

**Lutherville Community Association
General Meeting
May 17, 2022, 7:00 PM ET
Timonium Fairgrounds, Vista Room
Minutes**

Presiding officer: Pamela Shaw, LCA President

Board members present: Terri Byrd, Debbie Darr, Mike DeLuca, Evan Mayfield, Amanda Mendat, Rita Nabhan, Pamela Shaw, Ernie Shea, Julie Szymaszek. About 55 community members were present.

7:06 pm meeting called to order

Debbie Darr, LCA secretary, confirmed that a quorum was present.

Minutes from the last General Meeting

Pamela reported that at the April 20, 2022 board meeting, the LCA board approved a motion to approve general meeting minutes at the next board meeting (rather than wait for the next general meeting) to ensure prompt posting of the approved minutes to the LCA website. Therefore, the March 2022 general meeting minutes were approved at the April 20, 2022 board meeting and have already been posted to the LCA website.

Treasurer's Report, Mike DeLuca

M&T Bank: \$5,910

T. Rowe Price: \$15,281

Additional volunteers are needed to audit the LCA's financials as noted in bylaws.

At the April 20, 2022 board meeting it was approved that dues will be \$25 per household beginning with fiscal year 2023. There will no longer be a \$15 individual membership. \$35 business membership will remain the same and increasing business memberships is an LCA priority. One attendee raised concern that \$25 may be too high for those on limited income.

Speakers:

Wade Kach, District 3 Baltimore County Council

Highlights from Councilman Kach's comments include:

At the last LCA meeting, use of the LVFD siren was raised. Wade spoke with the fire chief who said they are working on an alternative system so that they can be less reliant on the siren.

Funding has been approved for a senior center in Hereford and Jacksonville, and additional funding for the senior center in Cockeysville.

Dulaney and Towson High Schools – Baltimore County and the state of Maryland will be funding \$172 million in school renovations and replacement for DHS & THS. The county executive has included \$18 million in his budget for planning and design.

Wade spoke about the importance of a community association in keeping a community a strong, like the Lutherville area and the Lutherville Community Association.

The crime rate in the 3rd district is the lowest in Baltimore County.

A Royal Farms is proposed for 1215 York Road at Greenspring Avenue / York Road, near Heaver Plaza, on the old credit union site. Wade did not approve zoning for gasoline on that site. Instead, they will install 12 lanes of electric charging stations. It is not a suitable location for a gas station and Wade will not approve any proposed changes to transition the property to a gas station in the future.

In response to a question about Lutherville Station, Wade reported there is no update. He will not approve a PUD without the LCA's support, but thinks it is in the best interest of the LCA to work with the developer. Legislation is coming in the future that will require certain types of housing development in communities. He expects the county is going to want to eliminate DR1 (1 house per acre) and DR2 (2 houses per acre). Washington DC is encouraging suburban areas to become urban areas. During the zoning cycle, Wade was asked to approve over 8,000 apartment units and he approved 1,100.

Joseph Cosentini – Baltimore County 311 Director, BaltCoGo application

The BaltCoGo app was reviewed, which can be used to report a number of issues in the county, like potholes, downed trees, trash not picked up. It is an alternative to calling 311.

Gerry Brewster – Chairman of the Board, Maryland State Fair

Gerry welcomed everyone to the Maryland State Fairgrounds and encouraged the LCA to continue to use their facilities in the future, including the Museum building. Gerry provided highlights on the fairgrounds history and current use. A number of environmental improvements have been implemented including solar panels, new trees, storm water management, updated lighting, recycling, etc.

The Maryland State Fair will now take place for 3 long weekends versus 12 days straight. The fair will not be open during the week except to corporate sponsors.

Native Canopy Shade Tree Program 2022, John Alexander

Residents have the opportunity to plant trees for \$75 per tree through Blue Water Baltimore. Trees are planted in October/November. Forms are available to submit interest.

District 3 Town Hall – all town hall recordings or live viewings can be accessed virtually

Election

Pamela Shaw asked for nominations from the floor for zoning chair, as there was no current nominee. Two meeting attendees were nominated, Lisa Baldanza and Tyler Stiff. A vote was conducted with 22 votes for Baldanza and 11 for Stiff. Lisa Baldanza was confirmed as the zoning chair.

Nominating Chair, Karen Darden, could not attend the meeting. In her absence, Treasurer Mike DeLuca presented the slate of officers as put forth by nominating committee.

LCA board member, Ernie Shea, raised concerns about the nominating process and validity of the candidates, which were refuted by written and oral testimony from members and chairperson of the nominating committee. A motion was made to postpone the LCA elections from the May general meeting to the October general meeting. President Shaw acknowledged the motion but ruled it was an improper motion as it was in violation of the bylaws.

Mike DeLuca presented the slate of nominations for open positions:

- **President:** Pamela Shaw
- **Vice President:** Kurt Nachtman
- **Directors at large (2):** Evan Mayfield, Julie Szymaszek
- **Nomination Chair:** Karen Darden
- **History Chair:** Jenna Hatfield
- **Security Chair:** Karen Kemp
- **Membership Chair:** Rita Tilghman-Putty
- **Traffic Chair:** Debby Miran
- **Hospitality Chair:** Maureen Henley
- **Public Facilities:** Ernie Shea

A vote was conducted to approve the slate of nominations:

- In favor: 31 votes (note: in addition 7 proxy votes were cast by email prior to the meeting)
- Not in favor: 12
- Abstained: None

The slate of nominations was passed.

Raffle: A raffle was conducted with the prize donated by Dimitri's Olive Oil store.

9:03 pm meeting adjourned