

Darley Civic Association

Highland Woods, Indian Field, Darley Rd

Darley Civic Association Meeting

Wednesday November 6, 2024

Trinity Presbyterian Church

1120 Darley Rd

In attendance:

President (HW) - Dan Schmick, Treasurer (HW) Mark LaVere, Secretary (HW) - Ken Velasquez

President (Dan Schmick) calls the meeting to order.

Secretary (Ken Velasquez) reads the minutes from last meeting.

Minutes accepted.

President takes over meeting to talk on old/new business:

Representative Cartier is not with us tonight. Dan reached out to see if someone from Hanby would come to talk about the estate/Chestnut Street, has not received a response yet. Reached out to local politicians, no one else with us tonight.

Meeting passed to Treasurer (Mark LaVere)

Talked through our financial statement, not much new.

- Jason is still interested in doing the neighborhood plowing, needs to talk to Anthony about a new contract.
- Still need a co-signer for bank, Francis West is currently on it. Talked to bank, just need someone to go to bank with ID. There is a question on how to do it – Dan (President) agrees to do for now. Motion to have Dan do passed.
- Mill race vacant house – was going for Sheriffs sale list, but paid fines/taxes of about \$25K, still an issue.

Back to Dan

- Spoke with Sean Matthews on Chestnut Street, didn't have much to report. There is a new system for car rating, and it has been re-paved.
- Sink hole in Indian Field was fixed, though there is another on South Trail (drain collapsing). There was a water main brake, grates are collapsed. Deldot said they would come back but haven't been seen. Sean Matthews sent email, but haven't gotten any movement.

- Shannan asked about block party. It was great success. Transferred site to Mill Race – worked out great and is happy to do it again next year. Steve and wife along with Wendy (other house) happy to have it back by their house next year. New date scheduled for June 7, 12-4PM, same location, first weekend in 2025. Will ask Joe to put on the Darley Civic website. Shannan has a Facebook group running, will also post there.
- Steph Hummel - new neighbors moved in next door to Steph and Steve. We have not sent a 'welcome' gift to Ann (new neighbor). Mark asked if she has info on neighborhood, dues, etc. We have not sent a 'welcome' gift yet. Mark asked Steph to ask for a reimbursement for the gift. Also "new" neighbors at 25 Indian Filed Rd – have been there 1 year already.
- Talked about documents on the Darley Civic website – by-laws are up, need to add meeting minutes from the last couple of meetings.

Any questions?

- Anthony spoke about plowing and needing to set-up a new contract. Anthony has to send in form for the blue barrels with sand in them if anyone wants them in front of their house. There are a few in each neighborhood currently. Trash and some dog excrement has been found in barrels.
- Question about whether we have a leaf pick-up - we do not. Street sweeper did come through a few weeks ago.
- Question from Shannan on who manages our email. Dan (President) currently does. Need to double-check Shannan's email - she never received a meeting email.
- Announcement from Andrew McGhie: Robinson house in Claymont run by historical society is open one day a month for visit. Philly Pike. 11/10 1:30-4 PM open. Singer Charlie Zahm will be there November 20 @ 7:30 PM. Only holds 55-60 people.
Email mcghie@lrsm.upenn.edu.
- Dan to take sign for Darley Civic meeting. Where is it? Was here at last meeting.
- Sean mentions there is a pothole in front of Wendy's house, Dan to look into.
- Dan mentions Church playground is open to all kids in the neighborhood.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting ended.