

Gwinhurst Civic Association  
11/3/2022 Minutes

Officers: Steve Bufflap, Dave Paules

# Residents: 11

Special Guests:

Options: NCC Councilman John Cartier, State Rep Larry Lambert, Alexis (aide to Sen. Sarah McBride), FAME - Forum to Advance Minorities in Engineering

Finance Report

Starting Balance: \$34,333.66

Revenue: \$25

Total Residences Dues Owed	658
Homes that Paid	221
Amount Collected	\$ 5,900
Total Contribution Rate	33.6%

Expenses: \$0

Ending Balance: \$34,358.66

Minutes:

- Donate \$200 to VFW tonight - Michael R. Moran, Commander of VFW

John Cartier

- NCC County Land re-assessment since 1987 in progress
- \$29M cost - fully funded from Fed dollars vs. taxes from residents
- Revenue neutral impact from the adjustment
- New tax assessments will take effect in 2025
- Assessments can be appealed if resident feels it was in error.
- Brandywine School District could decide to charge more based on the assessment. This program doesn't stop, nor encourage them to change their rates.
- Tyler xxx will be performing the assessments. Not in Brandywine Hundred yet.
- Expect to do this every 5 years.

Rep. Larry Lambert

- Road Construction Update
  - DE Ave from Philly Pike to Lincoln Ave - assigned to estimator (\$96K)
  - N Park Drive - W. Holly to Lincoln Ave - pending approval (\$75K)
  - W. Holly Oak from Philly Pike to Penrock - awarded (\$400K)
  - 302-408-0901 - [Larry.Lambert@ncc.com](mailto:Larry.Lambert@ncc.com)
- Prior Rd

- Still in negotiations for transferring ownership to the State
- Address on W. Del Ave where there is speeding (from Prior Rd all the way down to Harrison (small divot) and then no stops from Harrison down to Philly Pike)
  - Lambert recommends we have the community officer
- Also speeding on Smyrna between 500 and 700 block (stop sign at Harrison and Smyrna is ignored).
- Parking on Prior Rd is supposedly disallowed, but lots of parking on prior rd. despite signage being present.
- Early voting at Claymont Community Center 11A-7P from now until 11/6

Alexis - leg assistant for Sen. McBride

- [Sarah.McBride@del.gov](mailto:Sarah.McBride@del.gov)
  - Resident was worried about solar panels containing toxic chemicals
  - Resident wanted to know about police and safety at Wawa. Seeing police was good, but she was concerned this sets a negative tone
  - Resident wanted to know about the legislative effectiveness against the massage parlors

Other Gwinhurst News

- Holiday Party - is anyone interested in coordinating
  - 1 person said yes.
  - Idea: parents that want to participate bring a wrapped gift for their child(children)
  - Board pays for pizzas and secures the venue
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- Can the board coordinate a park cleanup day with the county to have residents pickup sticks and have the county take away any debris (tires, branches, etc).
- Residents asked whether we can pay for salting on hills after snow plowing since we have funds.
- Lots of wildlife in prior park. Great to see it return.
- Prior Park is overrun with bamboo, is there a plan to take care of it.

Elections:

- President - Steve Bufflap was nominated. No other was nominated. Nomination accepted. With no other candidates, Steve was elected for another term as President.
- VP - No resident offered to run or accepted a nomination to run. Position will be appointed.
- Sec - No resident offered to run or accepted a nomination to run. Position will be appointed.
- Treasurer - Dave Paules was nominated. No other was nominated. Nomination accepted. With no other candidates, Dave was elected for another term as President.