

January 3, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Keedysville Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm with the following members present: Mayor Ken Lord, Council Members Gina Ellis, Judy Kerns and Dave Bajuscak and Town Administrator Rick Bishop. Assistant Mayor Levey arrived at 7:20.

The minutes for December, 2017 were read and approved.

General Fund report was \$381,886.77

Mayor Lord noted the announcements listed on the agenda.

Mayor Lord noted the meeting with the Washington County Delegation regarding municipal needs and events for the upcoming Maryland legislative session. He said that Keedysville noted the 250th Keedysville Anniversary celebration and the upcoming SHA Urban Reconstruction Project.

Allan Mullendore, of Antietam Youth Athletic League, was present to make a proposal for his organization to become the primary user of Brandenburg Field. He said that his organization is willing to make upgrades to the field to make it useable for softball games. He added that they currently need space for games. He added that last year they used the field in Sharpsburg, but Sharpsburg chose not to renew the agreement with them. He said they would like to install an outfield fence 190' from home plate. Mr. Bajuscak suggested that the fence be removeable so that other groups could use it. Mr. Mullendore said that, in addition to the installation of an outfield fence his group would like to paint the dugouts and bleachers and skin the infield. He added that they are not looking for exclusive use of the field. They would be willing to share the field. Kacey Varney, of Boonsboro Area Athletic Association Lacrosse said they would like to use the field two days per week for practice. Ernie Harr, of South County Little League, said that, due to the size of his league, they are hoping to have time on the field for practices for T-ball. Mayor Lord suggested that a special meeting of the Mayor & Council be held to figure out what to do. Ms. Ellis suggested that Mr. Harr's group could use the field at the Keedysville School for T-ball practice. Mr. Mullendore said that he is concerned that without use of the field, his group would lose participants and that they are willing to work something out. More discussion was had. Mr. Bajuscak made a motion to hold a special meeting of the Mayor & Council to further discuss the matter. He added that the groups should provide their desired usage of the field. Mayor Lord suggested January 17 for the meeting. However, there was a conflict on that day. Mayor Lord then suggested to meet Wednesday, January 10th. The groups were again asked to submit their desired days of use of the field to Mr. Bishop. The groups agreed to the meeting date and time and said they could have representatives present. Ms. Kerns seconded Mr. Bajuscak's motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry & Eric Matson were present to discuss the possible options for their property along Rt. 34. Eric asked why the Town would not want to "de-annex" their property. Ms. Ellis asked what the Matson's are doing on the property, what is their desired use. Eric said that they are cleaning up debris that was deposited on the property. He said they are not developers and would like to use the property for some livestock and possibly other uses. He said that because of the current zoning for the property (SR) there is not much allowed. Mayor Lord said that the Town would prefer to keep the property within the Town limits and possibly create an agricultural zone for the property. Eric said that would be fine as long as any change would include what they wanted to do with the property. Mr. Levey asked if they had a vision of what might be done with the property "20 or 50 years from now". He suggested that an agricultural zone might not include all their possible desired uses of the property and that they should provide a wish list for the property to the Town. Mayor Lord said some research would be done.

Mr. Bishop said that Right Choice Roofing said the roofs in the park would be done by the end of the month.

Ms. Kerns wanted to know if the 250th Anniversary of Keedysville celebration was going to happen. She said that there was an available grant to help fund the celebration, but that it was a lengthy application and she didn't want to go through process without the guarantee it was going to happen. Mr. Bajuscak said that

the dates in the archives should be used. Mayor Lord and Ms. Kerns agreed. Ms. Ellis made a motion to proceed with plans for the celebration. Mr. Levey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop noted that the property at 15 So. Main St. is up for sale. He said that POS grant funds could be used to purchase the property and that he would put in a grant application for the acquisition. He noted that the Town also has Hotel Motel Tax funds that need to be used that could possibly be used to purchase the property. Mr. Bajuscak made a motion to pursue purchasing the property. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ellis said that a decision needed to be made about a Keedysville sign. Ms. Kerns said a committee should be formed. Ms. Kerns made a motion to have a sign and flag in place in six months. Mr. Levey seconded the motion. Mr. Bajuscak suggested that the design be done in 60 days. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Lord offered to the attendees to be on the committee. Amy Simmons volunteered.

Ms. Ellis noted the police response at Taylor Park on December 18. Ms. Kerns said she was not informed about this and asked to have the Mayor & Council informed of such actions. Mr. Bishop said he would. Ms. Ellis asked to have the cameras checked periodically for operation. Mr. Bishop said he would. Mr. Levey suggested that the cameras could be set up to be viewed remotely. It would be looked into.

Ms. Kerns made a motion to accept the Antietam Tree & Turf proposal for weed treatment for 2018. Ms. Ellis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dian Thomson said that she checked the plats online and Dan Ryan Builders did include on the plats the verbiage noting the easement restrictions on the properties in Stonecrest. She thanked the Town. She also requested that the Town maintain a list of motions passed, for easy review. Mayor Lord said it would be taken under advisement.

Carl French noted that there was no stop sign at the intersection of Stonecrest Circle and Dogstreet Rd. He was told that Dan Ryan Builders would be contacted and asked to install one.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.
Submitted,
Richard Bishop
Town Administrator