

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

**Date: September 28, 2015**

**Location: 840 Yorkshire Dr.**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Attending: Roy Baldrige, Craig Kohli, Jen Gast, Becky Butterfield, Ron Miller, Ted Nusbaum, Ben Lee, Matt Christoff, Dianne Carter

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report for the July 27, 2015 meeting was accepted by general consent.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of September 27, the checking account balance was \$4,525.26. There is an additional \$390 to be deposited and a couple of bills to pay. We can anticipate a couple more mowings this year.

There are about 10 new members bringing the total number of dues paying households to about 170. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by general consent.

**Trustee Recruiting:** The next Newsletter will include a ballot for the election of Trustees. Ted, Ron and Ben's terms expire. Ted will run again, Ron maybe will and Ben prefers not to run. It will be noted in the Newsletter that we are looking for a new Treasurer. Jen is willing to take Ben's position as a Trustee, but would like to step out of the Treasurer's position. She will help someone transition into the position.

Roy is willing to continue as President for 2 more years, looking for a 3rd year replacement. He will be happy to train someone for the position. He will work behind the scenes to recruit someone. Any changes need to be transparent and people are encouraged to step up if they would like to hold a position. Although Roy's wife, Esther, will be retiring next year, they are not moving and will be here in the foreseeable future. All Trustees are encouraged to actively recruit people.

**Christmas Decorations and Lighting:** Special thanks go out to Dianne for heading up the lighting contest in the past couple years. Also, thanks to Craig who will chair it this year. Although there were no prizes last year, he will solicit them this year. Craig will also get with Diane about particulars. She also has the signs.

Judging will be on Sunday, December 20th in the evening.

**Valley Way Park and Neighborhood Issues:** Roy's future son-in-law will help him cut the dead trees. We lost one table in the June flooding. We have 5 tables, 1 bench and 2 trash barrels. Ted is configuring the best way to lay it out. He will secure the furniture.

In considering planting new bushes at the Gateway, we're not sure what is currently there, possibly weigela. Most places don't have the bushes left from summer stock. Without the bush, the Twin Lakes sign can be seen. Ted will cut them way back and see if they come back in the Spring, then try to keep them cut back.

Ted will remove the spot lights at the Gateway. They don't look nice and there is no power to them. The meters have been removed. Initially, the lights were useful to light the intersection before Wal-Mart was built. They are not necessary now.

There is a new guardrail on the Fenway bridge.

The shelter house needs to be checked at night for lighting. If it is off, AEP will light it as part of the contract.

There is a concern about a stop sign at Valley Way and Fenway that is being blocked. Ron will check into the possibility of moving it, as that might be why some people are running it.

Kirk Slusher, District Deputy Director of ODOT, saw to it that some of the lights on Harding Highway were upgraded. Thanks go out to him for his help in this matter.

**National Night Out Report:** Thanks again to Berkshire/Hathaway for sponsoring the event. They will sponsor it again next year.

**Neighborhood Concerns:** According to Tom Mazur of the Regional Planning Commission, subdivisions like ours are required to have sidewalks. There has been no new construction until the Dean Hall residence. His property goes around the northwest corner of Fenway and Canyon and is in violation of code. The Salvation Army owns what looks like an empty lot and an adjacent house. No one has talked to Dean or the Salvation Army about it. Roy and Ron will approach both of them. Sidewalks can be put in and added to the taxes.

Regarding broken sidewalks, it is the responsibility of the owner of the streets to maintain the sidewalks, which is the Township.

The covenants do not address antenna issues. Bath Township zoning does. There are height and other restrictions. Dish/antenna restrictions are not consistent.

Any complaints made to the Township will be documented.

There is complaint about a house on Kingswood that is poorly maintained on the outside. Residents have lived there 4 years and have mowed the yard but never pull/trim weeds. Roy and Ron will address the issue with them. Property maintenance is vital to keeping this neighborhood a nice place to live. Some people are not able to do a lot of the physical work that yards require. Helping a neighbor with yard work is a neighborly thing to do!

Roy or Brandon can post notices of lost dogs/animals on the website.

**CCHTL Newsletter:** Deadline for the December Newsletter is November 23rd.

The following will be noted: Roy will update the website with Brandon and there will be new pictures in the photo gallery.

Plan ahead for the 2016 Calendar of Events: Neighborhood Association meetings will be on the 4th Monday of the odd numbered months; Spring Clean-up will be on May 7th; the Annual Garage Sale will be held June 2 - 4; National Night Out in the park will be on August 2nd; Christmas Contest judging will be on December 18th.

**For the Good of the Order: NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, AT 7:00 P.M. AT ROY'S HOUSE, 840 YORKSHIRE DR. Please encourage neighbors to attend.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by general consent at 8:10 p.m. Minutes prepared by Becky Butterfield.