



Sligo Creek Golf Association

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Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
2425 Reddie Drive, 14th Floor
Wheaton, MD 20902

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The Board of Directors of the Sligo Creek Golf Association (SCGA) writes to you, again, to express our deep concern about the poor condition and lack of maintenance of the driveway and parking lot areas of the Sligo Creek Golf Course at 9701 Sligo Creek Parkway, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

As you know, over the last several years, we—*as well as the MC Golf staff*—have become increasingly aware of the dangerous hazards posed by the deteriorating surfaces in the Sligo Creek Golf Course parking lots and driveway. These neglected areas of this public course remain a danger to the general public, and notably, to children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. In previous correspondence and during our virtual meeting in September 2020, we shared this video of the dangerous condition of the entrance driveway at the following link: <https://youtu.be/L9rDtlXOTk0>. It is also available on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/keepsligoopen> or Twitter feed: [@savesligo](https://twitter.com/savesligo). This video was created in April of 2019. The condition of the driveway and the parking lot has deteriorated further.

SCGA has raised and contributed more than \$80,000 in support of this Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission golf course over the years, helping to provide new amenities and assisting with investments to address critical drainage and irrigation issues. It is because of this long standing interest in the safety of the course that we call on MNC-PPC, again, to quickly take steps to address the hazardous conditions in these areas, so as to promote the safety of patrons of the course. It is not just for golf that the public accesses the course. Golfers and non-golfers alike patronize the on-site restaurant. Sligo also hosts FootGolf (*soccer/golf combo*) players. And the Sligo Summer Concert Series entertained between 500 and 1,500 citizens each night of the weekly music series in 2021. The number of attendees is expected to increase in 2022.

Your office has indicated that MNC-PPC has completed a facilities study, which includes information and recommendations about the driveway and parking lot, and that report would be shared with us months ago. To date, we have neither received a copy of the report nor had a briefing of its contents. We hope that the report will be shared with us in the near future and that we can have a conversation about next steps. It is our feeling that temporary repairs can be made to the driveway and parking lot surfaces, even if that work is not part of a larger facilities plan for the entire Sligo Creek Golf Course. With that in mind,

SCGA obtained a bid of just under \$30,000 from A.B. Veirs and Son Paving Co. for milling and paving the driveway where the most deteriorated asphalt and dangerous conditions exist.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We hope to hear from you soon regarding the steps that the Commission will take to address these safety concerns.

Sincerely,

The Sligo Creek Golf Association Board:

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