

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY, INC.  
FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

THE MEETING WAS OPENED AT 7:35 PM BY BILL WHEATLEY.

HE READ THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2007 MEETING.

HE THANKED JOHN KOWALKO, OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, AND STEPHANIE MC McCLELLAN, OUR COUNTY COUNCILWOMAN AND HER AIDE, MELISSA HOPKINS FOR ATTENDING OUR MEETING.

HE ADVISED US THAT THE NAME OF THE CHESTNUT HILL APARTMENTS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO HOME PROPERTIES.

IN REGARD TO THE VANDALISM DONE TO THE BCI COMMUNITY BUILDING AND OTHER PLACES IN BROOKSIDE AND SURROUNDING AREAS, ONE OF THE BOYS CAUGHT FOR THE DAMAGES HAS PLED GUILTY AND IS WAITING FOR HIS SENTENCING. ONE MORE OF THE BOYS WILL BE IN COURT ON THURSDAY AND THE LAST ONE WILL BE IN COURT IN NOVEMBER.

THE "CPAW" SIGNS WERE PUT UP BY BILL AND OFFICER SNEAD. THEY EXTEND FROM ROBSCOTT MANOR ON ONE SIDE OF RT. 4 AND ONTO RT. 273 PAST THE ROLLER SKATING RINK, THEN ONTO HARMONY ROAD, AND BACK AGAIN ON THIS ROUTE ALL THE WAY TO BROOKSIDE.

BILL WHEATLEY HAS ADVISED EVERY ONE PRESENT THAT HE MAY HAVE TO HAVE A COCHLEAR IMPLANT AT JEFFERSON HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA. IF SO, HE WILL BE OUT OF COMMISSION FOR ABOUT 3 MONTHS.

IN REGARD TO THE HOME THAT HAS A PIT DUG INTO THE GARAGE IN ORDER TO WORK ON CARS, THIS WAS RESEARCHED AND IT IS GRANDFATHERED DUE TO THE FACT THAT AT THE TIME IT WAS INSTALLED, MACHINES TO LIFE THE CAR TO INSTALL MOTORS, ETC. WERE NOT AVAILABLE. THIS IS NOT A BUSINESS, BUT FOR PRIVATE USE, AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

THE CRIME STATS WERE GIVEN. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 339 CALLS FOR CRIMINAL MISCHIEF AND OTHER MATTERS, WITH 48 VEHICLE STOPS BY THE POLICE. THERE WAS ONE ASSAULT WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ON AUGUST 9TH AND THE PERPETRATOR WAS CAUGHT. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS A DRUG TRANSACTION IN KIMBERTON NEAR THE POLICE ACADEMY AND ONE PERSON WAS CAUGHT.

THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL ROBBERIES OF CIGARETTES AT THE COUNTRY MAID DELI IN BROOKSIDE SHOPPING CENTER.

IN ORDER TO PREVENT A THEFT FROM HOMES AND CARS, MAKE SURE THAT THE DOORS ARE LOCKED WHETHER YOU ARE IN THEM OR NOT. TO HELP POLICE, IF YOU CAN, CUT SMALL STRIPS OF DOUBLE SIDED CARPET TAPE AND PUT THEM IN THE CAR WHERE PEOPLE WOULD TOUCH THEM IF THEY WERE TRYING TO STEAL THEM IN ORDER TO OBTAIN GOOD FINGERPRINTS. MOST OF ALL, DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO. SAVE YOURSELF.

THE CLEAN UP AND REPAIRS TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING ARE BEING

DONE, AS WELL AS THE BRIDGE AND PATH LEADING TO IT. RED CONNORS BROUGHT UP A "CRACK HOUSE" ON BROOKSIDE BLVD. THAT HAS MULTIPLE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND ASKED WHAT IS BEING DONE REGARDING IT. BILL SAID IT IS BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE POLICE.

HE ALSO MENTIONED 57 MATTHEWS RD. WHERE THE RESIDENTS HAVE HAD TWO TRUCKS PARKED WITH THE REAR OF EACH BACK TO BACK SO NO ONE CAN SEE THE LICENSE PLATES. THEY SAY THEY ARE PROPERLY TAGGED, BUT HAVEN'T BEEN MOVED IN SEVERAL YEARS, SO HOW CAN ANYONE VERIFY THAT? IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SINCE ONE OF THEM IS ILLEGALLY PARKED, THE POLICE COULD ISSUE A TICKET AND HAVE THEM MOVE IT.

JOHN KOWALKO GAVE PRAISE TO BILL FOR ALL THE WORK HE HAS DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OTHERS IN THE AREA WITH CPAW AND THE CERT TRAINING DONE. HE SAID THAT HALF OF THE REPAVING OF MERCER DRIVE HAS BEEN APPROVED AND HE IS TRYING TO GET THE FUNDING FOR THE REST OF IT. THE PROBLEMS WITH THE TREES ON MAVISTA AND MALLBORO HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

THE POTHOLES HE WAS NOTIFIED OF HAVE BEEN REPAIRED. IN REGARD TO THE PROPERTY AT #1 NO. KINGSTON, WITH AN ELDERLY HOMEOWNER, DEL DOT HAS CLEANED UP THEIR PART OF THE MESS CAUSED BY DEBRIS FROM THE TREES AND SHRUBS. THE HOMEOWNER IS TO TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

STEPHANIE McCLELLAN WAS ASKED ABOUT THE PROPOSED REDUCTION OF TAXES FOR SENIORS, WHICH INCLUDED THE INCLUSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN THE CALCULATIONS. SHE THINKS THIS SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL MARCH TO DETERMINE WHAT IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE. SOME PEOPLE THINK A REASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES SHOULD BE DONE, BUT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWS JOURNAL REGARDING THE CPAW INITIATIVE THAT HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE MAINLY WITH BILL'S HELP. HE WAS INVITED TO A COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AND WAS GIVEN A RESOLUTION HONORING HIM FOR HIS WORK IN THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS. HE SHOWED US THE PLAQUE HE RECEIVED FROM THE CPAW GROUPS. PICTURES WERE ALSO PASSED AROUND FROM THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FOR RESIDENTS AND THE POLICE TO GET COMFORTABLE AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THE POLICE ARE THERE TO HELP THEM.

JOHN KOWALKO REMINDED EVERYONE THAT HE HAS A MEETING EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AT THE FRIENDLY'S RESTAURANT FROM 7:00-8:00 AM.

BILL ASKED FOR ALL RESIDENTS TO STEP UP AND HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND CLEAN FOR EVERYONE. THERE IS TRASH OUTSIDE AT 12 MERRIMAN RD. FROM RENTERS WHO HAVE MOVED OUT.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM.

VALERIE I. HAFKEN



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY, INC. FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL WHEATLEY, VALERIE HAFEKEN, SHIRLEY DUNCAN, KATHIE BOOK AND KATIE DAVIES. ABSENT WERE LINDA SELTZER AND ERIN PETERS.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY BILL WHEATLEY. THE READING OF THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETING WAS WAIVED AND APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

BILL WENT TO COURT FOR ONE OF THE JUVENILES, DEREK EDDY, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DOING THE DAMAGE TO BCI'S PROPERTY. HE PLED GUILTY AND THE JUDGE RESTRICTED HIM FROM BEING ON BROOKSIDE PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES. THE DELAWARE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKED THAT ALL MONIES TO COVER THE DAMAGE COSTS MUST BE REPAID IN FULL. THIS WAS AGREED TO.

ONE OF THE OTHER BOYS WILL BE IN COURT AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND SENTENCING WILL BE HANDED DOWN BY THE JUDGE. THE LAST OF THE BOYS, WILL BE IN COURT IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. THE TOTAL COST OF DAMAGES WILL BE PAID BY ALL THREE OF THE BOYS.

THE ROOF REPAIRS HAVE BEEN DONE, AS WELL AS THE SIDING ON THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING. WHEN THE DOORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED, THE SIDING ON THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED.

THE SECURITY CAMERAS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED EXCEPT FOR THE NEW LENSES, WHICH WE ARE WAITING FOR.

MR. DASH ADVISED BILL THAT THE ZERO TURN-A ROUND MOWER IS FIXED NOW. HE WAS TOLD THAT IF A REPAIR HAS TO BE DONE, HE SHOULD LET US KNOW BUT HAS THE AUTHORIZATION TO GET IT COMPLETED.

A BROOKSIDER MUST BE DONE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND HAS TO INCLUDE THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR AND RESULTS OF THE AUDIT THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT ERIN PETERS CANNOT RUN THE FLEA MARKET IN OCTOBER, THE NEXT ONE TO BE HELD WILL BE IN MAY OF 2008.

SHIRLEY DUNCAN ADVISED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT SHE WILL NO LONGER BE ON THE BOARD. WE THANKED HER FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS.

THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEW CASTLE COUNTY MIGHT ACCEPT THE BROOKSIDE PARKLAND. BILL LOOKED INTO THIS AND FOUND OUT THAT THEY CURRENTLY WILL NOT ACCEPT IT. IF BROOKSIDE WANTS TO SELL ANY OF ITS PROPERTY, A REFERENDUM MUST BE HELD AND TWO THIRDS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THE SALE.

A PROPOSAL WAS MADE TO HAVE BILL WHEATLEY REIMBURSED FOR HIS PARKING AND MILEAGE FOR THE MANY TRIPS HE HAS MADE INTO WILMINGTON FOR THE COURT CASES DUE TO THE VANDALISM. THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, BILL SUGGESTED THAT ALL BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE REIMBURSED FOR MILEAGE WHEN THEY USE THEIR OWN VEHICLES ON BCI BUSINESS. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

KATIE DAVIES ADVISED THE BOARD THAT BILL WHEATLEY WAS NOMINATED FOR THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR SPECIAL MERIT FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AND HE HAS WON. THERE WILL BE A DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD ON OCTOBER 18, 2007, WHICH BILL HAS INVITED HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES TO ATTEND.

A NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS SUBMITTED THEIR REASONS AS TO WHY HE SHOULD BE GIVEN THIS AWARD, AND THEY WERE SENT WITH THE PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

BILL THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS IN DOING THIS FOR HIM.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM.



VALERIE I. HAFEKEN

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY, INC.  
FOR APRIL 3, 2007

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM AND THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, 2007 WERE READ BY BILL WHEATLEY.

BILL TOLD THE RESIDENTS THAT A SECURITY SYSTEM HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR THE BCI BUILDING THAT WILL COVER BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. WE ARE WAITING TO BE NOTIFIED OF A DATE FOR THE INSTALLATION. THERE WILL BE 3 CAMERAS INSIDE AND 4 OUTSIDE, ALL CONNECTED TO A SYSTEM THAT CAN BE MONITORED FROM A COMPUTER.

THE SURVEY OF THE WORK DONE ON THE DRAINAGE DITCH IN LITTLE "K" WAS COMPLETED IN THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH 2007 AND WILL BE SENT TO BILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RICK MICKOWSKI OF THE NCCO CONSERVATION DISTRICT HAS SEEN IT. WE WILL THEN KNOW IF ANYTHING ELSE HAS TO BE DONE AND IF THERE WILL BE ANY COST FOR IT. POSSIBLY THIS WILL BE PAID FOR BY BILL OBERLE, DAVE TACKETT AND MR. DELUCA.

THE OPEN SPACE NEAR CHESMAR PLAZA AND ACROSS FROM STAPLES WILL HAVE AN ADVANCED AUTO STORE BUILT ON IT WITHIN A YEAR. THIS SHOULD PREVENT A LOT OF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF FROM HAPPENING IN THAT AREA.

MELISSA TURNER HOPKINS, STEPHANIE McCLELLAN'S AIDE, WAS AT OUR MEETING AND ASKED TO BE ADVISED OF ANY RENTAL PROPERTIES IN BROOKSIDE SO THEY MAY BE ADDED TO THE COUNTY'S LIST FOR FUTURE INSPECTIONS.

A REQUEST WAS MADE FROM HER FOR A COPY OF THE COUNTY'S 20 PAGE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES BE SENT TO THE OFFICE. SHE WILL SEE THAT THIS IS TAKEN CARE OF.

THERE HAVE BEEN TWO "NO PARKING SIGNS" PUT UP ON MALLBORO SO THAT THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE BASEBALL GAMES KNOW THAT THEY CAN BE TICKETED THERE. IF NECESSARY, BILL HAS ONE MORE AVAILABLE TO BE PUT UP.

JOHN KOWALKO IS GOING TO HAVE THE SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON RT. 4 NEAR THE TURN INTO N. KINGSTON LANE MOVED SO IT CAN BE SEEN SOONER. A RESIDENT ASKED IF A "CHILDREN PLAYING" SIGN CAN ALSO BE PUT UP ON N. KINGSTON. BILL SAID THAT DELDOT WOULD HAVE TO CHECK INTO THIS AND DO A SURVEY ON IT BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE.

DAVE TACKETT SENT BCI A LETTER ADVISING THAT THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL BE HOLDING A MEETING AT 77 REEDS WAY. THE OWNER OF 33 KOLLMAN DRIVE WANTS TO PUT UP A COVERED PORCH 14 FEET FROM THE STREET RIGHT OF WAY AND NEEDS A VARIANCE FOR THIS. THE RESIDENTS WERE ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL TAXES, ETC. ARE PAID AND THE COST TO REQUEST THE VARIANCE IS \$200.00 OR MORE.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CRIME REPORT WERE GIVEN. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 164 CALLS FOR CRIMES AND CODE VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING 3 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 2 DRUG VIOLATIONS, A HIT AND RUN ON MARROWS

MISSING LITTLE GIRL WHO WANDERED AWAY AND WAS FOUND, 1 DRUG OVERDOSE AND 38 VEHICLES TICKETED, AS WELL AS 2 SHOPLIFTERS AND 2 SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, ONE WITH A WEAPON.

THERE WERE OVER 3,000 CODE VIOLATIONS IN 2001 AND THEY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY ALMOST 90 % AT THEY PRESENT TIME.

JOHN KOWALKO HAS ADVISED THAT HE WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO BE AT THE BASEBALL LEAGUE'S OPENING CEREMONIES AND WOULD HELP IN ANY WAY HE CAN. THEY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 21ST AT 9:00 AM. THE BASEBALL LEAGUE WILL BE HAVING TOURNAMENTS ON MEMORIAL DAY, LABOR DAY, ETC.

THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THE BUILDING FOR TEAM PICTURES ON APRIL 28TH BETWEEN 9:00 AM AND 4:00 PM. LINDA ADVISED THEM THAT THE BUILDING HAS BEEN RENTED FOR THAT DAY. THEY WILL PROVIDE TEAM ROSTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NO LATER THAN THE START OF THE SEASON. REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL COMING IN. THE LISTS OF CONTACT PERSONS AND TEAM CAPTAINS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

THE SOCCER LEAGUE ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE PUT UP "NO PARKING" TAPE ALONG THE FIELDS ON OLD NEWARK ROAD, SINCE DELDOT HAS NOT LET US KNOW ABOUT PUTTING UP "NO PARKING" SIGNS ALONG THERE. THEY ARE ALSO MONITORING THAT AREA TO MAKE SURE IT IS KEPT CLEAR. THEY WILL ALSO BE SENDING US THE ROSTERS AND REQUIRED LISTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THEY WANT TO HAVE A PICNIC ON JUNE 23RD AT THE FIELDS AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ALLOWED TO HAVE 2 CARS ON THE FIELD FOR THE CLEAN UP. THEY WERE ADVISED THAT THIS WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM.

VALERIE I. HAFEKEN