

## **Country Club Hills/Twin Lakes Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 25, 2019

**Location:** 840 Yorkshire Dr.

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Attending: Roy Baldrige, Becky Butterfield, Ted Nusbaum, Ken Sturgill and Ron Fisher

**Secretary's Report:** Ted moved to accept the Minutes for the September meeting. Ron 2nd. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of November 24 the checkbook balance was \$3,791.09. Membership for the 3rd quarter of 2019 is 153 homes. The 3rd quarter of 2018 was 144 homes. The Income and Expense Report from September was corrected. Becky moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ken 2nd. Motion passed.

**Property Insurance Policy:** In November of each year we normally renew our property insurance policy. Our agent is Ty Butterfield of Mel Butterfield and Son Insurance Agency, Inc. We have always had a minimum premium (currently \$500) policy with a \$500 deductible and it has served us well. Unfortunately, Auto Owners Insurance plans to cancel our policy because we have had three claims over the life of our policy. Ty has pled our case with Auto Owners and they are offering a \$500 (probably) premium policy. However, they insist on a \$2,500 deductible. Ty contacted Liberty Mutual Insurance for a quote and they offered a \$500 premium policy with a \$1,000 deductible, which h was approved by the Board.

**Trustee Recruiting and Nominations:** We need "New Blood" and fresh ideas. Several of our Trustees have held their positions for many years. We only meet six times a year (every other month). Meetings are only an hour +/- long. Please attend some meetings and/or consider serving on the board. Also, encourage neighbors to attend and/or serve. We will continue the recruiting process.

-- Roy, Craig and Van will run for the Board of Trustees positions again. Their current terms are expiring. The Newsletter will have a ballot and will include a space for write-ins. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

**Cornhole Tournament Report:** The tournament that was held on September 28 was a success. Our tournament was made possible through a \$500 grant received from the City of Lima Neighborhood Mini-Grant program based on our membership in Lima Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP). Qualifying for a mini-grant made it possible to request and receive a \$2,000 Activate Allen County Grant for a physical project. This helped us to re-asphalt our Valley Way Park walking path. The cost of the path was \$4,327. Joshua Foster, Allen County Ditch Maintenance Supervisor, his staff and the contractor, Master Mowers, successfully completed the erosion control project along Lost Creek. They added additional "D" rock along the creek bank, leveled the entire area and put grass seed on all of the exposed ground. Allen County generously paid the balance of the cost of the re-asphalt project. The

mini-grant helped pay for the September Newsletter and mailing, brochures and trophies. We greatly appreciate the generosity and support of these wonderful community organizations.

-- An "Activate Allen County" sign will be placed by the walking path per their request.

-- The City tends to offer the grant again in the next year. We could consider it again. We could possibly look into additional playground equipment or find another use for it.

-- Thanks go out to Dick and Dee Dee Snider who purchased and donated the new swing set and slide to our park. Roy sent pictures and a thank you note to them.

**Christmas Decorating Contest:** Judging will be held on December 15. Craig will oversee it and arrange for judges. There will be no prizes, but signs for 1st thru 5th place will be posted in yards for recognition.

-- Dianne will put up decorations at the Gateway.

**Ottawa River Walkway Connector to CCHTL:** Roy and Ted went to a meeting concerning the connector. There is an upcoming meeting with shareholders Johnny Appleseed Park District, Allen County Regional Planning Commission, City of Lima and our neighborhood. At an estimated cost of \$462,000 we are hopeful to add a path of about ½ mile from the Roush Road overpass to CCHTL and Lost Creek neighborhoods. Most of the expense is for pipes. A new signal with push buttons for pedestrians would be needed at Reservoir Rd. and Roush Rd. Because of interference with the valve chamber, etc., the path must come across Roush Rd. from the west side to the east side, then across Reservoir Rd. Bath Township owns from the center of Roush Rd. out 30 feet. The path could possibly be smaller on both sides or more land is needed to get around the valve chamber on the west side of the road. Possible grants could be available with a formal plan in place.

**Valley Way Park Issues:** Erosion control along the walking path to the shelter house is good.

-- Vandals ripped the door off of the Little Free Library and took books. The Rotary Club has a spare door.

-- The Chain Gate across the Valley Park entrance has discouraged vandals from driving in the park.

-- Chain Gate access and keys for electricity at the shelter house are available to neighbors for the asking. Contact Roy, Ted, Craig or Van. The mowers, the Township Trustees, the Road Crew Supervisor and Allen County have keys to the Chain Gate.

**Neighborhood Concerns:** 310 Devonshire has a broken garage door. It is a rental of Development Land Trust. Ken Meyer investigates. He will force movement of a derelict car.

-- The Newsletter cannot be made any cheaper than it is now. It has been sent out today.

**For the Good of the Order: NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. AT ROY'S HOUSE, 840 YORKSHIRE DR. Please encourage neighbors to attend.**

**Adjournment:** Ted moved to adjourn. Becky 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Becky Butterfield