

Worman's Mill Civic Association membership meeting  
Sept. 17, 2014 Homewood

Minutes

Jan Gardner and Blaine Young County Executive Debate

Board members present: Allan Carlson-Vice President, Bill Levin-Secretary, Beverly Swain-Treasurer, Dedra Salitrik and Helen Maiwald, At Large.

Board members absent: Carol Goldstein-President, Ann Arnold-At Large

The business meeting opened at 6:40 pm.

Beverly Swain gave a brief treasurer's report, stating we have approximately \$2,000.00 in our account.

Allan Carlson listed the candidates for the 2015 Board and stated that the candidates would be voted on by the membership at the November meeting. He invited our members to identify themselves if they might be interested in running for the Board.

Dedra Salitrik, moderator for the debate, introduced the timekeeper, Bill Levin, and reviewed the 3 parts of the debate. She welcomed the candidates and invited Jan Gardner to give her 3 minute introductory statement. She followed by inviting Blaine Young to give his statement.

Dedra then read each of 4 (out of 9) questions given to the candidates in advance. After each question, she invited Blaine Young to respond first, followed by Jan Gardner. Each candidate was limited to a 4 minute response. The 4 questions are listed below:

1. If elected, what would you do differently than your opponent?
2. Do you feel that building the waste to energy incinerator is still a viable option? If not, what alternatives would you consider?
3. How would you balance "green space" with development if elected to the position of County Executive?
4. If elected, how would you measure success? What processes would you use in your new position? What would be your first priority?

In the final part of the debate, Dedra elicited questions from the membership, giving instructions to limit the time to pose a question (90 seconds) and allowing the member to choose which candidate(s) to direct their question. Only 3 questions were asked.

1. Asked of both candidates: What can be done about the "rain tax"?

2. Asked of both candidates: What have you done and would you do if elected to establish a priority for sustainability? (asked by a member of Blaine Young's Sustainability commission)

3. Asked of Blaine Young: Why is Verizon unable to install cable in Frederick County unless they install it in every area of the county?

The candidates were applauded at the close of the debate. The winning restaurant gift certificate to Il Porto was selected, and the meeting was brought to a close at 8pm.

Draft Minutes submitted by Dedra Salitrik