

street or alley, square, park, playground, drain, sewer or water-course is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded or improved, and also to estimate the benefits that may accrue therefrom to any such property over, through and by which the said street or alley, square, park, playground, drain, sewer or water-course is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded, or improved or any property adjacent thereto, or any other property injured or benefited by said street, alley, square, park, playground, drain, sewer or water-course; they shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers published in Caroline County and also by written or printed notice mailed to the last known postoffice address of the owner or owners of said property, of their purposes to lay out, open, extend, close up, widen, straighten, grade or improve the street or alley, or square, park, playground, drain, sewer or water-course so directed to be laid out, opened, extended, closed up, widened, straightened, graded or improved, and the day, hour and place of the meeting for the said purposes; and they shall meet at the time and place mentioned in said notice given by them, and proceed to exercise the power to perform the duties assigned to and required of them, and to ascertain whether any and what amount in value of damages will be caused thereby, for which the owner or occupant of any right or interest in any ground or improvement ought to be compensated over and above the amount in value of benefit which will thereby accrue to such owner or occupant thereof, and ascertain what amount in value of benefit will thereby accrue to any lot or parcel of land by or through which the same may pass or improvements be made, or any other property, or to the owner or occupant thereof, which the said lot or parcel of land, or the owner or occupant thereof ought to pay. They shall locate boundaries and prepare an explanatory map, giving description of the street or alley opened, closed, extended, widened, straightened or improved, with each separate lot or parcel of land deemed to have sustained damages or received benefits, and they shall within twenty days return to the Commissioners of Ridgely such map, together with the amount of damages awarded to such owner or occupants and the amount of benefits assessed to any lot or parcel of ground, or the owners thereof together with a certificate of their qualifications, which may be ratified, or rejected or altered and amended, in whole or in part by said Commissioners of Ridgely; provided that the Commissioners of Ridgely shall give at least ten days' notice by publication in one of the newspapers published in said county and at least ten days' notice mailed to the last known postoffice address of the owner or owners of said property so interested of the time set for final action on the return of said assessors,