

## **Boyd's Civic Association October 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

President Hammet Hough called the Boyd's Civic Association (BCA) to order at 7:35 pm on October 15, 2015. There were about 47 people in attendance.

**Minutes** (Maggie Bartlett): July minutes were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report** (Steve Gibson): \$14,863.63 (as of 9/30/15)

**Welcome** to visitors and new members

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chris Arndt** will be the BCA representative to the bike community.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- **Lisa DeReggi (Railroad Safety)**: After the death of her nephew John, the DeReggi family is looking to see how to get the message out about railroad safety. One way is through educational programs at schools through the Lifesaver Program. Other ideas were to improve signage around the station and rails, and possible remote sensors for flashing lights or alarms.
- **Roberto Duke and Leslie Saville (Parking and traffic problems in Boyds)**: Roberto and Leslie provided information about how Park and Planning proposes to alleviate current and anticipated future traffic/commuter problems. The Germantown MARC parking lot is filled by 7:00 am and the Boyds' station has very limited parking spaces already. On November 4 (7-9 pm), a kickoff meeting will be held at the Upcounty Regional Services Center to review the issues. A Communities Design Workshop will be held in the spring of 2016 to discuss many of these issues and the communities' input will be posted on a website. A member also wants to see how other communities have dealt with shelter structures. The Boyds Ride On bus issue will be a topic of discussion at the spring workshop. Harry St. Ours will send out a blast email to BCA members, as information is made available. Hammet thanked the M-NCPPC for their guidance to the BCA at hearings and meetings.

**BCA Members**: Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address. Come to the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for an update!

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Traffic Congestion at Barnesville and Clarksburg Rd.** (David Hidalgo-Frazer): The result of the traffic study is: there is a traffic problem. People are getting to work late; and parents and school buses are getting their kids to school late. Possible solutions would be a timed traffic light or a roundabout. David suggests that we need to request an expedited plan since it usually takes at least 18 months to get approvals. There were three BCA members who opposed the new idea for a revised Boyds MARC station and roundabout at Barnesville and Clarksburg Rds. fearing that Barnesville Rd. would become a thoroughfare.
- **Cricket Field** (Miriam Schoenbaum): The Boyds community local park space was removed from the list of potential sites for a new cricket field. Thanks go out to Miriam and her committee!

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Boyd's Historical Society (BHS)** (Maggie Bartlett, Co-President): Both the BHS and the Boyd's Presbyterian Church are hosting craft festivals on October 25th (BHS) and 24th (BPC). The BHS is always looking for new members and donations to help us with maintaining the school as an historic site. Also, the BHS continues to have monthly open houses on the last Sunday of the month, April through October 2-4 pm.
- **Mini Master Plan** meeting (October 19 7:15 pm): will discuss land use for new MARC station.
- **Lisa DeReggi** stated that multiple churches are interested in the 60-acre property across from the Lithicum Farm. She will keep us informed.
- **BCA Nomination Committee**: Anne Davies will chair the committee to provide a proposed list of nominees for BCA officers. List will be posted prior to the January 21st meeting.
- **Boyd's signage**: Kathy Mathews will check to see who is responsible for the signage around Boyds, both the brown signs and the grey signs.
- **Congratulations to Anne Sturm** (Recipient of the Royce Hanson Award): Presentation will be on October 18.

**Motion to adjourn** was passed at 9:10 pm.

**Next BCA meeting: January 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm.**