



Long Branch Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017; 7:30pm

MINUTES

Directors Present, constituting a quorum were:

John Poreba, President
Martha Bernardi, Membership
Roger Hartman, Neighborhood Watch
Jim Sherwood, Grounds Maintenance

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

The members approved the minutes from last meeting.

3. Officer Reports

- a. Financial Report –Roger will add an additional \$25 in expenses for our donation to the Friends of the Long Branch Stream Valley project. Jim will add \$25 in revenue resulting from the sale of the old signs as scrap metal for our next report. It was noted that Stephanie will discuss at our next meeting the results of her investigation into ways we can accept payment of membership dues in 2018.
- b. Membership
No report
- c. Communications – Susan was absent but is accepting suggestions for our next newsletter.
- d. Survey Results – John discussed the survey results. About 200 people responded to the survey. He was very pleased with the results and will include highlights of the survey results in his next Presidents Pen.
- e. Grounds & Maintenance – The pipe stem signs are up. There are 5 or 6 pipe stems that never had signs. Jim will email the residents of those pipe stems and tell them we will be

adding signs for safety and consistency unless the residents object. We will have to figure out who calls Miss Utility and where to put the signs. The mulch has been laid at the Guinea Rd entrance and the Braddock Rd entrance will be mulched next. Jim will spend around \$100 for mulch and fertilizer. He will also be planting some flowers. Painting the entrance signs was discussed and agreed upon. Jim will get estimates of the cost and also choose some paint samples for us to look at.

- f. Neighborhood Watch –Having the speed sign placed in our neighborhood was discussed. Roger has learned the county only has three signs and currently one is working. We are at the top of the list to get it next. Roger will get our crime prevention meeting on the police calendar for early in June 2017. Clean up for the stream was held last Saturday with about 43 volunteers. We were the only civic association to donate money to the project, which was used for snacks and prizes.
- g. Braddock Road Task Force – Mr. Poreba gave an update on the latest meeting regarding the Braddock Road project. The county is still trying various simulations. The main issue impacting us is how to get out of our neighborhood safely. There were several suggestions made by the force for right turns only and some discussion of traffic signals. The major victory at this point is no widening of Braddock Rd by Long Branch. The transit center may be located at the old Northern Virginia Training Center.

4. Other Topics for Discussion

- a. The Board discussed the strategic vision for the LBCA. It was suggested at our last meeting that we add entryway maintenance to the schedule. The schedule has been updated. We discussed possibly having the Contractor’s Showcase at St. Stephens Church, have reputable contractors who have worked in Long Branch. We can ask the community for recommendations of businesses they have successfully used.

5. Upcoming Meeting

The next meeting will be in June, date TBD.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Bernardi
Acting Secretary for the meeting

