

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2018

Chairperson Michelle Wood called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at The Hawthorn Center. Board members present included LaTonya Bland, Fred Johnston, Allison Sultan and Student Member Noah Sutker. CA Board of Directors Member Gregg Schwind was also in attendance. Also present was Anne Kulesza, Village Manager and Joan Lancos, Land Use Liaison. There was one audience member.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of April 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. **Resident Speak Out:** The Board was asked what constitutes a quorum for voting purposes and was told that three members are required for a quorum. The Student Member does not count towards the quorum.
4. **New Business:**
 - A. **Atholton High School Robotics Team Donation Request:** The Board received a letter requesting a donation to help sponsor the Robotics Team since they qualified for the World Competition in Detroit. The Board passed a motion to donate \$500 to the team.
5. **Old Business: None**
6. **Reports:**
 - A. **CA Board of Directors Report—Gregg Schwind:** Mr. Schwind explained that several aging neighborhoods centers in Columbia are being evaluated for closing due to the high cost of upkeep. He also noted the important role those centers have in serving the residents of Columbia. All agreed that there had been a significant lack of communication on the part of CA to both the villages and the nursery schools who use the centers. The issue will be further discussed before any decisions are made. Mr. Schwind also reminded the Board that the Athletic Club will be closed for several months of renovations. Classes and programs are being accommodated at other facilities.
 - B. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Kulesza provided her report. She reminded the Board members about the Open House which Board members plan to attend. She went over aspects of the proposed Management Contract. She thanked all Board members for their service during the past year.
7. **Board Comments:** Ms. Bland stated that it had been a pleasure serving on the Board. Mr. Johnston agreed and thanked Ms. Wood for her ten years of service. Ms. Sultan noted that trash has been accumulating around the bus stops on Freetown Road. She said that she had attended Searching for Spring the previous Saturday and found it well-organized and fun for her young son. She thanked the other Board members for their service. Mr. Sutker thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as its student member. The Board wished him well on his college journey. Mr. Schwind thanked Ms. Wood for her diligence and concern and caring for the residents of Hickory Ridge.
8. **Action Items:** Ms. Kulesza will send the donation to AHS for the Robotics Team. Staff will follow up on the trash issue on Freetown Road.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm by Ms. Wood.