Gwinhurst Civic Association

5/8/2023 Minutes

Officers: Steve Bufflap, Dave Paules

# Residents: 13

Special Guests:

Options: NCC Councilman John Cartier, State Rep Larry Lambert, Sen. Sarah McBride

2023 Finance Report

| Total Residences Dues Owed | 658 |
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| Homes that Paid | 197 |
| Amount Collected | $ 5355 |
| Total Contribution Rate | 29.9% |

Expenses:

| 2023 Dues Notice | 575.92 |
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| 2023 Yard Sale | 351.76 |
|  | 927.68 |

Ending Balance: $39506.16

Minutes:

Resident concens:

* St. Helena’s kids “rioting” / stampeeding and then driving to wawa and destroying property. Any news? Ans: no from community policing
* Neighborhood watch/patrol
  + Referring to the burglary/break in in Gwinhurst where a man stole firearms, including an AR-15. Some guns were recovered, but perp is still at large
  + Complaints that police say “your neighborhood isn’t that bad” instead of taking issue seriously
* Thomas XXXX vs. Janet Fitch’s bushes
  + Thomas has an autistic son..
  + Janet has called the police several times on him.
  + Accusation of boy shaking her bushes or jumping through them.

John Cartier

* Georgetown and 2000 block of Lincoln Ave is burglary and firearms stolen occurred.
* Still an active investigation
* 4.6M. We have triple bond rating (1/40 counties country wide).
* Passing on a tax credit (up for a vote) to residents
* Tax re-assessment still underway (Tyler Technologies….expect to enact the re-assessment in 2025).

Rep. Larry Lambert

* Discussion re: police outreach
* Legislation:
  + Child labor and pollution
  + Claymont Area Master Plan
    - Multiple warehouse distribution centers on that plot of land
* Public safety at Wawa on Philly Pike
  + Larry spoke to police captain for our area. They increased patrols of the wawa and the parking lot.
  + Captain Reinbolt?
* Prior road park - potholes
  + Meeting with Friars to transfer legal ownership
  + Friars are on-board with transferring ownership
* Ivy on the trees in the park - wanted to know which tree.

Sen. McBride

* Coordination of state and county police handoffs
* Bills:
  + Water testing that found lead in our schools
  + Lead remediation in homes with paint and waters and funds to allow families to live outside the home when it is refurbed
  + Legislation to assist in remediation of historic housing stock
  + Filtration systems in the schools to clean the water for the kids
  + Early childhood education bills to lower cost of education for low income families
  + Recruiting more healthcare providers to delaware via low cost loans to attract those providers
  + Veolia water has been asking for self-reporting of water pipes to the homes.
  + Most cases of lead poisoning in kids is sourced to the paint

Other Gwinhurst News

* Yard sale
* BBQ on Harrison - does takeout only
* Next Meeting Monday August 7