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**Boyds Civic Association**

**July 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** BCA President Dan Seamans called the Boyds Civic Association (BCA) to order on July 20, 2023 at

7:37 pm. Sixteen (16) people were present.

**Minutes** (Maggie Bartlett)**:** Minutes from the April 20, 2022 Meeting were approved (with amendments).

**Treasurer’s Report** (Elena Shuvalov): Treasurer’s report was presented and approved. Funds total $13,483.63.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**∙ B&O Metropolitan Branch Railroad Sesquicentennial (150-Year Celebration)**(Dan Seamans)**:** By arrangements made by Eileen McGuckian and others of Montgomery Preservation, Inc., MARC ran an excursion train on The Met Line from the old Silver Spring Station to Brunswick on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023. At a trackside picnic arranged by BCA, participants watched as the Train slowed down to pass Boyds around 12:28! Expenses for the insurance and signs incurred by Dan amounted to $311.99.

**Upon a Motion** and a Second, it was unanimously approved to reimburse Dan Seamans for expenses of $311.99 related to the Boyds picnic celebration.

**∙ Boyds Transit Center** (Dan Seamans): MCDOT’s design plan is 95% completed. The Hoyles Mill building is to remain. The other buildings east of Boyds Market will be torn down. The RR pedestrian underpass needs repairs but requires approval by CSX. Chris Arndt will follow up with status. The existing septic tank and septic field is to remain to serve the bus operators’ restroom. Its capacity was tested at 390 gals. per day. MCDOT intends to repair it but not expand it.

**∙ Bucklodge Industrial Plan:** Plans of the industrial area were made available. Members were informed of the Zoning change from Light Industrial to Medium Industrial, changed by Mont. Co years ago when the Light Industrial category was added. The plans show three 2-story and one 1-story buildings. The Forest Conservation Plan indicates forests areas of: 1.44 acres retained, 5.36 a. re-forested and 2.68a. cleared, creating net forest gain of 4.12a. There will also be natural landscape screening of 30’ X 500’ added along Bucklodge Rd. Next steps: The Planning Board will meet September 7 to approve preliminary plan and then it goes out for public comments. Chris Arndt will find out more information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**∙ Clarksburg Gateway Center Sector Plan**: This plan is to update the 1994 and 2014 Clarksburg Master Plans for the area between Ten Mile Creek, Rt. 355 and Wim’s Rd. which will take into account housing, businesses, and transit needs. A public information meeting is scheduled for July 26 6:30 pm at 22501 Wim’s Rd. Dan Seamans and Addi Davis plan to attend.

**∙ Little Free Library** (Chris Arndt): The Boyds Country Store has offered to host the little library.

**∙ Prakash Barua (Boyds Country Store)** maybe interested in renting the Hoyles Mill building.

**∙ Note:** A BCA member reported that people have been loitering near the stream on Conoy Rd. and wanting to fish. Human feces have been found in nearby areas.

**Next BCA meeting:** October 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

**Upon a Motion and a Second, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the Meeting at 9:13 pm.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Maggie Bartlett, Secretary, and Dan Seamans, Pres., Boyds Civic Association.*

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