

Minutes for the Chevy Chase Village Parks and Green Spaces Committee Meeting  
September 8, 2016

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Present: Susan Dixon, Jorie Jurgens, Polly Lawrence, Mildred Nance, Margo Kingston  
(Next Meeting, October 13 at 4pm)

#### Weed Warrior Program

The first item for discussion was an update on the Weed Warrior Program of Montgomery County Parks. Several members of the committee are interested in completing the training to become certified weed warriors. That certification will allow the “graduates” to perform hands on work on our beautiful parks. However, the program is still awaiting the appointment of a new program coordinator. Work is being carried out by volunteers to this program in nearby parks and it is suggested that some of us could put in a few hours of work with them in order to keep informed of the progress in activating the program as well as getting to know the current program graduates.

#### Brookville Road Park

Susan Kilborn and Margo Kingston distributed a packet containing a cover letter, map, short description of the work to be accomplished as well as the revised plan by Lila Fendrick to families living adjacent to the park. This work is tentatively slated to be completed in 2017. The neighbors to whom we spoke had no objections to the plan. However committee members noted that there is no sign on the property stating that dogs should be on a leash, nor that they should pick up after their pets. Also important is the current lack of decent soil cover which would have to be replenished first. Also, the committee was adamant that there be a firm maintenance plan in place after the park is rehabilitated.

#### Triangle Park Lilac Tree Removal

The tree was dead, and was removed, so a spring replacement is scheduled. The Committee wants to be sure that the replacement tree is hardy, of the proper size and would like to be sure that it has white blooms as did the former lilac. *Syringa vulgaris* 'Alba' had been recommended by Susan Kilborn, but although the committee liked that suggestion it wanted to be sure that the tree selected would be appropriate for our climate and soil. Jorie Jurgens who is very knowledgeable suggested that members speak with local gardening pros to be sure we select the best possible type. She recommended the manager at American plant (near the beltway), or the professionals at Merrifield Gardening centers. Committee members volunteered to ask about the preferred lilac type when visiting any of these gardening centers. Also, there were questions regarding the preferred vendor used by the Village and whether or not all plants must be ordered from one vendor or if other sources can be assessed. The Committee felt that it was important that the new lilac to be planted in the fall of 2017 be a tree of appropriate size with the same type of white fragrant spring flowers as the previous tree.

#### Plans for the Fall

The Committee plans to make the December meeting a working meeting by assisting with “flocking” the boxwoods near Connecticut Ave as usual. Everyone had much to say regarding

the poor condition of the boxwoods. We discussed whether this was a result of the hot, dry summer and/or the proximity of these boxwoods to heavy traffic and the resulting pollution.

Finally, Susan Dixon asked if the Chevy Chase Board had addressed the various suggestions regarding changes to the buffer zone parks that we discussed at the last meeting. In addition, we talked about occasionally bringing our gardening books to our meetings so that we might share their treasures.

Everyone at the meeting strongly suggested that the committee send a “thank-you note” to Bliss who has recently resigned from the committee and will soon be moving away from Chevy Chase Village. She will be missed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Margo Kingston, co-chair  
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