

2010 Minutes

Board Meeting, November 15, 2010

In attendance: Jacquie Kirby-Hensel, David Fish, Ann Ulp, Lee Morrison, Yvonne Abel, Gary Marr, Don Fry

Meeting started at 7:04 pm.

Jacquie discussed an email she received from a resident discussing an error in dues submitted by the resident. The error has been corrected and the board apologizes for the error.

Discussion of doing the directory every year instead of two years. Better benefit for residents. Discussion of how to update the records. Discussion of the need for someone to take over this project. Is it worth the effort to update more than two years? The board would have to have a resident take this project and manage it.

Discussion of the front entrance improvements of a new pine tree and flagpole. The tree will be donated and the flagpole will be at cost. One of the lamps at the front entrance is dark. Gary volunteered to clean the lamps and replace the bulbs. Lee Morrison asked about decorating the front entrance for the holidays. If anyone is interested in helping, Sunday, November 28, 2010, 1 pm.

The neighborhood will do holiday luminaries again. The date is December 24, 2010, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Bags and sand will be handed out for free at the Pavilion on December 18, 2010, from 1-3pm. This is a voluntary program and is open to all faiths.

The township contacted Jacquie to see if Santa could show up on one spot rather than driving through the neighborhood. Jacquie and Don McCallin have asked if the township could still drive through the neighborhood. No word yet on a final decision. If Santa is coming to one spot only, it would be at the Pavilion. Once a decision has been made, it will be emailed and/or part of the newsletter.

Nick Cimino is still waiting to hear about getting some new stop signs on Lamp Post Lane. He has contacted officials, but has not gotten a response yet.

Wayne is still looking into methods of having residents pay dues via electronic sources. So far the cost is too much.

No December meeting. The next board meeting is January 17, 2011, 214 Lamp Post Ln. 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm.

In attendance: Jacquie Kirby, Cindy Heidelbaugh, Louis Waddell, David Fish, Lee Morrison

July 19, 2010,

Meeting began 7:06pm

The dues reminder letters went out. So far nine residents have responded and have paid their fair share of the dues.

Jacquie mentioned a phone call from PP&L. The company would like to move the underground electrical transformers from between the street and the sidewalks to the resident's yards. The unnamed person from PP&L mentioned having received extremely nasty reactions from the residents involved. The reason for the move is to prevent snow plows from damaging the electrical connections. Lee mentioned receiving a call from PP&L people and hearing the company would like to move the underground transformers/connections from underground to above ground boxes. PP&L contacted members of the board to seek help in easing resident's reaction. The PP&L person never returned Jacquie's call nor did he leave a number. While it's true the current devices are old, the reason for moving them above ground and in people's yard is not clear.

Jacquie mentioned a meeting to take place August 30, 2010, concerning a proposed casino at the Holiday Inn on Carlisle Pike. The meeting will take place at the Township Meeting at 10:00 am. Interested residents need to register for the meeting by August 25th.

Newsletter is coming out soon. Please send ideas to Dave Fish.

The PBCA neighborhood picnic is September 18, 2010.

Cindy Heidelbaugh is leaving the board, but has found a replacement: Mary Reinhard. Thanks to Cindy for all she has done and welcome to Mary.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Next meeting board meeting August 16th, 2010. 214 Lamp Post Ln. 7pm.

Minutes of PBCA Board Meeting June 21, 2010

In attendance: Roberta Smith, Bran Wickens, James Wickens, Jacquie Kirby, Cindy Heidelbaugh, Wayne Kessler, Yvonne Abela, Ramon Marin, Louis Waddell, Mike Plank, David Fish

June 21, 2010,
Meeting began 7:05pm

Jacquie introduced Brian Wickens who is becoming an Eagle Scout and needs to do a community project. He discussed building and installing duck houses in Front Park, Conodoguinet Youth Park, two waste water treatment plants, Adam Ricci park, Indian Creek and Bent Creek parks. Brian will construct the houses and install them on poles by the creek. Brian and his father have already installed one duck house at the Youth Park if you would like to see what they will look like. The board suggested putting a metal cone around the bottom of the house on the pole to prevent mammals from entering the house. Brian was asked who will be responsible for maintenance. The ducks will maintain the nests for themselves. The houses will be built of cedar and will last a long time. Brian would like to install at least one duck house, maybe two....depending on space. Ramon Marin at the end of Lamp Post may offer land for a house if it is usable. Perhaps other residents living on the creek may be willing to participate in this project. Mike motioned the board approve preliminary approval dependant upon Brian's scouting of the site and submitting a final plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Kessler submitted the four submissions by Pine Brook kids for the cover of the directory. The winner was Julia Strohl, 12 years old. She is the sister of the winner of last directory's cover art contest.

The association currently has 270 paid members out of 417 homes. Only fully paid members will get a directory. The board will send out a reminder letter to residents that have not paid yet. The deadline for paying dues will be 2 weeks after letter goes out. Wayne hopes to have the directory to the printer.

Ramon gave a treasurer report. Everything is going well. Dues and costs are within projections.

Ramon is going to donate some "bases" for the backstop at Pavilion Park. They are disposable and can be used until they break or disappear. Mike is still looking at getting some new infant swings at Hidden Park.

Discussion of the HMMS using Pavilion Park. The board would like to have an agreement that Pine Brook kids get assigned to the park first. The association would like assurances that the parents and kids will clean up after themselves. The coaches and parents must watch the siblings while practice and play is going on. The families and coaches will be responsible for damages done to the park. There are parking concerns as well. The association needs documentation of insurance. The goals need to be secured better. The board would like to have guidelines on when the field will be used and on what days. Members of the board and Pine Brook residents can submit their ideas on what to be included in the HMMS letter to the board.

The dues reminder letter will go out to the people who haven't paid yet. Summer picnic will be September 18.

Discussion of a memorial plaque for Richard Ulp at the Pavilion. The board is waiting for a quote from a local company as to costs. The plaque will be about 8x10 inches and solid metal.

Jacquie discussed the need for board members who will attend more meetings on a regular basis in order to meet the quorum requirements. The need for board members with children is very important as well. The board is looking for a vice president as well. Please help.

Mike discussed that the Hampton Pool can be rented out for an evening. The pool costs \$300 for a party from 8-10 pm. The association can bring in food. Maybe the association can do an "end of school" party next year.

Some residents suggested a neighborhood inner tube floating party in the creek. Perhaps a "will it float" competition... kids can build a boat and can race against other kids.

Meeting adjourned 8:14pm.

Next meeting board meeting July 19th, 2010. 214 Lamp Post Ln. 7pm.

Board Meeting, April 19, 2010

In attendance:

Stephanie Lepley, Jacquie Kirby-Hensel, David Fish, Yvonne Abel, Ramon Marin, Lee Morrison, Nick Cimino

Meeting started at 7:06 pm.

Dues are still coming in. The deadline was April 1. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. Your \$50 calendar year dues payment is your fair share and is needed to keep Pine Brook as the premier neighborhood in Central Pennsylvania.

Yard Sale is coming. The ad has been placed. Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1.

Discussion of plaque for honoring Dick Ulp at the Pavilion. Need suggestions for the text for it.

Discussion of wildlife designation for homes and parks in neighborhood. The Front Park qualifies. Anyone may join this program.

The Pavilion Park was treated with weed control and fertilizer. \$284.08 total. Again this year, the association requested the company doing the work provide significant, large signage that the work had been done. Again this year, the company failed to meet that obligation to the board's satisfaction.

Resident Bill Wall wants to donate a bench of recycled plastic for Front Park. May want to also put in a swinging bench for the edge of creek. These would be in memory of his wife. The association would approve the design.

Still looking for a vice-president of the association. Anybody who is interested, please contact any board member. Or call Jacquie.

The summer picnic is moving to September 18, 2010.

Ramon gave treasurer's report. Dues are around \$12,600. Still have dues checks coming in.

Hidden Park tanbark went well. A great big THANK YOU to Karl Smith, Bill Wall, Dan Schuckers, Louis Waddell, Terry Wright, Billy Fish, Guy Brunt, Floyd Sollenberger, Joe Dippel, Wayne Kessler and Mike Anderson. With this many helpers - that 20 yards of tanbark didn't stand a chance and was gone in 1 ½ hours.

Lee suggested an event for the summer. Perhaps a Pine Brook Neighborhood "float" down the creek. Everyone brings inner tubes, canoes, etc., and we have a day of fun in the sun and the water.

Discussion of people cutting through backyards of residents without permission. Some residents have had strangers cut through their backyards as shortcuts between streets rather than go around the corners. Some kids even stopped to antagonize the dogs behind another neighbor's fence. Never a good thing to do. A reminder in the newsletter not to cut through people's yards without permission.

Next meeting May 17, 2010, 7:00 pm at 214 Lamp Post Ln.

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm.

Board Meeting, March 15, 2010

In attendance: Roberta Smith, Evan Jenkins, Chaz and Stephanie Lepley, Jacquie Kirby-Hensel, David Fish, Louis Wadell, Yvonne Abel, Jim Baker, Cindy Heidlebaugh, Ramon Marin

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Dues are still coming in. The deadline is April 1.

Pine Brook resident Roberta Smith was a master gardener, and would like to introduce a new program to Pine Brook. She attended the board meeting to introduce Evan Jenkins who discussed a request from the National Wildlife Federation. Evan is trying to get Hampden Township certified as a wildlife habitat. He is working with some schools and Parks and Recreation Programs. He needs 150 homes to be certified.. Currently 39 homes have been certified.. Certification requires homeowners to provide for wildlife in the area around their houses the five essentials for life: food, water shelter, places to raise young and sustainable gardening practices. Application forms and more information can be obtained at www.nwf.org. Once certified, the property will be officially recorded at the National Wildlife Federation and a numbered certification mailed to the property owner. There is a \$15 fee for this service. For more information please contact Evan Jenkins at evan_jenkins@verizon.net.

Jim Baker is still working on getting a Pine Brook day at the Senators baseball game. He will need at least 20 people in order to qualify for the group rate. Details to come.

Emery Kutney has resigned as Vice President for personal reasons. The board is looking for someone to step in. Please call any board member to volunteer.

Ramon will call the water company to get the water turned on at Pavilion Park. The porta potty will be delivered April 1 and will stay at Pavilion Park until October 31. Jacquie will see about getting weed and feed at Pavilion Park. Grubs control too. Signs will go up telling folks the treatment was done.

Discussion of plaque honoring Dick Ulp for Pavilion Park. Need to come up with copy for the plaque.

Discussion of Garden exchange for Pine Brook. Notice in newsletter.

Mulch day April 16. Part party, part work. Adults and kids are welcome. Come help clean up Hidden Park and stay for socializing.

Next meeting April 19, 2010, 7:00 pm at 214 Lamp Post Ln.

Meeting adjourned 8:19pm.

Board Meeting, January 25, 2010

In attendance: Jacquie Kirby-Hensel, David Fish, Louis Wadell, Stephanie Lepley, Lee Morrison, Nick Cimino, Wayne Kessler, Ramon Marin

Meeting started at 7:07 pm.

Ken was not present, but had turned in a treasurer's report for 2009. The income for 2009 was \$15, 954. The expenses were \$22,916. This total included major landscaping improvements to all three neighborhood parks that have been planned for and had been budgeted for in advance.

Planning for upcoming events in 2010

2010 calendar

Feb 28 – Dues letter goes out

April 1 – Deadline for neighborhood annual dues

April 16 – Friday evening Mulch day and party at Hidden Park 5-8pm Saturday as rain date 4-7 pm.

April 30, May 1 – Spring Yard sale

September 11 – Picnic ?

September 1 – Annual meeting letter

October 4 – Annual Meeting

October 15, 16 – Fall yard sale

October 23 – Pumpkin Patch at Pavilion Park (Saturday?)

Dec. ? – Caroling – Need a volunteer to organize this

Dec 24 – Neighborhood luminaries

Jacquie is now block captain

Discussion of directory coming out for this year. Need update of new email addresses. Wayne needs data back from residents ASAP. With the new PBCA website, Wayne can send an email reminder out to residents on Pine Brook website and listserv. Those people responding via that reminder will not need to be mailed a letter which will reduce costs.

The directory is seeking advertising to cover printing costs. Residents interested in advertising their business please contact Wayne Kessler at wayne@penncn.com

PBCA will do the front cover art contest again this year. Kids need to have drawings in. Elementary only up to 5th grade. Deadline will be TBA....sometime in Summer.

Wayne discussed website which was started in 2009. There is a yearly expense for running the site of \$600. The renewal date is approaching. In 2009, 964 different "computer accesses" visited the site with 5,000 page views. This year, Wayne will send out PBCA logon and password to everyone who is a member and has an email address. During the first year of operation, Wayne has been waiting for people to respond to requests in newsletters and listserv requests, but will now take a more active approach. If you have any questions, please email Wayne. The goal is to have as much PBCA business done over the website in order to bring down mailing expenses.

Wayne discussed whether the association would like to start allowing people to pay via PayPal or credit card. The advantage is faster turnaround for money, better accounting, and ease of payment. Imagine if people got an email saying "here is your invoice – click here to pay." The disadvantage is the yearly fee for credit card billing and would enough people make it worthwhile as opposed to using a PayPal account which charges a smaller fee per charge. Wayne suggests polling the neighborhood, "Would you rather pay your dues via credit card or by check?"

Discussion of installing a tether ball at Pavilion Park or Hidden Park. Discussion of installing a new baby swing at Hidden Park. Mike Plank will look into prices.

Jacque read letter from resident concerning Dick Ulp which discussed Dick and Ann Ulp's work with the PBCA and Pavilion Park. The letter suggested renaming the Pavilion after Dick since he was instrumental with the building of the Pavlion. Dick planned the pavilion and put up some of his own money to get it done. Dick was also the president of the PBCA for some time. He and Ann were part of the Garden Club for many, many years. Dick was a board member for over 30 years. The pavilion building will be renamed the Richard Ulp Memorial Pavilion. The board voted and approved the measure. The board will look into getting a brass plaque made.

Discussion of what else can be done to memorialize others in the neighborhood. Perhaps a garden path or walkway with the opportunity for residents to buy a brick in memorial.

Jim Baker is still interested in putting together a neighborhood event at a Senators baseball game. The event will be paid for by people attending.

Lee discussed the PP&L power outages. Lee and Don McCallum met with PP&L people. PP&L has been doing some work in the neighborhood with underground lines. The company is attempting to track down the problem. A circuit breaker on St. Johns road will provide some data. A PP&L instrument near Orrs Bridge Road and The Pike will trigger when a fault occurs on the system. This is causing some of the momentary problems Pine Brook is experiencing as this device opens and closes. PP&L has also installed some other meters on power lines to see which of the power lines may be causing problems. The company will be doing some upgrades to the power grid that may help. This will be done over a two year period. PP&L has been "curing" the underground lines by injected a compound into the lines in an effort to extend the life of the lines. This may help with some of the outages. The company agrees the number of outages in our neighborhood is above normal and they will work to fix the problem. Please keep informing Lee and Matt Forti when you experience outages so we can inform the company. Residents can also call 1-800-DIAL PPL (1-800-342-5775) to report an outage.

Next meeting February 15, 2010, 7:00 pm at 214 Lamp Post Ln.

Meeting adjourned 8:19pm.