

Gwinhurst Civic Association Minutes - 3/6/14, 7:00 pm (revised)

President Christina Anthony began the meeting with the introduction of officers and adoption of the minutes from last month's meeting. There were 10 residents present plus Rep. Bryan Short.

Treasurer's report – Dave Paules

Dave announced that 41% of the community has paid their dues! Not only that but three residents contributed more than the requested \$25. Our current bank balance is \$12,104.71. We're still waiting for one reimbursement check – when we get that we will have \$1500 more than we started with. The reimbursement process is much faster than it used to be, now that they can do direct deposit. Dave is going to send out a thank you email to everyone who paid their dues.

Report of standing committee on snow plowing – Carol Thomas & Kris McMahan

A resident asked about sanding or salting the roads at intersections. We did do it once but it does cost \$450 for just a few key hills and intersections. Also, below 17 degrees salt is not effective. We were cautious about using it this year, since we didn't know how much snow we would get during the season. This past Monday (March 3) we only got 3 inches officially, so we did not ask for plowing.

Report of standing committee on website & communication – Christina Anthony

We have 100 members on Facebook, and the website is up and running. Dave got a least one payment from someone who didn't get the paper mailing, and several board members have gotten calls from residents. We plan to start posting information on the website about people who own businesses in the neighborhood. We have the signs for announcing meetings but haven't been using them due to snow.

Old business -

None of the residents with the drainage problem on Holly Oak Rd are here. Problems with our mail delivery are still ongoing. Christina has a number to call, but when you call it they tell you to call the Post Office which is not helpful. Bryan Short will see if he can escalate to someone in Carper's office.

New business -

There have been Facebook posts about people parking in resident's yards when waiting for a bus with kids, making mud tracks, blocking residents in, etc. The kids have nowhere to stand except in the street though. Delaware and Garfield is a particular problem. Jenn Bennett Downey will ask a relative in Brandywine School District Transportation if they can spread the stops out more. She says due to cutbacks they tried to group them all on arterial roads. Kris will get with Jenn to try to work something out. Another resident, Ryan Igbanol, mentioned that there is some graffiti on the street signs. Rep. Short says we can get supplies from the county to use for cleanup. He will look into it for us.

Community news – Christina Anthony, Rep. Short

The Gwinhurst police reports for this month were passed around at the meeting. They will be on Facebook and the website. There are a few types of crimes that are rather mysterious, like “Public Relations.” Hopefully Officer Hessler can eventually come to a meeting and explain them to us. A resident asked about people parking their business vehicles on the street at night. It was suggested they call DELDOT if they block drivers' view (this also applies to bushes and trees). Rep. Short asked for residents' views on the proposed state tax increases on gas and water pollution.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 3 at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by Denise Brush, Secretary.