

## Minutes of the Parks and Green Spaces Committee

On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 4:00 pm

At the Chevy Chase Village Hall

Present: Carol Coffin, Leslie McKay, Mildred Nance, Ellen Sands (Chevy Chase Village Administrator), Margo Kingston and Susan Kilborn, Co-Chairs.

Margo Kingston called the meeting to order. The Honeybee talk that will be presented by the Montgomery Country Beekeepers Association will take place in September. Everyone in the Village will be invited to the early evening program. We will provide simple refreshments for those who attend. Frank Linton will speak and Rob Jenson will bring live bees. The talk will include ideas for what plantings attract the bees that pollinate your garden. Local honey is particularly good for your health. We are looking forward to the Bee Talk and we hope it draws a good crowd.

Ellen Sands brought us up to date on the Montgomery County engineer's report and recommendations. The investigation into which underground pipes are broken is scheduled to start on July 1, 2022, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The Village planted ferns in the fall. They have survived the winter well. We hope this stand of ferns will spread and consolidate to keep out weeds and will be a welcome sight for walkers as they enter and leave the Village. Susan Kilborn told Ellen Sands that little violet plants were growing in the fern bed. She responded that the landscaping company should be taking out the weeds and she would let them know the violet plants needed to be uprooted.

The Co-Chairs will send a list to Ellen Sands to suggest how many stone pads need to be placed and in which parks. We hope to have submitted this information to Ellen before the end of 2022 fiscal year.

The party to say goodbye to Jerry Lesene who is retiring from 40 years of work for Chevy Chase Village will take place on June 17, 2022, from 6:00-8:00pm, rain or shine. As the Director of Public Works he managed the Public Works team which planted trees, removed snow and collected leaves as well as the residents' gardening debris throughout the Village. We will miss him. Luis Galindo and Richard Graves will work together until a new person can be hired as Director of Public Works.

There being no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Carol, Leslie, Mildred, Margo and Susan attended the Propagation workshop that was held on the Village Hall porch.

Twelve 4"X 4" inch plastic pots were filled with a rooting medium made from 1 part each sand, vermiculite and peat moss. The fairly large boxwood cuttings with a nice amount of new growth were used to remove 1 stem from the cuttings, score one side carefully and cutting the stem at the bottom at a sharp angle so the stem would receive the maximum amount of rooting hormone powder. The extra powder was shaken off. Four pencil holes were made in each pot and the stems that had been scored were carefully inserted, 4 to a pot.

The pot was then watered and put in a plastic bag and the bag tied shut. The bags will be opened daily so the stems can get light and air, then the plastic bags are re-attached and closed for the night. After three weeks of this the propagators will gently pull the stem and if it does not come right out of the pot,

roots have begun to grow! Each stem that is growing roots needs to be planted in a separate pot and put outside or planted in the garden where it will get light and air, but no direct sun.

Potentially, they will have created a new generation of the English boxwood shrubs of near Chevy Chase Circle.

Meetings planned for the Fall 2022 are:

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 4:00 PM

Wednesday November 9, 2022, at 4:00 PM

December flocking of the Boxwood shrubs?? (This depends whether the new plan for the Boxwood area has been created and the boxwoods removed or not.)

Meetings of 2023 are:

Wednesday March 8, 2023

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Wednesday, June 14, 2023??

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Kingston and Susan Kilborn