

NLIA Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2026 @ 6:30pm
Location: Overlook Elementary School Art Room

Opening: Meeting called to order by Renee Knisely at 6:30pm

Present Board: Renee Knisely (President), Shannon Burgoon-Mize (Secretary), Melissa Wotring (Treasurer)

Attendees: Nick Mize, Tracey Estep, Bethany Spore, Barb Plitt, Mark Dill, Scott Gruzinski, Kim Rook, Sarah Alexander, Collin Alexander, Wayne Sanders, Nathan, Mike Alexander, Tiffany Stanson, BJ Stanson, Courtney Upperman, Shannon O'Brien, Darryl Byrd, Jean Szech, Pete Pendleton, Rachael Erichsen, Lourdes Gruzinski, Lori Perlman, Craig Kellner, David Mueller, Lindsay Mueller, Karley Emrich, Amanda Henershot, Kara D'Antonio, *(3 people did not sign the sign-in sheet).*

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes: April 2026 meeting minutes approved.

Guest Speakers:

Scott Larzelere, Program Manager Mosquito Control Program, MD Department of Agriculture

Jeanne Zastrow, Entomologist, MD Department of Agriculture

(Guest speakers provided an overview of the program and answered any questions that neighbors had regarding the program, opt-out forms, etc. Also left resources for attendees to take with them on ways to help control mosquitos)

Topics of Discussion/Report from Board:

- **NLIA Communication Platforms-** Moving forward, all NLIA communications will only be communicated through monthly meetings, annual newsletters, the NLIA webpage, email, and the North Linthicum Improvement Association Facebook page. *NLIA will NOT be posting on the "I Live in Linthicum 21090" Facebook page moving forward.*
- **NLIA Scholarship Award-** We received two applications for the \$500 scholarship award. The Board will review both applications and contact the selected recipient prior to the June 16 meeting to confirm whether they are able to attend and receive their award. Thank you to our special donor whose generosity makes this scholarship award possible each year.
- **Overlook Park Property-** Renee provided an overview of her meeting with the company that bought the park property and potential opportunities to partner with them moving forward with the land NLIA currently owns at the park. The park representative also mentioned the possibility of selling the land outright to

NLIA. Will be more to come, but as of right now, there is no movement due to the current moratorium in Northern AA County. Looking into reallocating funds from an amphitheater grant that Mark Chang secured several years ago to see about building a small structure to hold meetings, girl/boy scouts, parties, etc. These are more long term goals based on funding and partnership with the current owner of the newly purchased property.

- **Assault Reported at Overlook Park on May 15th and General Dog Park Concerns-** It was brought to the board's attention that a post appeared on the 'I Live in Linthicum 21090' Facebook page regarding an alleged assault reported at Overlook Park (source: uscrimeradar.com). The board looked into the matter further and determined that the incident originated from a dispute involving an aggressive dog at the dog park. Other complaints from the community regarding the dog park and it not being used by North Linthicum Residents, but rather people outside of the North Linthicum Community. A neighbor's dog also got bit through their own fence by a dog at 4:30am on Monday, May 18th. The dog is a pit bull and the owners live at the Motel 6 and walk their dog back and forth to the dog park outside of the parks dawn to dusk hours. Attendees expressed their frustrations with no longer having a baseball field for the community kids, but having a dog park that's mainly used by people living outside of the North Linthicum Community. One suggestion was to move the dog park to behind the tennis courts so that a ball field can be brought back and used by the community and potentially LF or a local softball team. Board will look into this further with parks and recreation.
- **PCRC Meeting Updates-** Boss moves was surveil lanced by Northern for a period of three days. The only thing that was witnessed was "kids being kids" and there was one open alcohol container citation written. The community is concerned about the clientele hanging out in the parking lot on a daily and nightly basis and even more concerned about the kids riding their dirt bikes from Boss Moves, through traffic on Nursery Road and throughout the community. It's a daily occurrence, usually between the hours of 5:30pm to 9:30pm. The PACT Unit is returning as funds allow and the board has been in contact with Corporal Lapham to discuss these community concerns about Boss Moves and the Dirt Bikes. As of now, the PACT Unit will not be attending community meetings, but as more funding becomes available their hope is they can begin coming again in the fall.
- **Restarting Neighborhood Watch Program-** This program was previously active in North Linthicum many years ago but eventually faded due to a shortage of volunteers. There is now interest in restarting it; however, doing so will require strong volunteer participation and community support. The board has reached out to the Northern District PACT Unit, which will coordinate with the Crime Prevention Unit to determine what information, resources, and assistance may

be available to support the community effort. The board will be reaching out to AACPD Crime Prevention Unit to talk about getting cameras installed at the Park and also at the light rail steps and other areas throughout the community. Attendees would also like the gate to be closed at the park between dawn and dusk and there were several people who volunteered to take on this task on a rotating basis. The board will need to talk to Parks and Rec and if they approve, a schedule will need to be made for volunteers to maintain this.

- **Future Fundraiser Ideas-** the Board has previously discussed hosting a community Ice Cream Social and/or a North Linthicum Day event this fall. Additionally, Renee has spoken with a representative about a potential fundraiser called "Ball Droppers. We would appreciate honest feedback from the community on these ideas—whether you would be interested in attending, and especially whether you might be willing to help volunteer in planning and supporting any of these events. Attendees are going to brainstorm and bring back their ideas to the June meeting. The board let everyone know that doing events cost money and we need to build up our account in order to host larger events at the park.
- **Nominations for Board and/or Committees-** Renee, Missy, and Shannon would like to continue in their current positions for the next term. Collin Alexander was nominated for the vacant Vice President position. Bethany Spore was nominated for the Bylaws committee and Mrs. Kathy Gordon for the Sound Barrier Wall committee. Sunshine committee nominees were Tiffany Stanson, Sarah Alexander, and Shannon O'Brien. General election will take place at the June 16th meeting.
- The June meeting will be in the cafeteria at Overlook Elementary School to accommodate a larger crowd. SHA will be coming to present and answer questions on the ongoing proposed Sound Barrier Wall on 695/295. Will be advertising for this meeting and the board is asking for the community to please attend this important meeting to support Mrs. Kathy Gordon on her ongoing fight for this wall.
- **Treasury Report (Missy)** - Checking \$2550.42, Savings \$1.16, Grant/Savings \$10,418.90 (expenses paid \$75.00 to reimburse Renee for SDTA Resident Agent Change).
- Community Yard Sale, Dumpster at the Park, and Strawberry Festival at Friendship were all successful events.
- No events planned for June, July or August.

Next Meeting: June 16th, 2026 @ 6:30pm at Overlook Elementary School-Cafeteria

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Renee Knisely at 7:56pm

Minutes Submitted By: Shannon Burgoon-Mize, NLIA Secretary