

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 10, 2014**

ATTENDANCE:       Debbie Beers, Mayor  
                      Nancy Long, Councilmember  
                      Steve Matney, Councilmember  
                      Mark McCaffrey, Councilmember  
                      Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember  
                      Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS:           Aaron LaRocca, NPS Supervisory Park Ranger  
                      Jim McGunnigle, reporter for The Echo  
                      Aaron Hirsch, resident  
                      Edie Springuel, resident  
                      Renny Springuel, resident

Mayor Beers called the meeting to order at 7: 59 p.m.

**GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT**

Aaron LaRocca provided the following updates:

1. Montgomery County Shared Use Path

The project to construct the shared use path and rehabilitate the trolley trestle will be completed this winter. The new path will enter the park's upper parking lot, and six parking spaces will be eliminated. This section of the path is on NPS property, specifically Clara Barton National Historic site and Glen Echo Park.

2. Clara Barton NHS Rehabilitation Project

The Clara Barton house is closed and is expected to reopen at the end of November but without furniture. The House will close again in January for approximately two years.

3. George Washington Memorial Parkway Reorganization

Job announcements are currently open on [USAjobs.gov](http://USAjobs.gov) for Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Staff (Assistant Superintendent), and District Ranger positions. Aaron LaRocca, acting North District Ranger will continue to serve as liaison to the Glen Echo Town Council. Kenneth Ferrari will serve as the Acting Deputy Superintendent until December. Simone Monteleone has been selected as the Chief of Resources for the GWMP. She formally was the Natural Resource Manager for Rock Creek Park. Ms. Monteleone previously served as acting chief for GWMP in spring of 2014.

Mayor Beers asked if more classes for adults could be offered at the park. This would allow for more balance between adult and child centered activities. In addition, Councilmember Long suggested more emphasis be placed on park history, and providing public displays, such as plaques, informing visitors of the park's historical status as a National Register property.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion 2014-30** Council approved October Meeting Minutes. Councilmember McCaffrey made the motion; Councilmember Matney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **TOWN SIGNAGE**

Councilmember Stiglitz indicated current “no parking” signs in Town are in disrepair and some are missing. He has been in touch with Montgomery County officials and sent pictures of existing signage. It was determined that the current Town of Glen Echo “no parking” signs are not code compliant so Montgomery County police would not be able to enforce parking based on these existing signs. Councilmember Stiglitz will continue to explore alternative sign options incorporating existing sign posts as appropriate. Resident Aaron Hirsch mentioned he was charmed by the current signage when he first visited Town and truly appreciates their aesthetic value. Resident Renny Springuel concurred as did Councilmember Long. However, Renny pointed out that the Town may need to consider adjusting signage to reflect current times.

## **TOWN STREET LIGHTS**

Councilmember Stiglitz recently walked around Town noting non-working street lights and he will alert Pepco.

## **WASHINGTON GAS - EASTERN CONTRACTING**

It was reported that the streets would be repaved by November 14, 2014. It was noted that below freezing temperatures were expected in the days ahead which could potentially hinder completion. The Town Council made sure to thank Renny Springuel for volunteering his time and professional expertise toward successful completion of this project. As a matter of record, Councilmember Long mentioned that a paving contractor drove into and severely damaged the corner of a stonewall at 7325 University Avenue. The contractor has promised to repair the wall. Renny Springuel noted that the stone work repair he has observed round Town has been very good.

## **MAYOR BEER'S SCHEDULE**

Mayor Beers indicated she would be out of town for the December and January Town Council meetings.

## **TOWN HALL USE**

Councilmember Long reported that a group of adult amateur musicians has requested use of Town Hall Sunday afternoons, four times per year. She asked for opinions concerning this as prudent use of Town Hall. There were no objections.

## **POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

The previously scheduled meeting of the board was cancelled and will be reconvened in 2015. In the meantime, Councilmember Stiglitz will communicate with the Captain if significant events occur. The recent carjacking in Bethesda was mentioned. The police are committing substantial resources into solving this crime.

**RENOVATIONS**

Councilmember Stiglitz mentioned renovation work on the front porch and back deck of his home will start soon. It will essentially be the same footprint as presently exists. The front of the house width will be the same with depth of front will be increased by approximately 5 feet.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Mayor Beers thanked Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer, for organizing the successful Halloween party.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren

Clerk-Treasurer

---

Deborah Beers, Mayor

---

Date