Gwinhurst Civic Association meeting

*02.07.2019 Meeting Minutes*

# Attendees -

GCA Board: Steve Bufflap – President, Ron Robertson – Vice President, Dave Paules– Treasury;

Alison Robertson – Secretary

Residents:

23 attendees

Special Guests:

John Cartier – County Council Rep. New aide Dan Hagleberg

Ray Seigfried - Rep for House District 7

Sen. McDowell and his aide James Berryhill

NCC Councilman John Cartier

* County tax assessment is being done for all 3 counties.
  + $20M project to re-assess land values since 1983 and then establish a rolling market-based reassessment
  + Initial re-assessment is to be revenue neutral (i.e., same as what homeowner paid in past)
  + Could be higher though to pay for $20M bill.
  + They might increase to have more funding for schools.
  + To accomplish that, property value will be re-assessed, but tax millage rate will be reduced.
  + You can appeal your assessment
* Claymont Lyons club offering Pancake Breakfast at the Claymont Fire Company at 7:30 this Saturday until noon.

Harris McDowell

* Budget is in balance
* $88M in rainy day fund
* $16-17M invested in Brownfield for economic development
* 50% of Delaware 3rd graders can’t read at 3rd grade level. $7M for doing reading assessments earlier (1st/2nd grade) and start remediation plan
  + poor reading rates not limited to poverty schools
  + impact? 75% of those unable to read will end up in jail

Ray Seigfried

* Harrison @ Smyrna to be repaved in Spring 2019
* Update on Massage Parlor reporting for Illicit crimes.
  + There’s a website and phone number to call and report illegal behavior
  + Investigators cannot arrest or shut down the business. They can only file infractions against the license.
  + $2500 fine for non-license
* Cost of Rx drugs
  + Carney signed EO to reduce cost and increase care
  + Ray is collecting bids on all the drugs sold in DE for Medicare/Medicaid.
  + Currently Massachusetts and another state are doing this
  + California signed an EO to allow their pharmacists to bid for drug prices.
  + We only have 1 health provider in Delaware’s healthcare exchange: Highmark

Road Maintenance

* We get $250K for paving. That paves 1.75 Miles of road.
* Residents complained about needing a speedbump on Smyrna Ave.
* Pool of funding comes from same pool as speedbumps.
* 2 roads from 2017 (Laurel Ave end to end, Lincoln Smyrna to Georgetown) – DONE!
* 3 roads in 2018 (Harrison between Milford and Townsend, Harrison between W. Holly and Wyoming Ave, Harrison between Odessa Ave and W. Delaware Ave) – funded. Contract awarded. DelDOT pave in 2019 (depending on weather/other jobs)
* Dave to submitted roads for repairs to Edwin

1. Lincoln Ave – Milford to Townsend
2. Lincoln Ave – Odessa to Clayton
3. N. Park Ave – W. Holly Oak to Jill Ct Apts

Crime

* We could rent a cop/security if we wanted at $80/hr
* Cartier could chip in money to help offset the fund
* To be a sanctioned crime watch by NCC police – we need 10 residents
* We could fund signs for neighborhood watch.
* Cpl Hester – there’s been an uptick on false burglary alarms from home security systems.

# Financials -

Starting balance from last meeting, 11/9/2018 $22,363.24

Debits $0.00

Credits $75.00

**Total Balance as of 2/07/2019 $**22,238.24

Evergreen is $23/month for new customers. ($69/quarter). Will be 17/month if we hit 50%

Next Meeting – May 2nd, 2019

Todo’s:

400 block of Odessa – grant section of road there is a section of state owned (not county owned) land that an 84 year old man has been taking care of, but cannot maintain anymore. Need to email Edwin and ask him to send crew to treat in spring.

Speed Bump on W. Holly as you turn off of Philly Pike is not as tall as it should be to slow traffic. – Need to email Edwin to get onto list for DelDot to increase with the Harrison Ave repairs potentially.

There’s a pothole forming in the newly paved S. Park Ave. I need to take a picture of it and send to Edwin.