

Community Cares Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2022- 6:00 pm

Community Flex Room

Attendees: Meeting was very well attended; flex room was overflowing all attendees may not be on the sign-up list.

Police update - Brian Calloway

- **Parking** Signs and parking lines have been placed as recommended on the AECOM survey. To date the town has not received complaints regarding the placement. The plan is to have AECOM do more surveys with recommendations as the town moves forward taking over responsibility for Plantation Lakes streets. A number of those attending were concerned about North Shore Parking. HOA manager, Joe Fulco stated that where possible, added parking spaces have been added to the new homes. Owners of end unit town homes in the section surveyed can add a parking space only minor review by the HOA.
- **Youth Police Academy:** A week-long youth Police Academy is planned for this summer There are room for about 25 youth participants. It is not really a “law enforcement” Academy but more a teamwork and leadership event. The Academy’s success makes us look to expanding to 25 young participants next year.
- **2021 Bike Rodeo:** Bike rodeo is scheduled for September 10, 2022, in the LOWE’s parking lot. There will be displays, and participants can get bike helmets and lights.
- **Thefts from vehicles in Plantation Lakes:** Chief Calloway advised residents to keep vehicles locked when parked.
- **Police Organization and new building:**
 - Millsboro police department is expanding from the current 17 officers to 21 sworn officers. The goal is to have four officers on each shift. The next police academy starts in January and we will have officers in that class.
 - The department’s expansion makes the need for the new building more urgent. The town only had nine officers when the current station was new. The town has worked with an architect to smooth out the police facilities in a form that matches Delaware police operations. The building is planned

for the lot just to the just west of the Dairy Queen in downtown Millsboro on the north side of Washington Street. (Adjacent to the water tower). Designs have been presented to the Town Council with additional funding sought through Senator Hocker and Rep. Collins to include a Millsboro Community Center which will be used for Community organizations.

Estimated cost is about five million dollars, bids are due in shortly. The bids are expected to be in line with other facilities recently constructed in the area. Bridgeville has a much smaller force and their building was about 2.5 million. Milford is about two times as large and their building is costing about fifteen million. There was discussion about a “sally port” and processing of detainees at the station. Basically, detainees are chained to a wall awaiting disposition. Should Sussex County change the process of detainees, a proper detention cell or two will be required.

- **Plantation Lakes Security Patrols:** The security patrols supplement the services provided by the Millsboro Police Department.
 - Maintain an extra set of eyes on construction sites to prevent materials theft.
 - Take care of HOA specific enforcement items.

Town of Millsboro Initiatives/Involvement – Jamie Burke, Town Manager

- **Parking on the “Dukes” portion (Southside of Plantation Lakes)** The parking in the Dukes section exceeds the minimum code requirement by three times.
- **Code Development Process.** Jamie gave a brief explanation of Millsboro’s code and ordinance process.
- **Downtown rehabilitation continues.** West state street should be rehabbed probably starting later this summer. Mostly new curbs and storm water management. Deldot’s funding process results in most projects being awarded with late fall early winter start date.
- **New Restaurants.** One has opened in the former diner spot and another is in the planning stages.
- **New Food Stores.** Those in attendance expressed hope for a Redner’s and or a similar higher end grocery, Aldi’s or Lidl were others mentioned. Jamie explained that Millsboro staff attended some conferences to attract new businesses. Time will tell with the grocers. Grocery stores have low margins and do rigorous reviews before deciding on a specific location.
- **New water tower.** Construction of the tower on the North Shore as part of Phase 3 is now complete. The tower is now in service.

- **Water Treatment Plant Construction** is under construction on the North Shore. Construction has been delayed due to materials shortages and lack of staffing for the contractor.
- **Sewer Treatment Plant Expansion.** Millsboro's expansion will require additions to the sewage treatment facilities. Current plans are to construct a treatment plant adjacent to the North Shore development.
- **Town Park on South Side of Plantation Lakes.** The plan is for the park and the development to share the same entrance. Preliminary plans have been discussed. The developer has been good to work with on this project.
- **Art League.** There are continuing projects with the Millsboro Art League..

Plantation Lakes Community Cares Initiatives/Invlovement

- **Community Day, May 21, 2022.** Attendance very good this year The day was just moderately hot
- **Adopt a Highway:** Gary Mole Adopt a highway Fifteen or Sixteen people showed up. The group was sufficient to let Gary float and keep things organized. Work was completed quickly and Deldot picked up the trash bags in a couple of days.
- **Millsboro HOA Alliance.** There is still interest in some cooperative meetings and information sharing. Discussion centers around information and resource sharing as well as rumor control.
- **Matter of Balance.** Participation in the on-line Zoom classes were less than that of the in-person classes. We are hopeful that in-person classes can resume in 2022.
- **Garden Club.** Garden club continues to meet. The Veterans Day event was well attended with veterans in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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