



Cromwell Valley Park Council

January 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Sherwood House

Cromwell Valley Park Council, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING PACKET

February 14, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - Sherwood House

MEETING CANCELED DUE TO BALTIMORE COUNTY SNOW CLOSURE

An electronic audio video from the President was disseminated for the Board.

Included in this packet:

1. Agenda – January 2019
2. Membership & Communications Report
3. Staff Report
4. Financial Package
 - a. Year End 2018 Financial package will be emailed to Board members
5. 2019 Calendar
6. List of Board of Directors & Program Chairs



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1. WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT, MIA WALSH (7:00 – 7:15)
 - a. Call to Order & Adoption of the Agenda; Establish Quorum
 - b. Volunteer & Donations Thank You Recognition
 - i. Halten Garden Club, Dr. Kenneth McQuage, Summer Camp Sponsorship
 - ii. John Canoles – Birders’ Hike on 1/12
 - c. Newsletter Articles for Kim Shapiro
 - d. Town Hall Meeting with Johnny O. & David Marks

2. TRAINING (7:15-7:25)
 - a. Google for Non Profits - *Mia Walsh*

3. GOVERNANCE (7:25 – 7:45)
 - a. Approval of December 2018 Minutes – *Kim Shapiro*
 - b. State Highway Grant for Signage Update – *Abe Yoffe*
 - i. Writing of educational materials for signage – *Kim Shapiro & John Canoles*
 - c. Baltimore County Background Checks – *Mia Walsh*

4. MANAGEMENT (7:45 – 8:15)
 - a. Park Staff Report –*Kirk Dreier*
 - i. Update on Baltimore County replacing vandalized sign
 - b. Leaseholder’s Report - *Talmar*
 - c. Friends of Sherwood Report – *Mia Walsh*
 - d. Standing Committee –
 - i. Building and Grounds - *Rick Childs*
 1. CVP Front Signage Project Update – *Abe Yoffe*
 - ii. Programs - *Kenneth Keady*
 1. Fall Harvest Festival Planning Committee- Set Date for Meeting
 - iii. Finance / Membership
 1. Fundraising / Dedication Ceremony – Sunday, April 28th? – *Jenny Trust – Mia Walsh*
 2. Membership – *Kim Shapiro*
 - iv. Communications - *Kim Shapiro*
 - v. Volunteers – *Sya Buryk Kedzior*
 1. Smithsonian Water-Ways - Friday, 18 January 2019, 10:30-noon, in the Galloway Room at the Almshouse, 9811 Van Buren Lane, Cockeysville 21030
 2. Volunteers for Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th

5. OLD BUSINESS (8:15 – 8:20)

6. NEW BUSINESS (8:20 – 8:30)

7. KEY MESSAGES:
 - a.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, February 11, 2019 7:00 P.M. SHERWOOD HOUSE



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COMMUNICATIONS and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES JANUARY 2019 BOARD REPORT

ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH OCCURRED IN PRIOR MONTH IN YOUR AREA:

Website - The redesigned and updated website has been up since mid-December. Mia is keeping up with postings for upcoming programs.

Social Media – Facebook postings of upcoming programs are being completed by Bill Curtis, while Pat is recuperating.

CampBrain – Mia has been maintaining and updating program information for registration. Summer Camp registration begins Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The Spring Calendar (Park Office) and Newsletter (Council) are in preparation. Articles are due within the week to allow time for layout and review. Reminders for submissions have been sent out. John and Bill have submitted articles.

NEXT UP:

Editing, layout, review, upload for printing, assembly and mailing of the newsletter and calendar.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Thanks to:

Mia for her work on the website design and maintaining CampBrain data population

Pat, Mia and Bill for keeping Facebook up to date – promoting the Park and programs.

SUBMITTED BY: **Membership Sub-Committee (Finance) – Kim Shapiro**

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DATA:

Total memberships 372

as of 1/12/19:

Last report (Dec.): 361

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

~~Updating of information to CampBrain is critical for Summer Camp registration that kicks off on Jan. 15th to assure that those who are renewing early have access to the discounted price (the cost of family membership).~~ There is no discounted price – camp registrations include the Membership fee.

Big donations from McQuade and Halten Garden Club. (President's remarks.)



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PARK STAFF JANUARY 2019 BOARD REPORT

December was busy and productive. For starters, we welcomed Laura Page as our newest Activity coordinator and Naturalist at Willow Grove Nature Center. Project Feeder watch began on December the 4th and has been ongoing each Tuesday and Thursday since then.

Our first Polly wog preschool winter program, began on January the 9th and is run by Ranger Anne Wedgeworth. This is the first time that we ran this program as a gifts and grants. This means that the cost of the program allows us to pay her salary. Of course we raised the prices quite a bit for it to pay for itself. We did get some (push -back) from long time folks who were might used to the \$ 25 dollar price tag that it has had for many years. But, the fact of the matter is that, that really robbed the park budget to pay for the many hours of thought and preparation that Anne puts into the program. We did get enough participants with this program to pay for itself. I'm hoping that the "pushback" will settle down after this initial start. This is after all the first time that we have offered this program in the winter.

I've been meeting with several Eagle Scout candidates for projects. One will be a wood storage lean too at Hawk watch, which I'm hoping will allow us to get rid of the rotten tarpaulins that now litter the ground and attract snakes in the summer time. Somewhat unnerving to uncover the tarp and see a garter or copperhead sitting there enjoying the heat and moisture. "Well, I've seen no copperheads there."

We will also be having a scout build a gate down by the McFaul's entrance to allow entry by the Foresters who maintain the tree plantings while keeping the public from trespassing with vehicles into the park from that side.

A large kiosk akin to the one at the entrance to the gravel parking lot will erected at the Baldwin Barrens property. This will allow us to post maps, handouts, and fliers for programs. I anticipate that will probably be another parking site for people wishing to start a hike from Providence road. That is of course, to be determined in the future.

- I would like to purchase four new radios for the park. These would be to replace the two old radios that Pat, purchased for the park many years ago, which are non functional, even though I had Chip Suter service them. The new radios will be digital which means they can be prograded to Marshy Points frequency's and thus if needed for a really big event, I could borrow them for said purpose, and vice versa. The other two are to flesh out are radio system and begin the process of phasing the analog systems. Our repeater is digital capable as well as analog.
- I am also working on an exhibit about the Marble Spring, the Egg Collection, a welcome to Cromwell Valley, and two additional You R Here Maps to be established within the park. We will be working with Hopewell Industries and Jackie Woodcock again. I'll be talking to John Canoles and Kim Shapiro on some of these projects.



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2019 CVPC Meeting Dates

Presented at September 2018 Meeting

DATE 2018	MEETING	Location	Time
Monday, January 14 th <i>Orthodox New Year</i>	Executive Board Meeting	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 11 th	Executive Board Meeting (closed to Board only)	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 11 th	Council Meeting (open to Public – Annual Meeting)	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 8 th	Executive Board Meeting	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 13 th	Executive Board Meeting	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 10 th	Executive Board Meeting	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 8 th	No Meeting		
Monday, August 12 th <i>Eid al-Ahda - Muslim</i>	Executive Board Meeting (closed to Board only)	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 9 th	Council Meeting (open to Public)	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 14 th – COLUMBUS DAY	<i>No October Meeting or Change to 10/21 Shmini Atzeret - Jewish</i> Executive Board Meeting	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11 th VETERAN'S DAY	<i>Change to November 4th – pending no October meeting</i> Executive Board Meeting (closed to Board only)	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 9 th	Executive Board Meeting	Sherwood House	7:00 p.m.