

Clarke County Litter Committee

Meeting Notes (no quorum)

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 5:30PM

Berryville/Clarke County Government Center – A/B Meeting Room

ATTENDANCE	
Ashley Harrison (Chair)	✓ ^E
Tom Bauhan	✓
Mary Martin	X
John Keim	✓
Meg Roque	X

E – Denotes electronic attendance

STAFF PRESENT: Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer), Brandon Stidham (Director of Planning)

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Bass (Board of Supervisor Liaison)

Call to Order: There was no quorum for today’s meeting.

Election of Officers

There being no quorum in the room, the committee was unable to finalize the officers for 2023. Instead, the committee discussed how helpful it would be to have a Vice Chair help run the meeting should the Chair not be available to attend.

2023 Litter Grant Award & EPS Campaign

- The committee discussed using the EPS grant money to provide samples to surrounding and interested business owners starting with Clarke County and then reaching out to town business owners.
- Mr. Bahaun said he would schedule a time to come into the Planning Department to get sample ideas and printouts.
- The EPS grant money amount of \$1,429.50 would also be used for mailings and postage to better inform business owners of the upcoming requirements.
- Chair Harrison suggested putting an article in the Clarke Monthly in addition to the mailings to help spread the information.
- The committee talked about the grant funds and how they are allocated to various uses within the county including recycling and trash pick up for Chet Hobert Park as an example. Ms. Maddox said she would get further details from Joint Administrative Services to provide to the committee to further clarify the details.
- Regarding the Clarke Monthly, Mr. Keim asked if the article should highlight the information, the importance of the upcoming requirements and deadlines, etc. Ms. Maddox said she would forward Mr. Keim information regarding the overall EPS campaign. Chair Harrison asked if the title “Trash Talk” would be an eye-catching headline for our ongoing articles in the Clarke Monthly and if it could be added to the next meeting’s agenda for committee approval.
- Mr. Keim said he would first like to write up an introductory piece on the Litter Committee, what we have accomplished thus far, the importance, how to volunteer, etc.

2023 Planning, Engagement, Scheduling, & Signage

- The committee discussed adding a list of upcoming events to the website so citizens can align their schedules accordingly.
- Ms. Maddox mentioned the Shenandoah River Keepers would like the Litter Committee's assistance with their event in April and the committee would need to approve a date between April 16th and 23rd. The committee tentatively selected Sunday, April 16th for the event clean up date and will vote on the date at an upcoming meeting.
- Mr. Bass noted the Earth Day anti-litter slogan, short essay, and/or art contest between the Clarke County schools regarding the county's signage and perhaps some of the grant money could be used toward a prize for the winners. He said that could then tie into an Earth Day event where the Board of Supervisors and members of Josephine Street are planning to do tree plantings.


Pick Up Opportunity (Gregg Property)

- Ms. Maddox explained the property situation and noted the cost is approximately \$600 per dumpster and that at least four would be needed for the clean up. The committee will need to vote on the event date and an amount at the next meeting.
- The committee discussed how to address additional citizen requests for funds; that perhaps one per year would suffice. This project could be treated as a pilot project for the time being and that as long as future projects fall within the DEQ grant guidelines.

Adopt A Road

- Chair Harrison asked if the application could be submitted for the already approved roads between Salem Church (up through the intersection) and Opequon where it stops at the Clarke County line. The committee tentatively decided on doing an Adopt a Highway clean up event in May.

The committee decided to schedule a special meeting with a quorum so these various items can be voted on so we can move forward.



Kristina Maddox (Clerk)