

## Minutes of ECA Board Meeting – December 4, 2018

Present: David Barnes, Sue Hendrickson, Jeffrey Drichta, Bridget Foist, and Joyce Gwadz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM

Item 1. The board approved the minutes from the last official board meeting on October 1.

Item 2. Increasing attendance at the Spring/Fall meetings.

Several suggestions were received from ECA members, including several relate to making the meetings more of a “neighborhood get together,” with a social hour before the business part of the meeting, and serving food and refreshments, even wine and beer.

The board decided to include snacks/deserts and refreshments (including wine and beer) at future meetings and to include a period of time before the meeting begins for people to socialize. The specifics of this arrangement will be worked out and implement for the April 2019 meeting.

3. Elm Street Right-of-Way and Clarendon Road Sidewalks/Paths

Jeffrey summarized the recent discussions with Montgomery County and local residents about the proposed pathway renovations, as described in the November ECA Newsletter. One ECA member expressed significant dissatisfaction with the plan. The board decided that David will contact that person in order to better understand his concerns and suggestions, and offer to meet him to walk through the site. We will continue to work with the County to resolve all outstanding issue, and to make sure the revisions are as attractive as possible. The board discussed the possibility of the ECA providing funds to help pay for larger trees to replace the ones being removed, possibly paying for a bench on the path, and consulting with a landscape designer to help make the path more attractive. Additional information will be obtained by Jeffrey and David to determine the feasibility of these.

4. ECA New Year Brunch

The 2019 Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 6. The club is reserved. In addition to the usual food and drink, the board decided to include champagne as a refreshment.

5. Spring ECA Meeting

The board decided to invite our new County Councilperson, Andrew Friedson, to our spring meeting. David will make arrangements.

6. Increasing ECA Membership/Reaching Out to New Neighbors

The board discussed making use of Nextdoor Edgmoor to post information about the ECA, outreach to the community, and publicize ECA events. David will work with Josh to look into how feasible it will be to ensure that such postings are targeted to the right audience. David will also look into the overlap between Nextdoor and ECA in terms of defining the service areas.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM