

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**December 4, 2017**

Chairperson Michelle Wood called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included LaTonya Bland, Fred Johnston, Allison Sultan, and Student Member Noah Sutker Board Member. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were 6 audience members.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of November 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** A Hawthorn resident expressed concern about the lack of maintenance of a property on Sunny Spring. Ms. Kulesza noted that the property was currently being reviewed under the covenant enforcement process. Another resident asked if there was a process to require residents to shovel their sidewalks particularly along school walk routes. Ms. Kulesza noted that Howard County requires that sidewalks be cleared within 48 hours of a snow event. She encouraged residents to call the police non-emergency number for enforcement. If the property belongs to a large entity such as an apartment complex, the village office can intervene to request that the shoveling be done.
4. **New Business:**
  - A. **Hickory Ridge Community Resource Officer (PFC J. Gabe Simcox):** Officer Simcox attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Board. He noted that he is assigned to Wilde Lake and Hickory Ridge. Residents asked about problems related to a particular house and wondered how they might be notified regarding crimes being committed at that location. Public Information puts out regular updates on area crime. He offered to send more series crime information to Ms. Kulesza on a regular basis. A question was asked about an uptick in fights at the high schools. He noted that these are not related to gang issues but rather of a personal nature between various students. Student Member Noah Sutker filled in the Board on his views of the issue. It was noted that the school staff and Police Resource Officers are being pro-active on the situation.
  - B. **Proposed Pickleball Courts at Hawthorn (Earl Sneeringer, Hawthorn resident):** Mr. Sneeringer introduced himself as Vice President of the Howard County Pickleball Association. He explained the game and the growing interest in pickleball. He is very much in favor of having courts at Hawthorn as there is only one outdoor public location in all of Howard County. Ms. Kulesza noted that she is collecting and compiling responses both for and against the possible removal of the basketball court and the construction of pickleball courts. A resident expressed concern about the potential loss of the basketball court at Hawthorn as it serves a significant need for teens in the area. The consensus in the room was that both uses could be appropriate at Hawthorn and could be part of a "complex" of activities along with the park, the tot-lot, the pool and The Hawthorn Center. Ms. Kulesza will ask CA to consider providing both uses at the site.
5. **Old Business:** None.

**6. Reports:**

- A. CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind did not attend the meeting and sent no official report. He did forward to the Board information about the various CA Advisory Groups.
- B. Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She informed the Board that the Technical Staff Report for the village center project will be available by December 15 in order to provide an opportunity to draft a response at the December 18 meeting.

**7. Board Comments:** There were no Board Comments.

**8. Action Items:** From time to time, staff will include reminders about snow shoveling in the LOG. Ms. Kulesza will contact CA regarding the possibility of having both basketball and pickleball at Hawthorn.

**9. Executive Session:** At XXXpm, Mr. Johnston made a motion to close the meeting to discuss personnel matters. Ms. Sultan seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Those present during the executive session were LaTonya Bland, Fred Johnston, Allison Sultan and Michelle Wood. At XXXpm, somebody made a motion to reopen the meeting. The only action taken during the meeting was the approval of holiday bonuses for Association staff members.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at XXXpm by Ms. Wood.