

**MINUTES FROM LUTHERVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING, May 19, 2015**

**President Julie Szymaszek welcomed the 36 people who attended the meeting.**

**The minutes from the last general meeting, on April 14, 2015, were approved.**

- 1. Treasurer Debbie Darr reported total assets of \$21,862.37, a drop of \$1,239 from this time last year. The major expenses were insurance and the newsletter. Membership dues brought in \$3,500.97.**
- 2. Communications chair Janet Daly had no major issues to report. Janet's term is ending and Molly White will be the new chair.**
- 3. Hospitality chair Christine Tennies asked everyone to keep her informed when new neighbors move into the community.**
- 4. Membership chair Marie Frederick said the LCA has collected three thousand dollars so far in membership dues. This time last year, the number was 5 thousand. Marie asked for ideas about why the number is down so much and how to get more people to join. Suggestions were to put reminder signs up before the meetings, name block captains to go door-to-door in their neighborhoods, or get a high school student to do it as part of their community service requirement.**

5. Public facilities chair Eric Rockel noted the community should be prepared for drainage problems due to storm runoff and construction. He said the county does not seem inclined to help, and neighbors should try to contact officials to change their minds.

Eric said there needs to be better communication with BGE about tree trimming, especially in older communities like ours. Some neighbors complained trees were trimmed without prior notice, and the foreman was not always on-site to talk to homeowners. Eric plans to talk with our elected representatives to change rules in favor of communities like Lutherville. BGE has reportedly promised to consult neighbors before cutting down trees in the future.

Jodi waters said speed limit signs on Seminary Avenue need to be replaced after they were taken down for road resurfacing. She also suggested asking the Boy and Girl Scouts to help take out non-native invasive plants near streams.

6. John Alexander, chair of the Security Committee, said he had nothing to report.

7. Special Events chair Christine Tennies was absent, but members talked about the planned community cleanup on June 6th. The LCA will provide garbage bags and gloves, and arrange for people to throw trash in dumpsters. Penn Jones suggested looking into the possibility that Lutherville could get funds from the

county to help with the cleanup. John Alexander offered to try to get a free dumpster. Members agreed the cleanup was important before the Historic Heritage tour in June.

Marcia Hettinger reported on the Lutherville House Tour proposed for October of 2016. The House Tour committee has met twice, discussing programs, times, lunches, Church participation, and transportation. So far, the LCA has asked 18 homeowners to participate, and none has agreed to be on the tour.

8. Jeff Dier reported on efforts to control traffic and speed in the community. He said the county refused to put pedestrian crossings on Seminary Avenue, saying there was not enough foot traffic, and they would give pedestrians a false sense of safety. Jeff said the county is studying whether to allow speed limit signs with monitors attached. The community would have to pay for the signs. There are also plans to put bike lanes on Seminary. Bobbie Seabolt asked if the LCA could get the rose bushes trimmed from the Royal Farm store because they block the view for drivers coming out of Country Club Park.

10. Nominating chair Marie Frederick introduced current officeholders and new candidates, including Molly White for communications, Michelle Brooks for Special Events, and John Alexander for Security. The slate of candidates was approved.

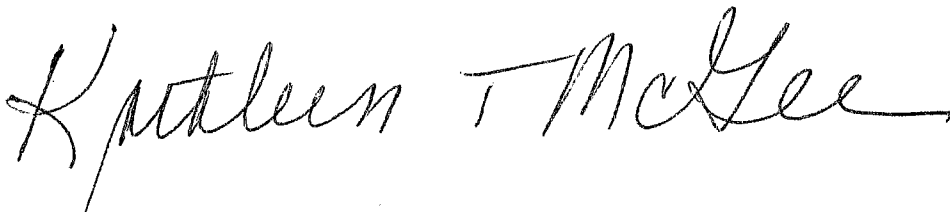
**11. Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department representative Jamie Cahn welcomed the community to the meeting room in the expanded facility.**

**He said the LVFD is aware of water management problems, especially with the planned new parking lot beside the facility. He said the department will plant cherry laurel bushes and other landscaping to help with stormwater runoff,.**

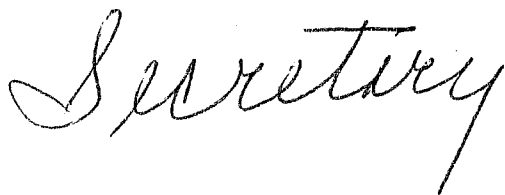
**Jamie described the features of the new building, including training facilities, new bays, conference rooms, and bunk rooms. The expanded building will officially open in October.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Kathleen McGee**

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