

Brennan Estates Board Meeting  
Olive B. Loss Elementary School Library  
Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7PM

Members of the Board:	Position:	Section:
Heather Pasquariello	President	Meadows
Ernest Dempsey	Vice President	Meadows
Geraldine Thomas	Treasurer	Meadows
Rose Ann Smith (absent)	Correspondence Secretary	Terrace Townhomes
Daniel Mawn	Board Member	Terrace Townhomes
Zenobia Thompson (absent)	Board Member	Arbors
Courtney Glasgow-Rinaldi	Board Member	Meadows
Sekhar Arutla	Board Member	Southwoods
Vickie Coulter-Phillips (absent)	Board Member	Terraces Singles
Errol Rodriguez	Board Member	Woodlands

President Pasquariello brought the meeting to order at 7 PM

Member of the Brennan community, Jimmy Hall, from the townhome section asked to say a few words. He noted that he was a long-time resident. He said that he valued and appreciated the work the board does. He expressed to the board that he was very confused and upset by the increase in HOA dues and called the board to ask questions. He wished to thank board president, Heather, for calling him back about the \$75 increase. He didn't understand the \$75 HOA increase and she explained all the reasons why it was important and necessary. He expressed that it was a difficult price for him to pay, but he was extremely grateful that she took the time to explain everything to him.

County councilman Carter stood to speak. He explained to the board and community members in attendance that he was deep into his budget. He informed everyone that there was a debate on Monday to try to set aside money for land preservation. There is also a new library that will be built. Councilman Carter told everyone that there were plans for a change in traffic impact study to take place. The county has noticed that large density of traffic in specific and vital areas and there are talks planned with the aim of moving density traffic down. He also mentioned that there will be shifting of feeder routes with schools. He compelled the board and community members to come to the planning master scenarios. He finished by noting that drainage issues have waned off a little bit, as that has been his main priority with mosquito season approaching.

The new development "Summit Bridge" doesn't have drainage. Councilman Carter worked to get codes enforced. State already sprayed for mosquitoes already. Federal and State New Castle County Conservation have been working diligently to address this.

Representative Earl Jaques stood to comment on the progress on some of his priority projects. He noted that he is still waiting for paving to be done in Brennan. Frazer road is about 2 weeks away from paving being started. Councilman Carter brought up traffic south of canal. Representative Jaques noted that there are plans for a new road, Spur road, but it is not designed yet. He noted that we are 5 to 10 years away from anything happening. The only other big thing he had to note was that the Appoquinimink school district and the Department of Transportation were in talks about a New Olive B Loss. Negotiated and in talks about purchasing a specific plot of land. The board inquired about where this plot of land was and was told that it was a plot of land that the board has been maintaining the water retention on.

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The board asked when this school would be built. Representative Jaques told the board that the school would have to have a referendum and then after it passes, it will be built. This new school will not be expected for at least 3 years.

Georgia Takas from Girl Scout Troop 533 asked the board if she could do a project in Brennan to qualify for and earn her Gold award. The project that she would like to complete includes fundraising for, buying, and installing Eight-foot benches at the Brennan basketball court. She noted that the timeline for her project would be about a year. Each bench cost about \$300 - \$400, including shipping costs, the total would be about \$1000. The board appreciated the presentation.

President Pasquariello made a MOTION to approve the project. No disagreements. Permission for the project was granted.

**Board Community Project Updates:**

Earl is working on some of the potholes.

Errol will get his curbs and sidewalks list to Heather as soon as he can

Electric in the front is blown out. The lights are for safety, next door app starting to show complaints of safety. The board is working to get this fixed as soon as possible.

**Playground Inspections:**

Overall, there are a few things that need to be repaired or replaced, but it is overall alright. A community member suggested power washing the play castle. The spring-riders are going bad. Annual playground inspection \$2500 (\$750 per playground) are necessary going forward.

**Brennan Website Updates:**

Jim Hansen noted that the delinquent page was removed. Aspen suggested that we take it down for a bit. \$128K in payments so far. They are ready to move on to round 2 letters. So far, HOA collection is going well.

**Other Items:**

A community member noted that she was thrilled that the board brought on Aspen. She's ready to see the neighborhood turn around. She asked the board for advice and what she can do on the dry pond behind her home. She said that everything is growing in and asked if the board can have someone cut the vegetation down because there are so many mosquitos. The board told the community member that what she has behind her property is called a "dry pond." What makes it a "dry pond" is that it doesn't hold water all the time. For it to drain properly, the board must keep vegetation in the pond. To ease the community member's worries, board member Gerri told her that they will talk further, and Gerri will go and see for herself what can be done.

President Pasquariello explained that dry and wet ponds are different. This whole area is buggy. Brennan board to see what they can do to help.

President Pasquariello informed the board that Aspen changed some wording in the Brennan – Ultra contract.

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Errol told everyone about an email that was sent. There was ATV riding and a community member was upset about it and wants to purchase the signs saying that ATV riding is not allowed himself.

Several issues concerning ATVs have been expressed via NextDoor app where Brennan Estates is referred to as "Claireborne" or "Ballina."

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 8:24 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, at Olive B Loss Elementary School, at 7PM.