



MINUTES
RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 28, 2011
Executive Office Building – Rockville

Members Present:

Bob Goldberg Leslie Saville – MNCPPC member
Fred Lechluder
Eric Spates Laura Bradshaw –acting staff coordinator
Marc Miller
Greg Deaver
Absent: Robin Ziek, Greg Glenn

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – The May 24, 2011 minutes, were read and approved with no corrections.

Updates

Discussion that cleared up some misunderstanding about the way the committee communicates with each other and its correspondents.

Brief discussion about the letter sent to the planning board regarding the “kiddy lots” located at Slidell and West Old Baltimore.

Leslie let the committee know that the replacement of the Master Plan of Highways will not be renewed next year due to budget constraints; hence we will not be designating any new rustic roads.

Discussion regarding the short term prospects for the DPS Staff coordinator position and that a replacement for Sarah Navid at DPS is on going and that the responsibilities for coordinating with this committee shall be part of that position.

New Business

- Discussion of a proposed cell tower at the corner of Triadelphia Rd and Georgia Ave on a property with a Georgia address. The committee decided to send a letter to T-mobile requesting a change in the type of pole to minimize the impact on Triadelphia.

- Discussion of 2 small bridges that are planned to be replaced by mandatory referral on Whites Ferry Rd.
- The committee was informed that a meeting was planned for June 30th with Councilman Elrich's staff, Pepco representatives and others at the headquarters of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance in Poolsville to discuss tree trimming that Pepco had been conducting along or near Rustic Roads. The committee requested that a voting member of the RRAC be included in the meeting and Leslie agreed to seek an invitation for Eric Spates who offered to attend and present the 3 point position of the committee as follows:
 1. The laws and mandates of the County, State and Master Plan should be followed
 2. Clearing should achieve the safe travel of farm equipment, school, passenger and emergency vehicles
 3. Given the above 2 points trees and other vegetation contributing to the rustic character of the designated roads should be preserved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting September 27, 2011

**Minutes approved with minor corrections on September 27, 2011
Amended January, 2012**