



**Meeting & Discussion Notes
Saturday, July 19, 2017
Faith Christian Academy
138 Greenburg Road
Martinsburg WV 25404**

Officers: Bob Ayrer, President, Spring Mills; Nance Briscoe, Vice President, Cloverdale; Phyllis Smock, Secretary, Stonebridge; Connie Suddueth, Member-at-Large,

Other Attendees: Sarah and Melvin Cotton, Spring Valley II; Frank and Tina Stottlemeyer, Apple Knolls; Sandy Moran, Apple Knolls; John Youngblood, Chesley Estates; Lou Howard, Rattlesnake Run; Paul Pohlenz, River Ridge; Cathy Jackson, Westridge Hills; Ruth Bradley, Douglas Oaks; Wilma Evans, Douglas Oaks; Clarence Settle, Branch Creek; Linda Stacho, Fort Hill Farms II; George Tenley, The Woods; Dan Toland; The Woods; Sandy and Tom Hayden, Runnymede; Linda Laughlin, Fort Hills Farms #2; Judy Pharr, Willowdale 2; Heather Field, Clagett Management; Dean Randolph, Whittings Neck Farm Estates; John Boring, Kingbrook; Jean and Gary Stewart, Sleepy Creek Orchard; Theresa Rush, Dogwood Manor; Mary Lou Cisar, Dogwood Manor; Stephen Casimir, Spring Mills; Larry Lam, Spring Mill Farm; Jeremy Shen, Spring Mill Farm; Jennifer Tillet, Potomac Valley Vista; Michael McDonald, Sylvan Grove; Rob McDonald, Greystone on the Opequon; Nick Bajada, Crystal Lake; Anne Wandler, Crystal Lake; Harold Blosser, Greystone on the Opequon; Robert Ryan, Brentwood Estates

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 am by Bob Ayrer.

Membership Report:

Nance reported EPOHOA totals 76 HOA memberships, 39 individual and business members and a total of 8,550 homes.

Legislative Update

On July 13, 2017, Congressman Mark Sanford (R-SC) introduced the Disaster Assistance Equity Act of 2017, H.R. 3238, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Disaster Assistance Equity Act of 2017 clarifies community association's eligibility for FEMA disaster debris removal and disaster repair assistance and ensures that all U.S. households have equal opportunity and support to recover from natural disasters.

For more details on Disaster Relief Fairness see EPOHOA.org website under "Latest News."

Berkeley County Ordinance:

IN RE: Fireworks Discharge Restrictions. Berkeley County Commissioners approved it effective July 9, 2017.

This ordinance is also posted on the EPOHOA.org website.

EDUCATION SESSION:

Panel Discussion with Berkeley County, Sgt. Vigh and Jefferson County, Sgt. Fletcher, moderated by Bob Ayres

Topics included in the discussion:

- *What constitutes HOA Authority (Covenants & Restrictions via contractual agreement);
- *What constitutes Police Authority and how it is granted and enforced;
Federal and state governments make laws and counties make ordinances;
- *Sheriff Departments will respond to Drunken Driving, Reckless Driving, Accidents, and ATV violation of ordinances within an HOA;
- *Sheriff Departments will respond to calls for trespassing calls for uninvited persons or suspicious activity, and improper disturbance on private property;
- *Sheriff Departments will patrol HOAs upon request from community and depending on staffing availability;
- *Sheriff Departments will serve Writ of Executions;
- *Sheriff Departments do have K-9 Units and helicopters;
- *Sheriff Departments do enforce traffic laws on State roads;
- *Open carry of weapons is allowed according to West Virginia Law, but a private function on private property can post no weapons allowed.
- *Sheriff Departments clarified No Solicitation Allowed. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled solicitation regarding political flyers, religious flyers and charitable non-profits are permitted.

Sheriff Deputies made available a handout on How to Start Neighborhood Watch.

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Discussion Notes submitted by,
Phyllis Smock, EPHOA Secretary

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