

**Boyds Civic Association  
January 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

President Merritt Ednie called the Boyds Civic Association (BCA) to order at 7:45 pm on January 22, 2009. There were 22 people in attendance.

**Minutes** (Maggie Bartlett) were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (Steve Gibson) was passed: \$21,396.61.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Gaithersburg Gazette** representative: Meghan Tierney
- **Arthur Virts** has written (with others) a book about his experiences *Boyds: A Character Study*.
- Election (Mike Gresalfi): the current officers have volunteered to serve for another term. There were no nominations from the floor. The following officers were elected unanimously:
  - Merritt Ednie (President)
  - Jim McDaniel (Vice President)
  - Steve Gibson (Treasurer)
  - Maggie Bartlett (Secretary)

**OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES**

- **Hilltop Farms Limited Partnership**: located at Slidell & W. Old Baltimore: Representing the BCA, Allan Noble, Jay Cinque and Peter Eeg have appealed the decision. This development would disable the Ag Reserve's planning process.
- **MARC Trains** (Miriam Schoenbaum): The November hearing concerned cutting services. It is ironic with the price of gas going up, people buying less gas now results in less gas tax collected for the county's transportation needs. Fewer people driving results in less funding for mass transit! The result, the 2:30 train is being canceled, but have a 4:20 pm. Ridership is up but results in fewer trains!
- **Boyds Historical Society** (Maggie Bartlett):
  - BHS will open the Boyds Negro School on the last Sunday of the month from 1:00 – 4 :00 pm.
  - Boyds Negro School was open over the Martin Luther King holiday as part of Heritage Days
  - Flea Market (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month) starts April 4 and costs \$15 per two-spaces
- **Thompson Farm** (Jay Cinque): "Open Space" agreed to try to buy the 220 (of the 464) acres offer to the Jamisons.
- **Barnesville Oak Farms** Anne Schroeder (Star Gazing Farm): In the fall of 2008 a hearing was held about dividing the land into 33 homes and two big farms on 840 acres located at Whites Store and Peachtree Rds. over to Beallsville Rd. Anne is developing a website ([www.stopbarnesvilleoaks.com](http://www.stopbarnesvilleoaks.com)) to try to prevent these 33 homes that do not need sand mounds, would be located mostly in the woods, but there are concerns for increased traffic, its affects on the aquifer, and tractors on the roads. Mike Rubin is also involved.
- **Hoyles Mill bridge** construction is in progress.
- **Schaeffer & White Ground Rd**: nothing yet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Cabin Branch Development / Summerfield Crossing** (W. Old Baltimore / Rt. 121 / I-270): Fifteen years ago, Shady Grove Hospital purchased some land for a hospital in this development. Recently, Holy Cross Hospital wants to start a nursing program at Germantown's Montgomery College and wants to have the student/graduating nurses feed into that hospital. Holy Cross does not yet have the go-ahead for the program.
- **Dyzak Property**: An oral surgeon is building an office to the right of the Boyds Country Store. It already has a home (a Sears & Roebuck houses where Arthur Virts was born). The two new buildings, one will be an office and the other a retail store that will look like a house. Because these are all located in the Boyds Historic District, Dyzak is working with the Boyds Historical Society. There will be a 10,000-gallon "green" tank of water for a fire hydrant.
- **Boyds Antique Store**: is for sale for \$1.5 million.
- **Leaman Farm** (Clopper / Schaeffer / Hoyles Mill Rds.): People are starting to move in.
- **Sheppard Property** (10 acres Rt. 121 / Little Sierra Ct.): Four houses were approved, 80 % of the tree will need replanting!
- **Zorastrian Temple** (5 acres lot): Preliminary plans included a 100-150-seat place of worship.

- **Rhea Property** (Barnesville Rd. near Eskin Huff): hope to subdivide to add two houses to the existing one.
- **Boyds Highlands** (north side of Barnesville Rd.): Four properties want to create 15-20 houses, each with two-acre lots.
- **Pollekoff property** (Barnesville & Slidell Rds.): There are plans to add two lots on 12 acres. **MOTION:** On behalf of the Boyds Civic Association, we encourage the Josh, Maizel, Bennings Associates to have hearings in the town of Boyds concerning this property.
- **Lithicum Farm** (Tom's farm at Rt. 121 / W. Old Baltimore): can not be sold for another five years (according to Dillie).
- **Ag Center: no movement, too costly right now.**
- **Intersection of Rt. 121 & W. Old Baltimore Rd:** there are concerns about the future roundabout.
- **Bill Andersons's Junkyard** (Rt. 121 & Barnesville Rd.): Progress has been made. Because MARC riders complained about its appearance, Carol Oberdorfer of Dickerson helped to have the area cleaned up. The BCA will send a Certificate of Appreciation to Carol.
- **Properties** (Anne Davies) (near Rickman Farm Horse Park (Rt. 28 near Beallsville Rd.) are planning to increase the park with one new outdoor and two smaller indoor rings.
- **14601 Clopper Rd.** (Stan Garber): the chain linked fenced property tried for a permit for a commercial bakery but was denied.
- **20725 Clarksburg Rd.** at Black Hill Rd. (Stan Garber): has 35+ cars even though it is zoned as "Agricultural."
- **County Council's Community Forum** will be held at Kingsview Middle School on Clopper Rd. on January 28 at 7:30 pm

**Next BCA meeting: April 16, 2008.**

**Motion to adjourn was passed at 9:00 pm.**