

**Greater Severna Park Council Meeting Notes
April 10, 2018**

Welcome and Introduction – Brad Myers (President Maureen Carr York not present)

Guest Speaker – Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh - He has been in position for past three years. Anne Arundel County population is about to exceed the city of Baltimore. His five-point platform has included:

- 1) Reducing taxes and fees – this included property tax cuts
- 2) School construction – working with the school board to build smaller, neighborhood schools. There were 12 high schools in AACo. with the highest enrollment per school in the state. Now there are 3 incrementally new high schools – Crofton, Old Mill, and Meade West County
- 3) Improving public safety – new police academy and broken ground for new central booking facility which will increase the number of police officers out on duty vs. doing administrative work, added 450 new police vehicles to fleet which the average age is 3 years old
- 4) Improving county government operations – improving efficiency and cost-effectiveness, budget is balanced with a surplus, many technology enhancements
- 5) Improving our citizens' quality of life – improving waterways, shoreline, river quality and Chesapeake Bay, \$250 million cleanup effort, bike trail networks being built, boat ramps for better public access to rivers, kayak launches, parks and road maintenance

See two press releases attached with Steve Schuh announcements.

Future initiatives include:

- 1) Improved zoning – AACo. is currently 51% rural and 49% developed
- 2) Uplifting people with challenges in our county – 300 hungry, homeless people; 80,000 mentally ill; 25,000 dealing with addiction; 1000 overdoses; 150 fatalities due to overdoses last year; continue to support "Safe Stations" where people with addictions can safely self-report and get help at police/fire stations; 10,000 people without job skills "chronically unemployed"
- 3) Continued focus on schools - improve teachers' salaries, there have been 3 years of pay increases for our teachers; work on decreasing student/teacher ratios
- 4) Focus on county maintenance backlog - \$750 million backlog currently

Mr. Schuh then entertained a variety of questions and topics from the audience.

Chamber of Commerce – Shop Local Festival at Park Plaza coming up on Saturday, May 19th

Planning/Zoning/Legislation Committee - Art Timmons: Please see attached GSPC Watch List for details. Items of interest within report: See page 7 for summary.

Education Committee - Brad Myers: Looking for individuals interested in running for Board of Education.

Police/Community Relations - Doug Nichols: All welcome to next meeting at Eastern District on April 18th at 7:30pm

Environmental Committee -

Paul Spadero of Magothy River Association: meets every 3rd Wed of the month at Berrywood Clubhouse. No report.

Public Works Committee - Erin O'Neill: No report.

SPHS Demo/Construction Committee - George Foote and Carole Boudman: This committee is closed due to school being finished.

Airport Noise Committee - Linda Curry: See attached report. Continue to contact your legislators about this issue.

ASPIRE Report – No report.

New Business – Please attend County Council Meetings! This is where your input is needed to influence decisions being made in your county that affect YOU!

Next Meeting 05/08/2018 Severna Park Library 7:30pm, State Legislation Wrap Up