



MINUTES
RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 30, 2009
Executive Office Building - Rockville

Members:

Marc Miller
Robert Goldberg
Jim Arnoult
Robin Ziek
Kevin Foster

Leslie Saville - MNCPPC
Sarah Navid – Staff

Absent: Fred Lechlinder, Eric Spates

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Minutes – The May 26 minutes were approved with one addition.

Batchellors Forest Road – The draft letter to DOT regarding their response to a Farquhar Middle school student’s request for roadway widening and improvements was reviewed and approved with minor revisions. The Committee discussed how the upcoming planned subdivisions along Batchellors Forest Road could impact its rustic road status. Robin felt that the RRAC should be proactive and not wait for developers to draw up plans, possibly by MNCPPC purchasing property through the **Legacy Open Space** program. Jim suggested specifically targeting the significant viewsheds from the rustic roads. Leslie will look into getting further information on this program with the view towards inviting MNCPPC staff to discuss it at a future meeting.

Barnesville Oaks - The draft letter to MNCPPC was reviewed and two items were added regarding street lights (recommend simple cut-off fixtures, maximum spacing) and monumental entry features or signs (recommend none). Also the wording was changed to remain neutral towards the proposed subdivision and simply provide comments regarding its design with respect to Peach Tree Road.

Tree and Foliage Trimming - The RRAC needs to continue working with the Ag Advisory Committee on this issue. Jim suggested sending a semi-annual letter to Highway Services listing a few roads at a time (with photos) that need attention. Eric and Fred may be able to suggest specific locations.

RRAC Review of Development Projects – The RRAC has not been consistently apprised of proposed projects, particularly special exceptions, zoning cases and mandatory referrals. A letter will be drafted to MNCPPC asking that the committee be “kept in the loop” on all projects affecting rustic roads.

Promoting Public Awareness of the Rustic Roads Program – Marc is particularly interested in pursuing more activity in this area. Specifically, rustic roads identification

signs would be a good start. Signs could be funded/provided by developers building houses on rustic roads. This needs to be discussed with DOT with a view towards changing the Executive Regulation which currently prohibits such signs.

Design Guidelines Sub-Committee Meeting

A sub-committee will meet in August (date to be determined) to begin drafting the guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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