

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

March 21, 2024

Joe Savage-Morrison welcomed our guest speaker, Mike Zeman, Assistant General Manager and Director of Operations for the Norfolk Tides Baseball Team. He handed out game calendars for the season and gave us information regarding the operational aspects of the stadium. Everything must be coordinated with the City of Norfolk which owns Harbor Park that was built in 1992. The Orioles pay the Tides players and last year, they were International Champions. The park set records for attendance and has the longest season. Mike Zeman mentioned that Harbor Park is undergoing the first phase of the seawall project and renovations to the building are also being done. He asked for questions and a member asked about the different sections. Mike explained that the party deck in right field is covered and is rented for a specific time. The picnic area in left field is larger and has pre-game and post-game seatings. The patio areas hold less people but are quieter and have the best views. A question was asked about fireworks and he said they have them after every Saturday game except on April 13. The opening day for the season is Friday, March 29, and he recommended that people use the light rail to get there because of the traffic. Some group discounts are offered and tickets can be bought in advance for a savings at the park office which is open from 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and on game nights. Mike also reminded everyone that only clear bags are allowed.

Joe Savage-Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting and it was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report – In Mike Moore's absence, Beverly Wilson gave the following Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2024:

Checking Account - \$32,101.46 Savings Account - \$50,823.13 Total - \$82,924.59

Pool Update – Cindy Core reported the pool balance is \$24,736.65 and the re-gel will be finished in May and will cost \$44,000. The pool is starting to accept applications for the upcoming season and a 10% discount is offered for a paid membership before April 30. She also mentioned that there will be a Spring Market at the pool on Saturday, April 13, at the pool.

Park and Playground – Cheryl Douglas said that she has not heard back from the Park Foundation about the benches for the playground area. Jackie Savage mentioned that someone had asked about putting fencing around the toddler area to stop kids from going in the water. A discussion was held and it was determined that the fencing would be destroyed, take away from the esthetics of the park, and the city would probably not approve it.

Garden Club – Peggy Caverly reported that at the next Garden Club meeting on April 11 at her house, they will be going to the Research Center on Diamond Springs Road. Golf carts will be available and each person will bring a picnic lunch. There will be a tour at 10 am with the picnic lunch afterwards.

Old Business – Community Garden – Celine Vanneste gave a presentation of a plan for our proposed community garden. She mentioned that we first had a meeting in December with the new principal of the elementary school and they were interested but not until maybe September. The Old Donation Church has a big open area on the side and they have already tilled a pollinator garden. We had a meeting with the church and they were very receptive. Celine showed us a picture of a plot 150 ft by 60 ft close to their pollinator garden. A meeting was held with the Vestry and a permit would be needed because it is historic land and a contract would have to be made up between the Civic League and the church. Also, if we should end the garden, the land must go back to its original state. There will be a meeting Monday night, March 25, at 6 pm at the church grassy area where the plot will be. Also, since there is no water on this land, it was suggested that we could use the money in the budget to drill a well costing approximately \$4,000 and there is power there for the well pump. We plan for everything to be low maintenance. Any contributions from the neighborhood are welcome such as bricks, wood, etc.

New Business – Water/Sewer – they are going down Cavendish and Cambria. Notices will be put on doors alerting homeowners to service interruptions.

Easter Egg Hunt – has been postponed to Saturday, March 30, due to weather.

Spring Craft Market – Saturday, April 13, at the pool.

Movie Night - Thursday, April 18, at the Cinema Café. If Civic League members go there between 4:30 pm and 7 pm, a Board member will be there to hand out tickets which can be taken to the booth to pick whatever movie and night they want.

Yard Sale – Saturday, May 4 – Cheryl Douglas gave her email address – puzllr@aol.com for people to sign up by April 27 to have their address on the printed map. Afterwards, their address will be on the online map. The rain date is Saturday, May 18.

Tides Baseball Game – This will be potentially held in June.

Pool – Pembroke Meadows Recreation Center – opens Memorial Day weekend

National Night Out – August 6 at the pool - contact Jackie Savage to get on the committee. Last year, the City Manager came out as well as emergency response personnel and the mounted police. We also had face painting and balloons and everyone had a good time. It is a night for everyone to come together and you don't need to be a pool member.

A member made an announcement that on April 13, the Old Donation Episcopal Church will have a Creation and Migration from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Jackie Savage said that Councilman, Chris Taylor, would be at the Central Library on Friday, March 29, at 11 am to give information on programs and services for people 55 and over. Barbara Henley will also be there.

Clif Furedy announced that the lane closure proposal on Haygood Road and Wishart Lane was voted down.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting with all in favor. Joe Savage-Morrison adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.