

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

**Date: September 26, 2016**

**Location: 840 Yorkshire Dr.**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Attending: Roy Baldrige, Jen Gast, Becky Butterfield, Ted Nusbaum, Dianne Carter, Shirley Billings, Scott Patterson, Brian and Betsy Wentling, Marvin Mueller, Matt Zehner, Joe Covay, Glen Coon, Linda and Doug Adams, Tim Stuckey, Mike Klopp, Darrell Long, Matt Christoff.

**Secretary's Report:** Ted moved to accept the Minutes from the July 18, 2016 meeting. Jen 2nd. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Per Jen, as of Sept. 13 there was a checking account balance of \$3706.49. There is more to be deposited. There are 166 dues paying households as of the third quarter of the year. Ted moved to accept the report. Becky 2nd. Motion passed.

**Trustee Recruiting and Nominations:** We are asking/inviting neighbors to volunteer to become board members/trustees.

**National Night Out Report:** About 120 people attended the event at the Valley Way Park. A good time was had by all. Thanks go out to Tim Parker, Craig Kohli and Berkshire/Hathaway Realtors for sponsoring the event again. Thank you to Doug Adams for his musical entertainment. Thanks also to the Bath Township Fire Department for helping the children put out all those playhouse fires.

We received a thank you letter from Bath Township Fire Chief, Joe Kitchen. It is noted that EMS is a soft charge to the neighborhood. Insurance is billed, not the individual.

**Neighborhood Membership Drive:** Trustees walked the neighborhood for personal contact and outreach with neighbors. They shared the advantages of our neighborhood and were well received.

**Christmas Decorating Contest:** Craig and Dianne are heading it up. The Christmas Lighting and Decoration judging will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Neighborhood Parking Restrictions:** Several neighbors attended the meeting to voice concerns regarding parking along Fenway Drive and speeding in the neighborhood. Roy and Craig Kohli met with Township Trustees and Denny Wilkins, Bath Township Roads Foreman. Roy also spoke with Joe Kitchen, Bath Township Fire Chief, Bruce Flicke, Allen County Engineer Sign Specialist, Kirk Slusher, ODOT Deputy Director and several neighbors. There are currently three ~~No~~ No Parking+ signs in the neighborhood. There is one on the Fenway Drive %S+ curve and another on Fenway Drive just north of Kingsbury. The third sign is on Carlos Lane. There was no consensus among the neighbors attending the meeting regarding parking. Some feel that on street parking should be prohibited and others believe it should be unrestricted. Everyone agreed that speeding is a problem, particularly on Fenway Drive.

The Bath Township Trustees have final authority on all streets in the CCHTL Sub-divisions. Reservoir Road and St. Rt. 309 are under Allen County jurisdiction. Township Trustee meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. in the Bath Township House. Bath Township Trustees explain that the streets in our neighborhood are considered residential and were designed for on street parking. They are in favor of leaving parking on the streets. The Fenway Drive %S+curve is restricted. Allen County Engineer Sign Specialist, Bruce Flicke recommends street parking throughout the neighborhood including Fenway Drive. He suggests that %No Parking+signs would be appropriate in the Fenway Drive %S+curve.

There is an imaginary center line on every street. If crossed, you are left of center. Therefore, if a vehicle is parked in the lane that you are travelling, oncoming traffic has the right-of-way and you must yield to them. We encourage all drivers to use common sense and courtesy. There have been yellow lines in the center of the road, but they have faded away. The Bath Township Trustees feel that the yellow lines cause more problems than they solve. They don't want speed bumps because of snow plows and maintenance problems. Roy will discuss these issues further with the Bath Township Trustees and report back to the neighborhood.

**Ottawa River Walkway connector to CCHTL and Lost Creek neighborhoods:** Roy is working on cost estimates and drawings with an architect regarding a bike path connector from the Ottawa River Bikeway at Roush Road to Kingwood Drive. Kevin Haver, Director of the Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District supports this project. Phase II would be to extend the Bikeway along Reservoir Road to The OSU Lima and Rhodes State campuses, where additional bike trails are planned. Grant Funds are available. We are working on the application and raising the necessary matching funds.

**Valley Way Park Issues:**

- AEP has cut a tree. It is currently unknown if the wood is still there.
- Spring clean-up will be in May. Gateways, litter and the shelter house area are cleaned up. This year the Boy Scouts helped with the project. There was no graffiti at the shelter house this year.
- Roy will empty the trash cans.
- There is another sinkhole in the park.

**Neighborhood Concerns:**

- Two contractors have looked at a property on the corner of Barnsbury and Yorkshire. They couldn't agree on a price with the owner. Dead trees were cut down on the property.
- There are concerns about fires in backyards. Fire rings are permitted. They must be safe and avoid neighbor complaints. According to the Ohio EPA cooking/recreational burns are permitted.

**For the Good of the Order: NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 7 P.M. AT ROY'S HOUSE, 840 YORKSHIRE DR. Please encourage neighbors to attend.**

**Adjournment:** Ted moved to adjourn meeting. Roy 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Minutes prepared by Becky Butterfield.