



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 5, 2020**

- I. Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance remotely were: Dr. Valerie Beaudin, Derek J. Favret, L. Charles Fink, Lawrence P. Jaworski, Gregory J. Morris, and Keith L. Pardieck, Council Members, Holly K. Wahl, Town Administrator, Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk, Dale Clark, Town Treasurer, James Berry, Public Works Manager, and Wayne Newton, Acting Town Engineer.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Informational Discussion on the following items:**

Kellam's Field Revitalization Project.

The Mayor stated the Town was able to secure a bond/grant through the sponsorship of Senate Miller for \$50,000 and the Town Council budgeted \$100,000 towards this project in FY21. Mrs. Wahl stated the purpose of the work session is to obtain feedback from the Council to identify goals of the project, discuss some of the limitations and opportunities of this specific location, storm water management, sea level rise and to look at a couple of ideas for equipment.

Mr. Newton presented a preliminary concept plan explaining layout options. Due to the drainage problems in that area it is designed to be raised two feet resulting in an elevated play area. There will be an adult area where parents/grandparents can sit or use exercise equipment, an area for children's playground equipment, some benches placed throughout for sitting, also incorporating sun sails for shade on the adult side. Trees will be planted to provide shade and screening from the existing homes. As part of the project, a new under drain system is proposed to go under the facility installing several storm drain inlets. A rubberized surface is proposed with a 42-inch-high decorative black metal rail fence to enclose the area.

Council thoughts/concerns:

1. Sun Sails re: wind speed
2. Life expectancy of the rubberized surface
3. Citizen input along with P&Z and the Walkable Community input
4. One point of egress is a concern
5. Surface concerns- keep in mind seniors and handicap mobility
6. Extended warranties
7. Handicap accessible playground equipment
8. Maximize use of trees (shade, carbon sequestration, biodiversity benefits)
9. Use of energy efficient technologies as needed for lighting, etc. (e.g., solar powered lighting)
10. A comprehensive plan including the whole complex

The Council was very pleased with the concept plan and excited to begin the project. The Mayor proposed a name for the park and asked Council's opinion.

IV. Council Lightning Round –

1. Dr. Beaudin thanked the Election Board for a fantastic job for making the election process as simple and safe as possible and encouraged everyone to vote on November 3rd either in person or request an absentee ballot.

2. Mr. Fink reminded the folks that the final library community input meeting is October 14th and encouraged people to join in via zoom. Mr. Fink stated this project really fits in with the walkable community work and lastly, vote, vote, vote!

3. Mr. Jaworski stated yes, get out there and vote, and stated there will be a candidates' forum October 13th at 7 pm sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Echoing Mr. Fink's comments, this final library meeting will probably be the last opportunity for public input, so join in.

4. Mr. Morris commented he is looking forward to the League of Women Voters candidate forum on October 13th and encouraged everyone to vote.

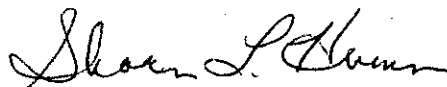
5. Mr. Pardieck stated the Calvert County Health Department has their seasonal flu vaccination clinics out now, free of charge, commenting, it's important to get them. Echoed his colleague's comments to get out and vote. Stay safe and healthy.

6. Mr. Favret stated if you had not heard, the Governor designated the month of October as "Walktober" in Maryland, so through MDOT and other participating agencies they will be promoting and hosting events and webinars spotlighting Maryland's pedestrian safety, health and commuting options. Also, a grant opportunity was passed onto him from one of his members that they will pursue related to walkability. Mr. Favret stated he will be attending a meeting with the planning firm later in the evening on their draft walkability master plan and share that information next week at the Council meeting.

V. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Jaworski. Seconded by Councilman Fink, all in favor.

Submitted by,



Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk