

**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2018**

Chairperson Michelle Wood called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included LaTonya Bland, Fred Johnston, and Allison Sultan. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There were 11 audience members.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of January 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Announcement of Closed Meeting held January 30, 2018 and Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2018.** The Closed Meeting of the Hickory Ridge Community Association Board of Directors was held under the Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111 (4)(iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. The minutes of the meeting were approved.
4. **Resident Speak Out:** A resident read a statement where he expressed disappointment with the Village Board for not acknowledging that some residents support the redevelopment plan for the village center. He was also concerned that the Board is using village funds to pay for an attorney to represent the Board position. A second resident asked the purpose of the recent closed meeting and was told that it was on the advice of counsel. This resident also reiterated that his views have not been represented by the Board position. A third resident noted that according to the MD HOA Act, the Board has the right to counsel in a closed session.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Donation Request—WLHS After Prom Party:** The board moved to donate \$500 to the Wilde Lake High School After Prom Party.
 - B. **Election Committee Chair Appointment:** The board voted to approve Jim Loesch as the chair of the Village Election Committee.
 - C. **Entertain a motion to hold a closed meeting of the Hickory Ridge Community Association Board of Directors on February 7, 2018.** The meeting will be held under the Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111(4)(iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. After some questions from residents, Ms. Sultan motioned to approve the closed meeting. Mr. Johnston seconded. The Board voted 4-0 to hold the meeting.
 - D. **Entertain a motion to hold a closed meeting of the Hickory Ridge Community Association Board of Directors on February 15, 2018.** The meeting will be held under the Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111(4)(iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. Ms. Sultan motioned to approve the closed meeting. Ms. Bland seconded. The Board voted 4-0 to hold the meeting.

6. Old Business:

- A. Pickleball and Half Basketball Court at Hawthorn:** Ms. Kulesza provided the board with a newly revised plan that would replace the existing basketball court with a pickleball court and construct a half basketball court near the rear of the pool fence. Several nearby residents expressed concern about the relocation noting that sound would still be an issue wherever the court was located. Moving the basketball court would solve one problem for the playground but create a new one for residents. Concern was expressed that the young users of the basketball court will not have anywhere to go if it is removed. After additional discussion, the Board recommended making no change at this time but continue to monitor the issue next summer.

7. Reports:

- A. CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind was not in attendance but sent his report. He noted that the CA Board approved a number of transfer and easement requests in the downtown area. The Board also directed CA Staff to draft a mission statement for a new Environmental/Sustainability Advisory Committee to address climate change. The next Board meeting on February 8 will include on-going budget discussions and a presentation of the proposed Erickson community in Clarksville.
- B. Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She noted that interviews for a new special events coordinator had gone well. CA is working on a new management contract for the community centers. Land Use updates included the proposed water pumping station on Cedar Lane, a cell tower at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, and the proposed Brightview Assisted Living adjacent to Martin Road Park. Follow-up was requested on a trash problem noted at the previous meeting. It was requested that the Board write a letter to Public Works regarding providing advance warning of water shut-offs for repairs.

- 8. Board Comments:** Ms. Wood attended the Board Chairs meeting. There was discussion about the county's Bicycle Master Plan. The Board noted the resignation of Board Member Lisa Dean. Mr. Johnston noted that he would not attend the February 19 Board meeting due to work related international travel.

- 9. Action Items:** Ms. Kulesza will send a check to the WLMS-PTA. Staff will post photos on the website of the cell tower balloon fly from January 22. Staff will post signs in the community regarding the February 28 Zoning Board Hearing on the village center redevelopment. Ms. Kulesza will send a letter to the Department of Public Works regarding advance warning for water shut-offs. Ms. Kulesza will send the Board By-Law information about open board positions.

- 10. Entertain a motion to hold a closed meeting of the Hickory Ridge Community Association Board of Directors immediately after the February 5, 2018 Board Meeting.** The meeting will be held under the Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111(4)(iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. Ms. Sultan motioned to approve the closed meeting. Mr. Johnston seconded. The Board voted 4-0 to hold the meeting.

- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm by Ms. Wood.