

OAKMONT SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT  
BETHESDA, MD 20817

To: Oakmont Board  
From: Donna Duer  
Subject: Minutes of Oakmont Board Meeting August 9, 2011

Attendees: Ella Iams (Chair)  
Marilyn Mazuzan (Treasurer)  
Donna Duer (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm. The Board considered the following matters:

Financial Report: The town remains solvent and received 2 checks in July.

Snow Plow: The Board considered two estimates for a snow plowing contract for the coming winter and agreed that one was superior to the other because it is expected to provide better service at lower cost. The Chair will obtain references for the one snow plow contractor under consideration.

Website and communication: The Board members will soon have their own email addresses and accounts to send official email to Town members who have provided their email addresses. In the next few weeks, the Board will receive a proposal from the webmaster for creating a community forum or bulletin board on the website to allow Oakmont citizens to seek or share information by logging on to the forum or bulletin board. The Board agreed that it did not want to set up a listserve.

Picnic: Ase Sewall has assembled a committee for planning, setup, and cleanup for the Town Picnic. Ase and the Board Secretary distributed flyers for the Town Picnic this past weekend. The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2011 on Oak Place.

Daley Lane:

Electrician: The electrician needs to come back and clean/repair the sensor so the lights come on at dusk.

Gravel area: The Board is still considering options to reduce ongoing maintenance related to Daley Lane. The Board will continue to research the options and costs with the goal of obtaining proposals over the winter for work to be done next summer.

Planting: The Board noted that there are quite a few weeds and few desirable plants in some of Daley Lane, though the area next to Storey Landis' property is attractive and well kept. The Board agreed that additional perennials are needed, not only along the sides and edges of the storm water retention area, as discussed last month, but also in the area near the bench and toward the Oakmont Avenue, where the weeds have taken over.

BRAC/NIH: Bethesda Naval expects to have all of Walter Reed's patients by the middle of September. Traffic on Wisconsin Avenue and Old Georgetown Road is expected to become even more congested. Any road work or pedestrian access work will only be done after the move. Work has begun on the Cedar Lane bike path.

Oakmont Brochure: The Chair will continue to work on revising and printing an up to date brochure.

Storm Drains: The Secretary will investigate finding a community group such as Boy Scouts to install placards or stencil in an attractive way the storm drains to inform the community that the drains are a conduit to the Cabin John watershed and the Chesapeake Bay.

Building Permits: The Town has been in contact with a building engineer and real estate agent regarding anticipated new construction in Oakmont and compliance with the Town's building ordinance. The Chair sent a letter to the County regarding compliance at one ongoing building project in the Town. The Board agreed that it needs to post an Oakmont Building Permit Application on the website. The Secretary will draft an application form for review by the other Board members. The Board is considering an application fee, as provided for in the ordinance, to cover the cost of hiring a professional to review building plans.

Next Meeting: The next Oakmont Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on September 13, 2011.