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April 6, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Committee on the Environment

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

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice

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The next meeting of the Committee on the Environment will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm. **Due to the current Covid-19 situation, this will again be a virtual meeting to be accessed through Zoom. To join the meeting via your computer, enter the link below. To join the meeting on your phone, call the number below and follow the prompts. I am sending the COE packet via email as well. 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](mailto:sgole@mvf.org).**

SG/tg

### **Zoom Meeting info:**

**Topic: Committee on the Environment**  
**Time: Apr 14, 2021 07:30 PM**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/91516304443>**

**Meeting ID: 915 1630 4443**

**Join Zoom meeting by phone:**  
**301-715-8592**



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## **COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **ZOOM MEETING**

#### **AGENDA**

1. Residents' Time
2. Call Meeting to Order
3. Chairman's Remarks
4. Review Minutes of Meeting January 13, 2020 (Enclosure 4a)
5. Board Liaison Report
6. New Business
  - a. Recommendation for Committee Chairperson (Enclosure 6a)
  - b. Coordination of Annual Goose Count - June 26, 2021
  - c. MVF Organizational Green Plan Development
7. Old Business
  - a. Save Our Streams Program Training - April 23, 2021
  - b. Trail and Park Map Update
  - c. Lake Whetstone Toe Drain Replacement Project Update
8. Environmental News Updates
9. Next meeting date – July 14, 2021

**Montgomery Village Foundation  
Committee on the Environment  
January 13, 2021**

A virtual Zoom meeting of the Montgomery Village Foundation Committee on the Environment was held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

**Members Present**

Claudette Lease, Chairman  
Nancy Farrar  
Ed Ohanian  
Jeannie Pizzonia  
Mario Salazar

**Members Absent**

Scott Dyer, Board Liaison  
Tim Goodfellow  
Kimberly Salbany  
Tom Vetter

**Others Present**

Scott Gole, MVF Assistant Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture  
Amy Roswurm, MVF Assistant Parks and Property Manager  
1 resident

**Residents' Time**

Jane Wilder stated that she appreciates the environment in Montgomery Village and that was a major reason she and her husband moved to the Village. She thanked the committee for their efforts and said that she joins the meetings to keep in touch with the committee and hear what is going on environmentally in the Village.

COE member Jeannie Pizzonia requested to speak as a resident and asked that the Montgomery Village Foundation consider the purchase and installation of some concrete checkers / chess tables to be placed in Lake Whetstone Park. She said that she would send staff pictures of the type of table she is requesting. She also stated that she would like to see perennials planted in a couple of places at Lake Whetstone Park where annuals are normally planted. She said that she thought it would save money not having to plant annuals twice a year, only to be dug up and thrown away. She felt that maybe residents could donate excess perennials from their gardens. Mr. Gole suggested that she talk to Ron Schroers about this as he oversees the maintenance of the park.

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Ms. Lease called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

## **Chairman's Remarks**

Ms. Lease noted that she believes the trail and park map that staff is developing is a great idea and will benefit the residents of the Village.

## **Review Minutes of Meeting October 14, 2020**

**Ms. Farrar moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 committee meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

## **Board Liaison's Report**

Due to the absence of the Board Liaison, there was no Board Liaison's Report

## **Old Business**

### **a. Save Our Streams Program Update**

Mr. Gole gave a brief summary of the presentation by Mr. Bill Roberts from Save Our Streams at the October 2020 COE meeting. Mr. Gole stated that MVF would sponsor the stream monitoring site located at Montgomery Village Avenue and Stewarttown Road. He added that Mr. Roberts would provide monitoring training to COE volunteers this spring, and that the COE volunteers would need to pick a date for the training. The consensus among the members was that a weekday afternoon in late April was preferable. Mr. Gole will send the Committee dates and times to choose from. Mr. Ohanian asked if student volunteers that participate in future monitoring could be recognized in some way. Mr. Gole said that they would be eligible to receive Student Service Learning hours, which are required for high school graduation.

### **b. Trail and Park Map Update**

Ms. Roswurm stated that the MVF Recreation Committee has also reviewed the draft of the MVF trail and park map and were supportive of the format. She added that since the last COE meeting, she has added many more trails and features. She stated that COE members were sent a link to the draft map and asked to try it out and provide their input.

Several members asked if natural trails would be included in the map, such as the worn trail at the back of Lake Whetstone and the worn trail behind North Creek Lake that leads to the Seneca Greenway Trail. She replied that the focus is currently on the asphalt trails in the Village. She pointed out that some of the natural trails are not entirely on MVF property and that there were possible safety issues as they are not maintained. She noted that if in the future natural trails are included in the map, it would be important to make sure permission was obtained from property owners where the trail may pass through, and that natural trails were safe and useable. Mr. Salazar noted that there were several asphalt trails in the Whetstone community that were not on the map. He also pointed out that some of these paths have stairs, in which a person in a wheelchair would not be able to navigate. He felt that trails with steps should be indicated in some way. Ms. Farrar suggested that trails that had steep inclines should also be flagged. Ms. Roswurm requested that COE members send her locations of trails in the Village that they are aware of which are not shown on the map so she can include them.

### **Environmental News Updates**

Ms. Farrar stated that the John S. Ayton State Forest Nursery was accepting orders for spring planting. They offer low-cost seedlings of conifers and deciduous trees and shrubs. She also noted that the annual Environmental Legislative Summit is scheduled for January 26 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. She mentioned that this a free event and would be held virtually. She provided links with information on both the state forest nursery and the Environmental Legislative Summit.

Ms. Pizzonia noted that she thinks the water level is higher than normal at Lake Whetstone, and that it may be causing erosion. Mr. Gole said he could not think of a reason it would be high, but staff would check on it.

Mr. Gole reported that repairs to the Lake Whetstone Dam toe drains would begin this spring. He stated this was a Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection project, and that they would be hosting a virtual information meeting for the public regarding the project in February. Mr. Gole said he would send the Committee more information regarding how to log in to the meeting when it became available. Mr. Gole also mentioned that WSSC would be replacing a water line under the southbound lane of Montgomery Village Avenue across the Lake Whetstone Dam at the end of the year or early next year.

Mr. Ohanian noted that late at night cars and motorcycles were racing on the golf course development near his home.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting for the Committee on the Environment will be held on April 14, 2021.

### **Adjournment**

**Ms. Pizzonia moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

### **Motion List**

- 1. Ms. Farrar moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 committee meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**
- 2. Ms. Pizzonia moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**



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April 8, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Committee on the Environment

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

SUBJECT: Recommendation for COE Chairperson

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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/np