

October 31, 2025, Work Session, 8:35 am. (In Person)

Mayor Furman, Council Members Crimmins, Engle, Lichter and Sparker, Town Manager Hoffman, Assistant Town Manager Marini, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present.

St. Paul Park Playground Surfacing (PIP):

Council Member Crimmins discussed his research on the playground surfacing and stated the PIP meets the State's standards, discussed other jurisdictions' experience with the surfacing, a seam would be needed whether the same or different material was used; new tires are used in the PIP; and corkeen option which would cost significantly more.

The Council discussed the additional research and concurred to continue using the same resurfacing, PIP. A Resolution will be prepared for the November meeting to proceed with the PIP along with removing the spring riders and adding accessible equipment along with a sunshade if needed. The Council also concurred to pause the third phase for now and consider forming a work group around it sometime next year, which would evaluate whether more playground surfacing and equipment are needed, and if so, where these should be placed and which materials used (e.g., corkeen or PIP).

Mobility and Traffic Committee (MTC) Letter to the State Highway Administration

The Council discussed the letter District 18 is sending to SHA and the draft letter the Town has prepared to send to SHA. Additional information noting the lack of response and the length of time for the Metropolitan Rapid Flashing Beacon will be added. The letter will be sent next week. Subsequently, the letter was sent on November 12, 2025.

Montgomery County Public Schools Boundary Study Letter

The Council discussed the draft letter and suggested adding to the letter the importance of additional analysis and community engagement on the school programs and separating this from the boundary study. The letter will be sent next week. Subsequently, the letter was sent on November 17, 2025.

Town Manager Hoffman provided the following updates: the case on 10401 Connecticut Avenue (Bakers Union) which is currently in the discovery phase with the trial planned for the last week in June; settlement on 10415 Montgomery Avenue (M&T Drive-Thru property) on December 18, Phase I environmental study is scheduled for November 3, the cost estimate for demolition of the drive thru property is \$300,000 which includes the milling and paving which can be done for less by NZI; there is a verbal agreement with Kensington Crossing HOA for purchasing the land for \$45,000, a sales agreement is being drafted, the site plan will need to be amended along with the mandatory referral process; and the Housing Opportunities Commission has a prospective tenant, Nourishing Bethesda, that wants to use the space for food distribution.

The Council discussed the plans for the 10415 Montgomery Avenue lot and suggested involving Greenscape and Sustainable Kensington Committees, adding EV charging stations and a zip car space once the parking lot is planned.

The Work Session ended at 10:45am.