

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

**Date: July 25, 2017**

**Location: 840 Yorkshire Dr.**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Attending: Roy Baldrige, Craig Kohli, Jen Gast, Becky Butterfield, Ted Nusbaum, Ron Miller, Shirley Billings, Joe Kitchen

**Secretary's Report:** Ted moved to accept the Minutes of the May 22 meeting. Jen 2nd. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of July 14 the checking account balance was \$5,425.71. As of the 2nd quarter there were 145 households with dues paid.

**Ohio Charitable Trust Registration Law:** On May 25, 2017, we received a letter from the Ohio Attorney General's Office (OAG) informing CCHTL that there is a State of Ohio requirement for 501(c)(3) organizations to complete an online Charitable Registration. The next day, the Charitable Registration was completed and the 2016 Annual Report submitted. Because we have assets in excess of \$25,000 there is a \$50 fee. The total assessed value of the Valley Way Park and the Fenway Green Space is \$41,000. We do not feel that the Valley Way Park is worth the \$32,000 that it is valued at because of flooding. Roy requested an exemption.

The OAG determined that CCHTL was not exempt under the Charitable Trust Act and would need to file Annual Reports and the \$50 annual fee for 2014 through 2016. This action was completed on June 28, 2017 and the OAG assessed CCHTL \$400 in late filing penalties. We promptly requested abatement from the penalty based on our faithful reporting in the past and our immediate response to the OAG notification. The OAG waived the penalty, but we will need to file our Annual Charitable Registration Report in the future.

The OAG advised Roy that 2 trustees should register to receive messages to avoid situations like this. Craig and Jen agreed to it.

-- Discussion about the possibility of a Charitable Giving Agreement (CGA) with the American Legion Post 96. It is an agreement in which the federal IRS legally permits a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to donate money to another 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in exchange for a rental payment to use the donor's facilities. A hypothetical example was made that we would pay the American Legion \$200 a month to rent space. Each month they send us \$300, netting \$100. They need to show that they have income. They write off the donation. Craig moved to decline. Jen 2nd. The motion was tabled until Roy and Ron do some additional research about it.

**Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale Report:** Total profit was \$225.

**National Night Out -- August 1:** The Bath Township Fire Department will set up an inflatable firehouse for the kids. There will be giveaways for kids and adults, including brochures for house numbers. Two deputies will have handouts and D.A.R.E. materials. Our new Sheriff Matt Triglia will be present for a meet and greet at 6:00. Some Bath Township Trustees will be present.

**2017 Neighborhood Road Report:** Canyon Dr. has been sealed. Some crack sealing/durapatch has been done and more will be done soon.

**Ottawa River Walkway Connector to CCHTL:** According to Kevin Haver, director of Johnny Appleseed Park District, plans A and B have been shot down. There are 100 yards of marsh land causing problems with Plan B. It is still being pursued by the Regional Planning Commission. Kevin is working on Plan C at the new farm on Roush Rd.

**Valley Way Park Issues:** Possible flooding at the park.

**Neighborhood Concerns:** LACNIP and the Literacy Council would like to consider our Valley Way shelter house to place a "Little Free Library". This is part of a national program to promote reading and literacy. These small structures (libraries) have been placed at various locations throughout the City of Lima and have been very well received. The plan is to expand the libraries to the Allen County Townships. Anyone can visit the library and take a book and/or leave a book. Little Free Libraries work on an honor system. We would like to consider a design that would work well with flooding issues. Ron moved to pursue the issue. Craig 2nd. Motion passed.

-- A concern about cars parking in residence grass is a zoning issue.

-- There is a concern about a trailer parked on Kensington Circle.

**For the Good of the Order: NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, AT 7 P.M. AT ROY'S HOUSE, 840 YORKSHIRE DR. Please encourage neighbors to attend.**

**Adjournment:** Ted moved to adjourn the meeting. Jen 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Minutes prepared by Becky Butterfield.