

Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 12, 2012

GJA met on the above date at the Jacksonville Elementary School. In the absence of President Doug Oakley, Vice President Glen Thomas called meeting to order at 7:40 pm. In attendance were approximately 40 persons. Mr. Thomas introduced the board members who were present.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$14,943.56 as of May 31, 2012. Mr. Peters stated that he had added updates to the web site.

Corporal Pat Zito of the BCPD noted that area roads are slippery in warm weather because of water and oil slicks on the surface. He also noted that the Hereford Fourth of July parade would result in York Road being closed for a time.

Guest speaker, Congressman Andy Harris, discussed the federal budget and the Affordable Care Act, which the Supreme Court will probably rule on by the end of June. He expressed confidence that current tax cuts and the estate tax will be extended.

Delegate Kathy Szeliga asked for community opinions on allowing a sixth casino to be opened in Maryland. The consensus was against another casino.

Other topics discussed included the need for a safety barrier at the park trail on Sweet Air Road, which is under review by the County; the Parks and Rec volunteer coach background check issue; and County staff and planning board recommendations on CZMP 2012 filings.

There was discussion of the traffic light at Sweet Air and Manor Roads, currently a flashing light at night. The community opinion was that this is a dangerous intersection requiring a full traffic light at all times.

The Jacksonville Optimists will sponsor the annual fireworks display on June 30 this year.

Mr. Thomas reported that there will be GJA elections in the fall for officers and directors for 2013. Anyone with an interest in serving is asked to contact a board member.

The next general meeting will be held on September 18 with Congressman Elijah Cummings invited as guest speaker. There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lehmann, Secretary