Gwinhurst Civic Association meeting

*05.02.2019 Meeting Minutes*

# Attendees -

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

## Residents:

14 attendees

## Special Guests:

Raymond Sigfried – State Rep

John Cartier – NCC Rep

Eliza Mohler – Facebook Live

# Minutes

Ray Sigfried

* Bill passed in Dover to require firearms to be stored properly.
* Bill passed in state legislature to create a council to investigate prices of pharmaceuticals.
* Raymond indicated he’s working with GCA board to address paving on Harrison Ave with the transportation fund.
* Potholes – dial #77 from your cell phone goes to DelDOT
* Next Monday, Ray is hosting an open forum at Claymont Steaks. 6:30-7:30pm
* Steve Bufflap asked about progress re: massage parlors. Ray reminded community that residents should file report and cited website and phone number from last session.
* Investigation tends to take 3 months to complete.
* Ray is talking to Maryland to find out what their police force does to close the gap in massage parlors as Maryland doesn’t have the issue we are facing.
* Ron Robertson is asking about firearms bill and the validity of it. Ray encourages residents concerned about the firearms bill to talk to him afterward. Ron disagreed with assertion that firearm lockboxes can be opened within 2 seconds.

Cartier

* Code and crime report. 10 calls for service from police. 1 burglary on 300 block of Clayton Ave and rest are thefts.
* Thefts are largely believed to be connected to searches for items to sell for drugs.
* Remind residents to lock cars/garages/doors and put motion detecting lights as deterrents
* NCC Code Enforcement since Feb = 12
* Cartier reminded residents that sewer is NCC responsibility. NCC is beginning second phase of Gov Printz sewer work. Putting in 2nd pipe to deliver effluent to treatment plant. Original system is beyond useful operational life. Had to create a parallel line to the original. $25M project.
* Claymont is having Shrimp Feast Friday night as a fundraiser.
* What is NCC doing to address opiod epidemic? NCC is delivering drug users to treatment upon arrest.
* We are litigating against the pharma companies for pushing the drugs.
* Lt. Gov Bethany-Hall recently received a report from Pew Charitable Trust on how to get drug users off of their addiction, deliver Narcam, counts of which doctors have overprescribed the drugs, etc.
* House Bill being debated to charge the Pharma companies for every illegitimate prescription and take that money and spend on treatment.
* State is spending on education in schools as well
* State police are all outfitted with Narcam.
* NCC recommends we submit our ideas to state legislatures for consideration.
* Sewer repairs at Harrison and Georgetown ave are apparently holding up well. Thank you John Cartier

GCA minutes

* We have an open position for Secretary. Secretary had a work conflict.
* Finances read off
* Yard Sale – is this weekend. Craigslist, Facebook, signs at entrances,
* Some of the yard signs got bent. Bill Fitch offered to contribute the H-stake to the association. GCA encourages residents to donate to GCA board member. It is not a tax deductible donation.
* Porch pirates and thefts being reported on GCA webpage.
* Must report incidents to NCC or we will not receive funding for patrols in response.

Open invite to residents to ask questions

* +1 on donating to the Fire Company – from Ron
* Bill Fitch asked about Claymont Train station. Cartier addressed. Construction to begin soon. $54M investment. Moving to a 12-acre site on the old steel mill site. Pedestrian bridge across the tracks instead of going under the tracks. Elevator too for handicapped.
* Trestle over Philly Pike is going to be demolished soon.
* Targeting opening 2022. Will only be SEPTA that will use it. No Amtrak.
* Tri-state mall and questions over what’s in the parking lot. Lot is being used as a semi-manufacturing site of building products. Property owner is making money, but no on else is.
* Marsh Rd on/off ramp rehabilitation project is under way by DelDOT.
* Gov Printz conversation at back of the room….was unable to capture what the impact was.

# Financials -

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| **Starting balance from last meeting, 2/7/2019** |  **$22,238.24**  |
| **Debits** |  |
| Web registration and Dues Letter |  $634.67  |
| 2018 Yard Sale Costs |  $414.02  |
| Returned check |  $25.00  |
| Service charge |  $16.00  |
| ***Subtotal*** |  ***$1,089.69***  |
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| **Credits** |  |
| ***Dues. 169 Homes. 30.1% contribution rate due to generosity of some*** |  ***$4,375.00***  |
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| **Total Balance as of 5/2/2019** |  **$25,523.55**  |

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

Next Meeting – Aug 1st, 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.