

Lutherville Community Association General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019
Lutherville Volunteer Firehouse

Board members in attendance:

Terri Byrd, Matt Cimino, Karen Darden, Debbie Darr, Mike DeLuca, Laretta Evans, Marcia Hettinger, Allen Hicks, Eric Rockel, Ernie Shea

In addition, about 25 other community members were present.

LCA President Marcia Hettinger welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Allen Hicks — Update on DPW Sewer Project

Allen provided an update on the sewage project along with a description. It was difficult to figure out the DPW project is called the Jones Falls Large Diameter Rehab Project, and starts at the light rail tracks from Timonium Road to just south of the beltway. The project should reduce the amount of sewage overflows. The Roland Run restoration project has nothing to do with this sewage project.

Notes:

- The project is expected to end the fall of 2019.
- Project #: 16167SXO
- Will there be water or sewage cut off? No.
- Inspector? Doug Vaught, phone # 410-887-3531
- Trees will not be replanted where they were removed, as they believe roots from trees will get into the new sewage line.

There was trouble with the pipes and lines on Trebor Court – there were gaps between the liner and pipe. There were additional problems with the project as well. A CCTV inspection is supposed to be completed when the project is done, and the video will be public record. The bridge over the stream on the path from the light rail station to Country Club Park will be removed when the project is complete. One neighbor, Al Fisher, complained for years about a sewer pipe in his backyard, which will be discontinued.

One neighbor expressed dissatisfaction with Johnny Olszewski's office in response to questions about the project, especially with providing lack of portable toilets for workers who were using the woods to relieve themselves. A meeting was held with LCA representatives and project managers recently to address this issue.

Another neighbor complained that they damaged the grass and landscaping of her property, and Allen encouraged her to email him so action can be taken, and expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of responses from DPW.

Guest Speaker: David Guignet, MD Dept of the Environment

David explained the project timeline of the FEMA maps process. FEMA maps will go into effect in July 2021, and will be published in April 2020 if there are no obstacles. Tucker Clevanger (consultant) presented the slideshow that accompanied the presentation and offered some general remarks.

For more information: [MSC.FEMA.GOV](https://www.msc.fema.gov)

Based on the stream restoration and data collected, the current floodplain will shrink along Trebor Court. David reiterated that the map is for insurance purposes, and does not necessarily mean the risk of flood will be

eliminated. Trebor Court will see the most changes in the map and most likely flood insurance rates will decrease. Properties just outside the floodplain will likely still need flood insurance with rates determined by FEMA. Rates in the floodplain will not be reduced.

Al Fisher expressed that their 500 year plan does not match Baltimore County's 500 year data.

Guest Speaker: Eric Duce, Natural Resource Specialist — Upper Roland Run Stream Restoration Update

The goal is to reduce erosion, protect utilities from storm water runoff. Restoration techniques included stone toe, imbricate wall, and vegetation. There is a 1 year care and replacement warranty on plantings after completion of the project. Plantings along properties are designed for minimal maintenance, and he asked people not to mow. Eric also explained the management of invasive species. Contact his office if neighbors want any ideas on what to plant.

The project is almost finished, with a small section left near Greenspring of 70-100 feet. At the end of 2 years, 85% of the trees and shrubs need to survive, and 90% of ground vegetation. Monitoring will be provided for 5 years and a re-evaluation will occur, which also includes fish and bug monitoring. They periodically test the water quality. BWB water quality test results have been poor for 695 and inside.

Eric encouraged neighbors to call for emergencies (like sewage leakage): 410-887-7415; non-emergencies call 410-887-2904.

Ernie Shea, Pubic Facilities Committee Report — Greening of Lutherville

A tree inventory was taken of dead and dying trees in Lutherville, and they've identified over 100 trees adjacent to streets and sidewalks in serious decay and decline. 14 neighbors have come together to solicit bids as a group to have trees removed. 3 contractors will be solicited for bids.

John Alexander — Tree Planting Programs Updates

One program is through Blue Water Baltimore, a grant-based program. Cost is \$75 for them to dig, plant, mulch, stake the tree. Neighbors need to complete a form and submit to John. Trees will be planted in fall.

A program for Spring is being managed by DEPS, Forest Management Section, working with Towson students to plant trees in front yards or sidewalk areas. No cost, one tree per property, and they guarantee 100% survival for one year. Contact Carrie Oberholtzer, 410-887-5684, with interest.

Minutes were approved from the last general meeting on 5/14/19.

Mike DeLuca — Treasurer's Report:

- M&T Checking Account: \$2,757.32
- T.Rowe Price: \$15,138.14

Report was approved

Marcia Hettinger (on behalf of Rita Nabhan) — Special Events

The Fall Festival and bonfire will be held in conjunction with College Manor on October 28, including a band, vendors, bonfire, food truck. Baskets will be raffled, and Marcia asked neighbors to consider making donations.

Terri Byrd — Traffic

Speed humps in historic Lutherville have been installed. Bottleneck at Greenspring/Seminary is still being addressed. Concerns about trucks on Seminary and Francke have been raised. Our best defense is to take pictures of the trucks, including their license plate. There is a sign on Franke but not on Seminary. The State is getting back to her about regulations on Seminary and possibly installing a sign.

A neighbor expressed concern about the light at Seminary and Bellona. Terri replied that we've investigated this issue in the past, and have been told that nothing can be done. She will ask about it again, as there has been some turnover in the Department of Transportation.

Matt Cimino — Membership

We are currently in our membership drive period. Envelopes were included in the September newsletter, which was late being mailed.

Jeff Dier — Security (not present)

Marcia reported that Jeff is soliciting names to join a security committee and passed around a sheet to sign up.

Eric Rockel — Zoning

No zoning requests have been submitted so far for Lutherville. Meetings will be held by the county council and feedback received from the public. By next September, the council has to vote on any map changes.

The Lutherville Station property at the end of Ridgely Road was put up for auction but no bids were accepted by the owner. The owner of the Yorkridge Shopping Center is interested, but no site plans have been presented to us as of yet. Apparently something is being drawn up and will be presented in about a month. Offices and an apartment building are in the plans. Someone asked about the impervious surface of the area, and Eric replied that we'd like to see more green space and storm water restoration.

Other zoning requests outside our area: Heaver Plaza, the credit union building at the corner of York and Greenridge; and some residential office properties along York Road owners have requested a change to commercial zoning.

New Business:

Santa will visit on the fire truck in December, but residents may have to go to communal areas to see Santa. One resident familiar with the plan said there will be a maximum of 3 stops in hopes of reducing the time to one hour from three hours.

Other holiday happenings include luminary bags — St. Paul's Church will display donated bags again, supported by the youth group at the church. The holiday door decorating contest will take place again this year.

Yorkridge Shopping Center will be hosting a Fall Fair October 19.

8:40 — Meeting Adjourned.