

March 2017 CCHTL Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at 840 Yorkshire Dr.

Attendance: Carol Nusbaum, Kenneth J. Sturgill, Jennifer Gast, Van Spragg, Craig Kohli, Ron Miller, Autumn Swanson, Ted Nusbaum, Roy Baldrige, Thom Mazur, Esther Baldrige

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Roy Baldrige called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Special Guests: Thom Mazur, Regional Planning Commission Director and Autumn Swanson, Neighborhood Specialist

Thom Mazur was in attendance to tell us what the Regional Planning Commission is doing and to solicit new projects. He asked that if the township or the neighborhood have something that they want done, they should let him know. The Transportation Improvement Plan is used to push projects from long-term to short-term. Allen County projects are highlighted on the second page of his handout. On the 8 x 14 document, STP stands for Surface Transportation Program and CMAQ stands for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality. These are two funding sources available to Allen County. Thom then explained projects that are scheduled for 2017. What is in the gray boxes for 2018 – 2021 have been committed to.

SIB Loan Payback is for the Elm Street overpass. The Bellefontaine property acquisition doesn't include Lees, the Chinese place or the payday loan place. The project is 90% ready to go.

Thom was asked about the bike connector to our neighborhood. He explained there has to be a sponsor; either the township, the county or Johnny Appleseed. He spent 4 months working on it, looked at the corridor. There were problems with the scoring. To score well, a project needs to purchase property. The reservoir has seepage problems. The project is easy after the reservoir. OSU is more than supportive. Thom was able to provide bicycle racks on campus. The county engineer would support sidewalks on Roush Road. Another problem is the flume that drops water into Lost Creek. Replacement of the flume needs to get on the County Project list. Roush and Reservoir are both county roads. The cost is \$2.6 million for this connector. With all of the barriers, this project has taken a back burner for now. An alternate route is being looked at.

Autumn Swanson is the new Neighborhood Specialist. Currently, there aren't many Neighborhood Associations: six in the city and four in the county. At one point, the city had 32. Autumn's plan is to start at the grassroots level organizing. She is talking to people, running PSAs, and getting the word out by any means she can. There are quite a

few Homeowners Associations in the county. She is looking to grow what we have with membership and volunteers and wants to see some new ones formed. When people don't have pride and ownership, they don't want to work for improved neighborhoods. There are a lot of non-owner occupied properties in Lima. The only way we can build up Lima is to develop pride and ownership. It takes us as people to come together and work on projects. Autumn is planning a city-wide recruitment to get people to sign up to join a neighborhood association and volunteer for projects. There will be a city-wide cleanup with dumpsters provided. The Ottawa River Clean-Up is coming soon.

Roy has been working with Autumn as new LACNIP President and appreciates her enthusiasm and hard work. Roy pointed out that Lima is the center of our region and how Lima goes we all go. Ken Sturgill asked if she has found similar size cities to look for ideas. She has found some that are doing things out of the box. One divided the city into twelve regions and worked from there. In Columbus, their United Way does all the neighborhood training. We need to get more generations involved.

3. Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Meeting – Ron moved to approve the minutes. Van seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Roy noted there wasn't a quorum at the meeting and the actions were affirmed by email vote.

4. Treasurer's Report

The checking account balance is \$4,994.73 with an additional \$420 to be deposited. There are currently 103 paid memberships which is 15 under last year this time but more money has been collected. The Association has received \$575 above the \$20 minimum for membership. Ron moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ted seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. 2017 Road Report

Ron reported Fenway from Reservoir to Valley Way, Canyon from Fenway to the Country Club and Greenbriar will all be chipped and sealed this summer. New signs will be installed in the neighborhood because the Township received a grant to replace all signs. The posts will be reflective. Installation won't be fast. Jen asked about new parking restrictions. Ron reported there will be no new signs. Signs will only be in the S curve.

6. Website Update

Roy has been working with Brandon Miller. Brandon has moved his family to Springboro but has agreed to maintain our website.

7. Valley Way Park Issues

The park is looking pretty good. Ron and Roy are watching for sinkholes. There was no graffiti on last inspection. The benches and tables are secured thanks to Ted and his brother. Jen suggested that we ask people through the newsletter what type of items people are looking for in the park. Lots of younger families are moving into the neighborhood. People might be more willing to donate if it was for a specific cause.

Ron reported that per Craig Kohli, Ted Smith has put in a bid again for mowing same price as last year.

8. Ottawa River Clean-up

The Ottawa River Clean-Up will be held April 22nd at 9 am at 610 S. Collett. Volunteers receive lunch, a tee shirt, and a certificate. Roy asked that Board members encourage participation of families.

9. CCHTL Spring Clean-up

May 6th - Help is needed. Roy will contact the Boy Scouts and see if they will help again.

10. Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 1st -- 3rd – Five have signed up so far. Jen will need the signs. Ron will make sure there are cones available.

11. Neighborhood Concerns

Jen asked about FAQs for the website. Roy is putting topics in the Document section such as Trash Pickup, Annual Clean-Up and Township Clean-Up. Additional topics include where to take brush, why there are no street lights and why there are no speedbumps on Fenway. There needs to be direction from the Home page so people can find the information.

Kevin suggested crossing the river at Metzger Road with a bridge for the bike connector.

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ted seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Neighborhood Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at 840 Yorkshire Dr.

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