Dodge

Linda expressed her appreciation for board members that were able to attend this evening's meeting. It is her intent to try to conclude the board meeting by 8pm due to the holiday weekend. Neal Hoffman made a motion for the Board to not have a meeting in the month of August. This motion was seconded by Dave Buemi. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report – Dave Buemi

ARPOA took down 12 trees in Ogleton Woods that were dead due to concern about them being dangerous to walkers in the woods. Four more trees need to come down at Dead Man's Curve. Dave wants to consult with Doug Minion, Forest Steward, to confirm the trees in question. There is at least one, and possibly more trees requiring removal located at Eden Lane and Carrollton Rd. due to potential for them to fall on structures, electrical wires, and/or the roadway. Per Steve Stroetzel, the removal may require a crane, as well as assistance from BG&E, due to wires being entangled in the tree limbs.

Monica Maynard, Master Gardener, obtained a delay for the start of work at the Overlook parking lot. The reworked design needs to be submitted by September 20<sup>th</sup>. The new date pushes work back to wintertime, when the Overlook is not used so much by community members.

Dave intends to meet with Maryanne Mento, Master Gardener, about the disintegrating steps at Gibb Park were only installed a couple of years earlier. Maryanne would like to replace the steps with sections of small logs as were done originally, but Linda Dodge would like a safer and longer lasting option. Carol Tabak made a motion to reinstate the former Gibb Park Committee, which was seconded by Suzy Lutz. The motion passed unanimously. Future discussions would include Linda, Maryanne, and neighbors to the Gibb Park area.

Pertaining to the vagrant boaters anchored in Lake Ogleton, the sunken boat was removed by the Department of Natural Resources. The remaining floating boat has switched moorings a couple of times. Officer Matt Hall from AA Co Police, an ARPOA secondary officer, should be thanked for moving the process along.

Linda circled back with a question about trees for which ARPOA is responsible. She observed that in Ogleton Woods, damage to trees can occur due to storm water runoff, as well as insects, age, blight, etc. Some trees are adjacent to the property of homeowners. This places both people and structures at risk. She asked how do we prioritize which trees need attention? Dave said he would talk to the Forest Steward, Doug Minion, about how best to proceed. Linda reminded the board that we have had damage to two residents' properties due to trees from the Ogleton Woods falling, one on an owner's fence and another on an owner's shed. Carol Tabak asked if we need to leave the downed trees in Ogleton Woods laying where they fall? Dave answered that yes, the downed trees become habitat.

#### Treasurer's Report – Neal Hoffman

Neal has no financial report for this month. However, he stated, there is one critical item to bring to the Board's attention: he has been waiting for the second biennial check from Anne Arundel County to come in which has been delayed. As it turns out, the funds are actually being withheld due to an audit. The language on an invoice was noted to be incorrect. At this point the invoice was paid out of ARPOA funds. When the check in question is finally cut to ARPOA, we need to reimburse SCBD funds. Neal is now waiting for the County to release the funds. Neal remind board members to make sure that when engaging vendors for work or services the vendor is clear on the purpose of the work and invoices are consistent with that work.

Neal stated that he anticipates having the June financial report completed by the weekend.

Deanna Britton of Carrollton Road has contacted the board requesting that she remove a part of a tree that sits on ARPOA property. The tree hangs significantly over her house and yard. ARPOA has agreed and will only incur the cost taking down an 8' trunk.

#### Pavilion Committee – Linda Dodge for Rob Greve

There is concern about people removing the heavy pavilion furniture out from under pavilion into the lawn area which eliminates seating within the pavilion. It was noted that dragging the 50-pound chairs around loosens the nuts and bolts that hold the structure of the furniture together.

Dave noted that the welds on the metal picnic tables were breaking from repeatedly being dragged and repositioned around the Overlook property. The tables were purchased and placed at the Overlook in 2009.

Linda commented that perhaps we need a design for a mulched area on the lawn to permanently place additional chairs outside of the pavilion for people to sit in the sun.

Lewis Linker commented that the Pavilion Committee was very careful to pick out furniture that was heavy and sturdy.

Linda proposed purchasing 6 new chairs. However, where do we position the mulched area?

Lewis made a motion that we get 6 Adirondack chairs to be located outside of the pavilion, with a mulched area to be determined. The motion was seconded by Jere Glover. The motion passed by majority. Dave Buemi was a dissenting vote.

Unfinished Business:

Dave Buemi has decided he can no longer be Vice President due to work and career commitments. He requested to be relieved of his vice presidential responsibilities and moved into a Board of Directors position. Jere Glover so moved. The motion was seconded by Neal Hoffman, and passed unanimously.

Linda Dodge nominated Trip Buckenmaier to the Vice President's position. Jere Glover made the motion to accept Trip as vice president, which was seconded by Carol Tabak. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda thanked Dave for his work and attention to the community as Vice President.

Comment on Beach Remediation:

Linda stated that a committee is being stood up to narrow down and propose recommendations for the ARPOA community to consider, and what may be appropriate options, including no action. Linda stated that this committee would be chartered, all research would be fact based, and that options could only be put forth in an unbiased manner. Options for solutions based on opinion would not be considered.

A chairperson is needed for this committee, and Linda would like to kick off the committee in September.

Carol Tabak asked what the status of was of community road paving. While Steve Stroetzal got a quote on the paving, Neal stated that this project was on-hold due to lack of funds. Linda commented that there is a benefit to having the road paving done as a package in conjunction with AA County.

Jere Glover stated that we should pursue opportunities to obtain grant money to assist with ARPOA storm water management issues. Linda commented that grant monies usually require matching funds from the community.

Tom Gough, a neighbor from Queen Anne Circle, requested to be recognized by the Board. He stated that he was not here in the winter and wondered what happened to the front entrance signage plan? Linda stated that the plan is on hold pending reorganization. Trip Buckenmaier offered to head up a new group. Gary Mols will be consulted regarding his interest and availability to help with the new committee.

Neal Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting, the motion was seconded by Carol Tabak. The vote was unanimous in favor of concluding the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.