

CITIZENS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PLEASANT VALLEY

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Minutes for the March 17th 2009 Membership Meeting



Board of Directors:

- Eric Whitenton, President
- James Downing, Vice-President
- AJ Nicolosi, Secretary
- Diane Younkings, Treasurer
- Kourtney Lowery, Board Member At Large

Other Officers:

- Karen Brown, Membership Chair

CPPV held the first membership meeting on March 17, 2009, at the Rohersville old school house at 7:00 p.m. 21 people were in attendance. Eric Whitenton, president, provided an overview of the organization followed by AJ Nicolosi presenting information on issues that may be of interest to the community. Karen Brown offered information about membership. Karen and Kourtney Lowery elicited feedback from the group on issues that were of interest to those in attendance.

The following topics of interest were raised:

1. Work for a dedicated Washington County Commissioner member for South County. (Hancock and South County are in the same situation.)
2. County officials perceive that Boonsboro, Sharpsburg and Keedysville are South County. Pleasant Valley is “non-existent.”
3. In order to recruit members, we will need to go door to door.
4. Make a presentation at the Ruritan.
5. Speeding on Route 67 is a problem.

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6. We all have concerns about the length of time it takes for the police to respond to calls in the Pleasant Valley area. Many people have had experiences where it took 45 minutes or longer for the police to arrive for serious matters involving death.
7. The question of who has jurisdiction on the road along the canal was raised. Denis Fry informed the group that the park police have no jurisdiction on county roads. This information is available on their web site.
8. Would like to see enforcement of the land use plans to preserve the area.
9. Light pollution.
10. The Park Service can help us enforce Federal laws. An example is making sure that the FCC approves the first responders' communication tower. Denis Fry recommended that we develop Land Protection Strategies. There are a number of programs available that are administered by the County:
 - a. Maryland Rural Legacy Program – County designates what's in it.
 - b. Maryland Agricultural Program – County designates what's in it.
 - c. Maryland Natural Resources

We want to encourage Eric Seifert to meet with us.

The Pleasant Valley is part of the Civil War Heritage area.

Some County Commissioners may have a special interest in our area.

11. Rails to Trails – Status – The adjoining land owners have opposed and derailed the program.
12. Buckeye Development – Lost their court case. It looks like they will be able to build nine properties on the site.
13. Things that work well in the area – County roads are very responsive to calls to pick up trash.
14. Residents of the Pleasant Valley have a Knoxville, Md (Frederick County) address which confuses county officials, public servants and businesses about which county we are in and causes many problems. We would need to go through Congress to change our post office, but it may be very worthwhile. Consider Brownsville or Rohrsersville.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.