



Minutes September 17, 2011

Attendees

Board Members:

Pete Appignani, Gap View Village, President
Elliot Simon, Blue Ridge Acres, Treasurer
Nance Briscoe, Cloverdale, Membership Chair
Laura Taylor, Meadowbrook, Secretary

Additional Attendees: Susan Beidler from Forest Haven POA, John D. Wilgeroth from Round Top Estates, Darlene Switalski from Briar Run, Jennifer Syron from Chapel View

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Pete Appignani at John's Restaurant.

I. Approval of August 2011 meeting minutes

Elliot Simon made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes with the corrections submitted by Nance Briscoe. Seconded by Laura Taylor and approved unanimously.

II. Executive Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report** – Elliot reported a bank balance of \$2,110.09 as of August 17, 2011. Deposits totaling \$225.00 were made and there were no dispersals. Elliot also reported that the organization's name has been officially changed with the WV Secretary of State but the bank will not recognize the name change until the IRS accepts the change and sends a confirmation of such.
- B. Membership Committee** – The EPOHOA application will be updated to capture the number of homes and lots in the HOA applying for membership. Currently, EPOHOA has 19 member organizations representing 3,018 residents. Nance has been working with Shenandoah Springs HOA and the Shenandoah Springs Business Association to determine whether both are eligible for membership. The Fair booth had lots of visits from HOA officers and residents, including one from Pendleton County. **Anyone who received a green shirt at the EPOHOA Fair Booth is asked to please return the shirts to Nance.**
- C. Meeting Venues** – Since EPOHOA now has several members from Berkeley County, Laura Taylor proposed conducting the quarterly Saturday morning breakfast meeting in the Martinsburg area to make it more convenient to Berkeley County members. Jennifer Syron will contact the Martinsburg library to see if the EPOHOA could hold the meetings there.

III. Old Business

- A. EPOHOA Year End Workshops** – Suzanne Malesic could not attend today's meeting but will provide an update on the status of the workshops early next week.
- B. Chapel View Study** – Tara Hannum is working on determining whether HOA covenants are land servitudes or contracts and the legal implications of each. The Jefferson County Planning Commission says covenants are a contract between the seller and the buyer, so they do not review them.
- C. Update on Rt. 340** – There is a meeting scheduled for this morning to discuss the Rt. 340 project. Several EPOHOA members are attending the meeting and will provide an update at the October meeting.

- D. EPOHOA Structure and By-Laws** – Will be discussed at the October meeting.
- E. WV Chapter of CAI** – The goal of the EPOHOA is to have enough members to be able to join CAI in 2012. EPOHOA members are encouraged to join CAI now and their membership can be switched to the WV Chapter after it's formed.
- F. Resurrecting an HOA** – This is an issue facing many HOA residents. EPOHOA is prepared to provide guidance and help in any way possible, but there must be residents within the HOA who want to make the effort to resurrect their HOA.

IV. New Business

- A. Planning Commission Text Amendments** – Suzanne Malesic, Kathy Knight, and Nance attended the Jefferson County Planning Commission meeting and addressed concerns with the new plan to amend the Planning Commission regulations. One of the most significant pending changes would eliminate public comment for commercial development. Changes to the Cottage Industry regulations were also discussed at the meeting.
- B. Sheriff's Ride Along Program** – The Sheriff's Office has made a ride along opportunity available for citizens who want to accompany a Sheriff's Deputy on patrol. If you are interested in participating, visit the following: <http://www.shannondale.org/forum/showthread.php?23810-Sheriff-Offers-quot-Ride-Along-quot-Program-for-Citizens-w-Deputies>
- C. Radio Show** – Elliot Simon's radio show has been moved to Saturday mornings at 9am. One hour of the show is dedicated to discussing issues of interest to the community and Elliot is always looking for guests.

V. Projects

- A. Planning Commission Coordination** – No discussion.
- B. Jefferson County Emergency Services Coordination Plan** – No discussion.
- C. Chesapeake Bay WIP (Region IX)** – The Government Accounting Office (GAO) published a report on the failure of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the states to coordinate their efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.
- D. EPOHOA Website** – The website is being updated regularly; however, the meeting agendas and minutes are still missing.
- E. Subdivision Approval/Covenants** – No discussion.
- F. Common Area Tax** – Elliot reported that there have been no new developments in the case. It appears that the State Tax Commission is ignoring the relevant issues.
- G. Who's Who of Leaders in Jefferson County** – No discussion.
- H. Legislation – HOA Dues Collection** – No discussion.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Nance Briscoe and seconded by Elliot Simon; approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.