

Darley Civic Association

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Darley Civic Association Meeting November 14, 2023

Trinity Presbyterian Church
1120 Darley Rd

President, Dan Schmick (Highland Woods)
Vice President, Susan Hartnett (Indian Field)
Treasurer, Mark LaVere (Highland Woods)
Secretary, Ken Velasquez (Highland Woods)

Dan Schmick (President) brings the meeting to order. Agenda is discussed.

Ken Velasquez(Secretary) reads meeting minutes from May 2023 meeting. Minutes accepted by association members in attendance.

Mark LaVere (Treasurer) reports on association financial statement - hand out with expenditures and total balance (**statement attached**). Highland Woods dues are about 100% paid, Indian Field unknow at this time. Questions from the group? We have home owners at the meeting (7 years) that didn't know of the association - they live on Darley road. Mark explains dues (\$15 for Darley Rd residents - state plows road). Susan Hartnett (Vice President) asks if we have additional info on how dues are paid by association members. Mark explains the current process with payment on the new website (darleycivic.com). **Paper checks still ok? Process?**

Lorraine Hewit (Welcoming Committee) question: can we put a little library for books (?) on a corner in Indian Field? Any money available for it / where would that money come from? Dan asks we come back to the question shortly. Treasurer report approved.

Anthony Uro (Director, IF) has a plowing update. Jason Shelton of HW (Turf Landscape) will now do the plowing and salting for HW and IF. Plowing is automatic if there is 2 inches of snow. He will salt entrances, Big Oak, and (**other hill**) in Indian Field. Anthony says we have missed (**salting/plowing**) in the past, but can reach out to him if we have any issues with plowing. Snow barrels with sand in them are at entrances to IF/HW. Passed time to order additional barrels, but we can order more next year if done earlier.

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Steph/Lorraine (Welcoming Committee) Notes one new neighbor in HW - Jason and Shannan Shelton (plowing). Lorraine noted she had spoken to some neighbors that we weren't sure if were welcomed to the neighborhood or not.

Dan takes back the floor for follow-ups:

- Potholes that were previously flaggged have been filled in
 - Lorraine follow-up on the large sink hole on corner Council Trail and Indian Field road. Previously mentioned in February. Email Sean Matthews to get some movement on fixing it.
- New website - darleycivic.com - work in progress, can pay dues, find by-laws, find meeting minutes, contact association. Mark has a large body of historical documentation, may put up on site. We also have a new email - [darleycivic@gmail](mailto:darleycivic@gmail.com) com to contact association.
- Conversation on opting in to a directory (?)
- Link to facebook on site for emails, etc?
- Dan asks Susan Hartnett (IF) to be Vice President, no objections from association members. That opens a spot for Director in IF. Armand Battisti to be new Director for IF.
- By-laws : creating new from previous versions we could find - Dan reads through. (resides on daleycivic website). No objections to by-laws, will post to website and ammend if need be.
- Additional conversation from by-laws reading:
 - Treasurer will be an indefinite position for now. Question from Lorraine - what if something happens to Mark? What do we do? Mark will look into it with the bank to ensure we have a transition should the need arise.

Councilman Cartier can't be here, did send some crime stats and violation info.

New business:

- Sink hole in IF, covered previously.
- Little library on corner of Lorraine's house. Need money for materials or donation. Who will make? Can buy a post/other if we need. Send any receipt to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

- (Association member) notes that Chestnut St is dangerous - what can we do? Traffic calming? Talk to councilman, or state rep.? Petition? A few people have sent emails. Dan will follow-up. Dan will follow up NC parcel site - get names of school district, reps, etc. Talk with the Y about possibly cutting back the brush for a walking path? Lois mentions Kristin and Bryan Short - spoke with someone at the Y and the trust was taken back(?). Questions on small house at Marsh and Chestnut - could we rent it out for civic association or other?
- Mark notes we do a up trash pick-up on Chestnut 1st of every month. Dan ask if we can add that to the website. Check in with Mark if you want to join.
- There is a question/talk on block parties and if anyone organizes them. Shannon Shelton (HW) and Beth Baron (IF) will take on as party event planning committee.

Meeting adjourned.