

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
August 1, 2011

Chairperson Miles Coffman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm at The Hawthorn Center. Those present included John Bailey, Linda Hitzelberger, Tom Louden and Michelle Wood. Also present was Village Manager Jane Parrish.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved. Mr. Coffman abstained, because he had not attended the July 18th meeting.

APPROVAL OF JULY 18TH MINUTES: The minutes were approved as submitted.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: There were no residents who wished to speak on non-agenda issues.

MARY KAY SIGATY: District 4 Howard County Council Rep, Mary Kay Sigaty, talked to the board about current issues facing the County Council.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms Parrish said that there had been problems at both the new Hawthorn tot lot and the refurbished tot lot inside the Little Patuxent Loop in Clary's. CA will install signs stating that the play area is closed from dusk to dawn if the board requests. Because the area is signed, the police may enter onto the private property without a CA representative being present. The Village Board voted unanimously to request that CA install the signs at the two tot lots.

Ms Parrish also discussed the "Merge" signs at the south end of Cedar Lane as drivers approach the Robinson Nature Center from the south. Although the signs are on the right side of the road, the "Lane Ends; Merge Right" signs are targeted to the drivers in the left northbound lane. The realignment of the lanes had caused confusion.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Louden asked Ms Parrish to ask the county when they intend to start removing the tree stumps left behind when they took down street trees. Ms Wood said BGE had marked the area leading to a nonfunctioning street light on Golden Hook over a month ago but still have not repaired the light or problematic lines. Mr. Bailey said he was disappointed in the number of treadmills and similar equipment at The Athletic Club that were out of service. He was also concerned about the impact on vendors when the International Day was cancelled.

ACTION ITEMS: Ms Parrish will contact the county about the tree stumps and BGE about the street light.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board voted to go into executive session to review applications for the village manager position.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Parrish
Village Manager