

Community Cares Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2022- 6:00 pm

Community Flex Room

Attendees: Meeting was very well attended; flex room full to overflowing. Attendees may not have had opportunity to sign the sign-up list.

Community update – Joe Fulco Community Manager

A detailed outline of his presentation was circulated.

- **Halloween** – the community will welcome revelers 10/31 from 6:00pm to 8 pm. We anticipate a crowd of up to 1,000 so we will be soliciting volunteers. There will be two Millsboro officers and two Plantation Lakes officers to assist with traffic. The plan is to make Lumberton – Glenwood – Lumberton a one-way circle for the evening and prohibit parking on Plantation Lakes Boulevard at the entrance to Plantation Lakes.
- **North Shore Community Center** – Expect opening in mid-to-late November. The pool is just about finished and parking lot needs completion. Plan is to staff each community center with two persons. Next year's pool operations are still in a state adjustment. Current pool contractor may not want to return.
- **Community Center Walkway** – The walkway from the front of the building facing the circle to the main entrance will be completed this fall.
- **Tree Survey of the Community** – the tree survey is complete. We are proceeding with removal of the dead and diseased trees. Strategic tree replacement is also underway.
- **Lennar's New Construction Office** – the office which has been in the previous model home on house on Belmont Boulevard will be moving to a new office built in conjunction with the golf course maintenance building accessible from Rt. 113.
- **Water Treatment Plant** – Completion of the water treatment plant on the North Shore, on Olney Way, has been delayed by material delivery delays and lack of contractor staffing.

Police update - Brian Calloway

- **New Police Building** – We have a new building. It will be located adjacent to the Millsboro Water Treatment plant at the corner of Railroad and Ellis Street. We will have a groundbreaking today at the site. Our original budget was \$5,000,000 (five million) however prices have escalated since the original planning. The project was awarded to Delaware/Delmar Veteran Builders, (contractor for the North Shore Clubhouse) for \$9,300,000 quite a bit higher than our old estimate. The current station is 4,500 square feet, the new station will be 13,500 square feet and include many state-of-the art law enforcement features. Construction will start October 12, 2022. The plan is to have the building drywall complete by April 2023. There are some national shortages of items vital to the project – Emergency Generators and Electrical Transformers have a 52 week (one-year lead time).
- **Accreditation** – Our four-year review and our on-site evaluation have been completed. The group watched a 9 minute video that outlined the Millboro Police Department and their current station.
- **Staffing** – Goal is to have twenty-four sworn officers on staff. That will provide 4 officers per shift.
- **Parking** – The Plantation Lakes dedicated roads parking survey will continue with the addition of a survey of Lumberton and Glenwood. As before, there will be a presentation before signs and parking lines are placed as recommended on the AECOM survey. Once again 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.

Brunswick Townhouse area parking – signs are up and lines have been painted. Approximately 100 spots have been created.

Community Speed Limits – Community Speed limits (25 mph) are dictated by Delaware highway law. There was much discussion about streets and established speed limits. The Millsboro Police Department has done surveys and will place their active speed limit sign about the community as they have in the past.

North Shore Lot size -Lot size seems to be a parking concern on the North Shore. Most of the streets are not laid out to provide for on-street parking. Upon completion of the community, there most likely will be a review with posting of signs and making of curbs and parking spaces.

Town of Millsboro Initiatives/Involvement

- **Downtown rehabilitation continues.** Rehabilitation and paving are complete. There are other projects scheduled for Rt. 24 that will affect traffic in Millsboro. Deldot's funding process results in most projects being awarded with late fall early winter start date.
- **Millsboro Farmers Market** – The town is open to having a private party or parties manage a farmers market in Millsboro.
- **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 has a store under construction in Millsboro.
- **Water Treatment Plant Construction** is under construction on the North Shore off Olney Way. Construction has been delayed over a year 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. They are planning a first "Artumn Fest" at the Millsboro Middle School on October 23rd, 10am to 3pm. See their website for additional events - <https://millsboroartleague.org/>

Plantation Lakes Community Cares Initiatives/Involvement

- **Adopt a Highway:** Gary Mole - Planning our next event.
- **Christmas Fair** – There will be a Christmas Fair at the clubhouse November 6, 2022, 12-4:00 PM.
- **Garden Club.** Garden club continues to meet. The Veterans Day event was well attended with veterans in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.