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April 7, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Committee on the Environment

FROM: Scott Gole, Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture 

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the Committee on the Environment will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2017. ***For those that can attend, we will be meeting at the South Valley Park Parking Lot at 6:30pm to look at the Tree Montgomery plantings that were installed last year. We will be back at North Creek Community Center for the regularly scheduled Committee on the Environment meeting by 7:30pm.*** If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact me at 301-948-0110, ext. 2336 or by e-mail to sgole@mvf.org.

SG/tg



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COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

AGENDA

1. Residents' Time
2. Call Meeting to Order
3. Chairman's Remarks
4. Review Minutes of Meeting January 11, 2017 -- (Enclosure 4)
5. Board Liaison Report
6. New Business
 - a. Recommendation for Committee Chairperson -- (Enclosure 6a)
 - b. Coordination of Annual Goose Count - June 24, 2017
7. Old Business
 - a. Update on Tree Montgomery Plantings at MVF Parks and Facilities
 - b. Lake Whetstone Outfall Tower Repairs Update
 - c. Update on Potential Stormwater Management Grant Projects
8. Environmental News Updates
9. Arbor Day Celebration -- April 22, 2017 North Creek Lake Park Nature Center -- 9 am
10. Next meeting date -- July 12, 2017

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Montgomery Village Foundation
Committee on the Environment
January 11, 2017

A regular meeting of the Montgomery Village Foundation Committee on the Environment was held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the North Creek Community Center, Montgomery Village, MD.

Members Present

Claudette Lease, Chairman
 Nancy Farrar
 Tim Goodfellow
 Ed Ohanian
 Jeannie Pizzonia
 Tom Vetter

Members Absent

Scott Dyer, Board Liaison
 Patricia Johnson
 Mario Salazar
 Orlow Zumwalt

Others Present

Scott Gole, MVF Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture
 Sarah Albert, Recording Secretary
 2 residents

Residents' Time

Mr. Wilder addressed the Committee about the evergreens that were planted near Lake Whetstone. He stated that it was important to add evergreens as an addition to the deciduous trees.

Mr. Wilder asked about the swan at Lake Whetstone. Ms. Pizzonia stated that there was a swan for about two weeks, but left when the water level was lowered.

Mr. Wilder asked about the coordination between the Committee on the Environment and the Communication and Recreation Committees. He stated that the three committees could coordinate ongoing efforts.

Mr. Wilder asked about the dredging project being conducted at the storm water pond near the Cider Mill Apartments off Mid-County Highway. Mr. Gole stated that this area was not a Montgomery Village Foundation property. He believed that it was a stormwater management pond for Horizon Run Condominium, but that he would investigate the work being conducted.

Ms. Farrar said that the annual Environmental Legislative Summit was scheduled for Thursday, January 26th from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Miller Senate Office Building on Bladen Street in Annapolis. She explained that the event would include presentations about environmental issues, as well as highlight environmental priorities for the 2017 Maryland General Assembly session.

Ms. Wilder stated that the Montgomery County Storm Water Partners would be conducting a meeting on January 19th.

Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Lease, chairman presided. She called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

Chairman's Remarks

Ms. Lease welcomed members of the Committee on the Environment back for the 2017 year. She thanked all of the great volunteers on this panel. Ms. Lease added that the Committee does great work, has a great leader, and that she hopes for a successful year.

Review Minutes of Meeting October 12, 2016

Ms. Lease asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes.

Ms. Pizzonia moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 committee meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Board Liaison Report

No report.

Old Business

a. Update on Tree Montgomery Plantings at MVF Parks and Facilities

Mr. Gole stated that Tree Montgomery had planted many trees throughout Montgomery Village during the fall. He followed-up with the Committee regarding a question about the trees' warranty. He explained that Tree Montgomery would monitor the trees for about 2 ½-3 years. Mr. Gole stated that the trees would be replaced if they die during this time frame. He added that about 75 trees, each 10-12 feet tall, had been planted.

Mr. Gole said that Tree Montgomery is a program that the Village can continue to work with and that a goal of the program is to add canopy shading to asphalt areas, tot lots, paths, and other recreational areas. He added that information about the program can be found by going to the website of the Montgomery County Department of the Environment.

b. Lake Whetstone Outfall Tower Repairs Update

Mr. Gole updated the Committee about the repairs to the outfall tower at Lake Whetstone. He explained that repairs began at the end of October 2016. He said that the concrete work was nearly completed and that the concrete would take 28 days to cure.

Mr. Gole stated that the sluice gate, which is a mechanism that allows water to be drained from the lake, needed to be replaced. The sluice gate will be installed on the outfall tower after the concrete has cured. He said that once the gate is installed, the lake will fill back to its normal level. Mr. Gole stated that the lake would fill from stream flow and rain, when the work is completed in mid-February.

Ms. Pizzonia asked whether Lake Whetstone would be restocked with fish. Ms. Pizzonia stated that several areas were muddy and expressed concern for the fish and turtles. She added that she was pleased to see how clean the area was when the water was lowered; there were very few bottles and other debris.

Environmental News Updates

Mr. Goodfellow thanked Mr. Gole for working with the Tree Montgomery Program to ensure that new trees were planted in Montgomery Village. He asked about trees being planted in three other previously identified areas of Montgomery Village. Mr. Goodfellow requested that two trees be replanted in each of these areas. Mr. Gole explained that the Montgomery Village Board did not appropriate specific funds for tree plantings at these sites, as they first wanted to see the results of the Tree Montgomery Program.

Mr. Gole will schedule a tree walk prior to the April Committee meeting to view the newly planted trees from the Tree Montgomery Program at South Valley Park and to look at the other previously identified areas.

Ms. Pizzonia asked about the installation of play equipment at Lake Whetstone. Mr. Gole stated that pricing of the equipment was being researched, and that there had been meetings with the Recreation Committee and the South Village Homes Corporation regarding the equipment. She asked to be kept informed of the selection, to make sure that the pieces are as natural as possible.

Mr. Goodfellow asked about the environmental impact of the proposed development plans for the former golf course, and if public hearings had been held yet with the county on the proposed development. Mr. Gole said that he believed there would be public hearings sometime this spring but to check the Village News or MVF website for more information and updates.

Mr. Gole stated that Montgomery County is soliciting proposals from contractors for stormwater management projects to help them to fulfill their requirements for renewal of the

MS4 Permit, which is a storm sewer system permit. This permit is regulated by the federal government, through the Clean Water Act. Each county is issued a permit that mandates the county to meet certain water quality standards. The county receives credits under the permit for treating untreated or inadequately treated impervious acreage. These credits assist the County in meeting the permit requirements. The current MS4 permit expires in 2020. He stated that there was a company which has looked at several potential stormwater management projects in Montgomery Village.

Mr. Gole stated that there are two areas under consideration. One area is behind the Foundation office, and the other area is in North Creek Lake Park off Maple Leaf Drive. Both areas have untreated stormwater discharges that are creating erosion channels. If the proposals are accepted, the projects would have to be completed before July 2020. If awarded, the County would pay for these improvements.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting for the Committee on the Environment will be held on April 12, 2017 at North Creek Community Center.

Adjournment

**Ms. Farrar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.
The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The reports, authorizations and other documents presented at the meeting have been initialed for identification and attached hereto or filed in the Montgomery Village Foundation offices.

/s/

**Sarah Albert
Recording Secretary**

MVF Committee on the Environment

Results of January 11, 2017 Meeting

Motion List

- 1. Ms. Pizzonia moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 committee meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- 2. Ms. Farrar Ms. Farrar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Action List

_____ Mr. Gole will investigate the dredging work being conducted at the storm water pond near the Horizon Run Condos across from Nathan's Place.

_____ Mr. Gole will keep Ms. Pizzonia apprised of play equipment purchase and installation at Lake Whetstone.

_____ Mr. Gole will check with the Whetstone Homes Corporation regarding the roadway leading to the lake and the replacement of the boat dock.

_____ Mr. Gole will contact the local Audubon Society about taking a bird count of the Herons.

_____ Mr. Gole will schedule a tree walk prior to the April meeting to review the newly planted trees in South Valley Park.



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April 7, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Committee on the Environment

FROM: Scott Gole, Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture

SUBJECT: Recommendation for COE Chairperson

The MVF Board of Directors annually confirms committee chairs, typically at their April meeting. As such, the COE will need to make a recommendation for committee chair at the April COE meeting.

SG/tg