



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A hybrid meeting of the Wilde Lake Board was called to order by Kevin McAliley, Chair at 6:34 pm. Members present were Kevin McAliley, Chair, Tina Horn, Vice Chair, Claudia Allen, Brandon Cogdell, Jean Joklik, Kate Rathbun, Kondi Walters-Smith, Columbia Council Representative Bill Santos, and Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager.

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Steve Campbell, Marg Godlin, Karen Gray, Liz Hammon, David and Kathy McCall, and Mary Kay Sigaty.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** ***Dr. Rathbun made a motion to add a discussion regarding a motion she wished to file to add a sixth agenda item focused on the release of records to the public. The board agreed that this topic should be addressed during the discussion of bylaws and policies (Item #4). Ms. Horn made a motion to amend the agenda to add RAC appointments. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. All in favor.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** ***Ms. Joklik made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 6, 2024. Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.***

**RESIDENT SPEAKOUT:** Karen Gray, new resident to the Wilde Lake community spoke about locating to the village from Oakling Mills. She lives in the Running Brook neighborhood. Mary Kay Sigaty mentioned she was in attendance to meet the new board members and to congratulate Bill Santos on his appointment as Chair of the Columbia Association Board of Directors. Marg Godlin asked about the process for receiving minutes from the Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting. Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that the meeting minutes may be obtained on the Wilde Lake Community Association website. Member Ms. Joklik also confirmed that the minutes are on the website. Kathy McCall, who attended the meeting with her husband David, expressed their delight in how things have quieted in the Village Center with regard to teen activity after school. They credited the creation of Club Wilde Lake with providing positive enrichment activities for the teens to participate in.

**Motion to table the discussion by Liz Hammon of the Wilde Lake Children's Nursery until she was able to join the call. Ms. Horn moved the motion and Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**RUNNING BROOK CHILDREN'S NURSERY CLOSURE** – Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that the school would cease operations at the end of this school year in June due to low enrollment and financial constraints. The Center will complete one year of its two-year lease which was created in the Spring of 2023. The school has asked for dispensation for the remaining year, 2024-2025 in the amount of \$13,560.50. Ms. Liz Hammon joined the meeting to discuss the school closure. The school's Board of Directors requested approval to waive the rental (<\$300) for an end of year celebration and yard sale events which will occur on Saturdays. The school administrators also requested that the Wilde Lake Village Board consider allowing the school to vacate their lease as well as the payments for the second year of their lease. The school has been in existence since 1967. Ms. Hammon mentioned that the Wilde Lake Community Association/Columbia Association will have first right of refusal to the playground equipment that the school had installed on the property. **Dr. Rathbun moved that the Board allow the school to vacate their existing lease, receive school use free of charge for the end of year celebration and yard sale in lieu of the playground equipment remaining onsite when the school vacates the premises at the end of June 2024. Ms. Horn seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**CLUB WILDE LAKE** – Mr. McAliley presented an update on the activities of Club Wilde Lake in Mr. Cogdell's absence. Mr. McAliley shared that activities for students are underway at Running Brook Elementary School (Grades 1-5) and at the Slayton House on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays (Grades 9-12). Club Wilde Lake provided mock interviews for the students earlier this month. Mr. McAliley and Mr. Cogdell participated as interviewers.

**Bylaws and Policies** – Mr. McAliley discussed changes that the Board has discussed in recent years with regard to changing Board term from one year to two years and offering a staggered process so that all board members are not subject to re-election every year. The Board acknowledged that bylaws changes require two-thirds of the board and 50% of the membership to vote in favor of the change. Changes to the Articles of Incorporation require two-thirds of the board and two-thirds of the membership to vote in favor of the change. Ms. Allen expressed her desire to have more renters involved in the election process and ensure they are aware of voting requirements which state that a current lease should be on file at the Wilde Lake Community Association or the need to bring their lease on election day in order to cast their vote. Dr. Rathbun expressed interest in being involved on any committee charged with reviewing the association's governing documents. She also asked if voters could bring a membership card as proof of residency in the Wilde Lake community. Ms. Horn suggested that community members, particularly those who are familiar with the guidelines established by the Wilde Lake Community Association, serve on the committee. It was also suggested that the association seek legal counsel to assist with defining the existing guidelines. Dr. Rathbun demanded access to documents that may be public and other information deemed private to be shared when requested as per the Maryland Homeowners Association Act and Open

Meetings Act. The Board discussed seeking legal counsel to assist with determining which types of information may be shared, copied, and disseminated publicly. Wilde Lake Community Association will then draft a policy which outlines the process for information sharing including the need for an appointment to be made in advance. **Ms. Horn moved, and Ms. Joklik seconded a motion to seek consultation by legal counsel regarding guidelines and the dissemination of records and documents to the public.**

**Board Retreat** - The board agreed to hold the Strategic Planning session on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:00 pm at Slayton House. Dinner will be served.

**AC Liaison Appointment** - Claudia Allen was appointed to serve as AC Liaison.

## **REPORTS**

**Columbia Council Representative Report** – Mr. Santos reported that the next Columbia Association Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board will create a timeline for the approval of the strategic plan during the meeting. Mr. McAliley complimented Mr. Santos on the updates he is providing to the community about the meetings. Mr. Santos indicated he will continue to provide thought pieces for the Wilde Lake electronic newsletter.

## **COMMITTEES:**

**Education – Brandon Cogdell:** – Mr. Cogdell reported that he recently participated in sessions provided by Anchors Up and the Y of Central Maryland for Club Wilde Lake. On average 11-15 students attend these programs. He referenced a recent meeting with iCode who would like to partner with the Wilde Lake Community Association to provide programming for our youth. The Ultimate Education Experience (UEE) program at Running Brook Elementary School has 20 male students in attendance on a weekly basis. The group's closing ceremony will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at the school. Mr. Cogdell encouraged Board members to attend. The Education Committee will meet to create a schedule to meet monthly.

**Health and Wellness: Ms. Walters Smith and Dr. Rathbun** – The committee co-chairs shared they have not met but plan to do so to plan the activities of the committee.

**Neighborhood Reps – Claudia Allen and Jean Joklik:** Ms. Allen and Ms. Joklik have spoken by phone and plan to schedule a meeting to discuss the activities of the Neighborhood Reps.

**A/C Liaison – Claudia Allen:** Ms. Allen thanked Mr. McAliley for attending the recent RAC meeting in her stead as she has been ill. He reported that seven applications were reviewed and approved at the meeting.

**Executive Director/Village Manager - Sharon Cooper-Kerr:** Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned the association is hiring for two part-time positions: Events Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant who will work at the front desk in the morning hours.

**Chairman's Report – Kevin McAliley** – Mr. McAliley mentioned that a meeting to discuss the Rideout Heath project will be scheduled soon. He also reported that the Faulkner Ridge School is slated to be rebuilt in 2025 and that he attended a Strategic Planning Session with the Columbia Association's Board of Directors.

Mr. McAliley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Ms. Horn moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Walters-Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.