

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING FOR BROOKSIDE
COMMUNITY, INC. FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2008.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM BY BILL WHEATLEY. THE
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2008 MEETING WERE READ.

STEPHANIE MC CLELLAN WAS THANKED FOR ALL OF HER HELP ON BEHALF
OF BROOKSIDE AND IT'S RESIDENTS.

TOM GORDON, WHO IS RUNNING TO REPLACE CHRIS COONS ON COUNTY
COUNCIL, WAS INTRODUCED TO THE RESIDENTS AT THE MEETING AND AN
APOLOGY WAS GIVEN FOR NOT RECOGNIZING HIM AT THE AUGUST
MEETING, BUT THAT WAS NOT THE TIME FOR POLITICIANS TO PRESENT
THEMSELVES TO EVERYONE. HE REMINDED EVERYONE TO VOTE ON SEPT.
9TH AT THE PRIMARY.

JIM GATES WAS ACKNOWLEDGED AND LET US KNOW HE IS RUNNING FOR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 25TH DISTRICT.

BILL ADVISED US THAT HE WILL BE USING JUVENILES WHO MUST DO
COMMUNITY SERVICE TO HELP PAINTING THE CURBS ON THE PARKING LOT
AS WELL AS OTHER JOBS THAT NEED TO BE DONE IN THE BROOKSIDE
COMMUNITY.

A REQUEST WILL BE MADE TO "MISS UTILITY" FOR A PERMIT TO DIG THE
HOLES FOR THE NEW SIGN THAT WILL REPLACE THE ONE AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE PARKING LOT. IT SHOULD BE RECEIVED WITHIN THE
NEXT FEW WEEKS AND THEN THE WORK WILL BE SCHEDULED.

AS STATED AT THE LAST MEETING, NOMINATION AND ELECTION
COMMITTEES OF 3 TO 9 MEMBERS, IDEALLY 5, ARE NEEDED. A NUMBER OF
RESIDENTS HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS. BILL HAS ADVISED THAT IT IS
BEST TO KEEP EVERYTHING SIMPLE. HE HAS SAMPLES OF ALL THE FORMS
THAT ARE NEEDED BY THE COMMITTEES. NO ONE ON THE ELECTION
COMMITTEE MAY RUN FOR OFFICE.

ARTICLE 4 OF THE BY-LAWS STATE THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES
SHALL BE ANNOUNCED BY SEPT. 15TH. THE LIST OF CANDIDATES MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1ST, 2008. ANYONE WHO RUNS TO BE AN
OFFICER OF BCI, INC. MUST BE BONDABLE, DUE TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY
TO SIGN CHECKS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, WHEN NECESSARY.

FOR THOSE CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, YOU
MUST OWN A BROOKSIDE PROPERTY, ASSESSMENTS (DUES) MUST BE
PAID UP TO DATE, AND THERE MUST BE NO DEED RESTRICTIONS OR LIENS
ON THE PROPERTY, ETC. YOU MUST BE ABLE TO PUT IN TIME TO UPGRADE
THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND KEEP THE NECESSARY ITEMS DONE. YOU
MAY NOT CATER TO ANY ONE SECTION OR AREA OF BROOKSIDE OVER
ANOTHER. NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD RECEIVES PAYMENT FOR TIME OR
EXPENSES INCURRED. THIS IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND THE BY-
LAWS PROHIBIT ANY PAYMENTS.

IF NO ONES RUNS AGAINST THEM FOR ANY POSITION AS OFFICER OR
BOARD MEMBER, THEY WILL BE ELECTED BY ACCLIMATION AND THERE

WILL BE NO NEED TO SEND OUT BALLOTS FOR HOMEOWNERS TO VOTE. IF THERE IS A NEED TO HAVE A VOTE, THE BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED BY OCT. 14, 2008 AND A TIME AND DATE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR BALLOTS TO BE RETURNED BY MAIL OR VOTES DELIVERED IN PERSON AND PUT IN THE BALLOT BOX AND COUNTED. THE ELECTION DATE IS OCT. 28, 2008.

BILL WHEATLEY OFFERED TO GO TO COURT ON BEHALF OF BROOKSIDE IF IT'S NECESSARY AND HE IS STILL HERE.

BEING AN OFFICER OR A BOARD MEMBER IS A REWARDING JOB BUT CAN BE FRUSTRATING.

LAST MONTH IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT WE WILL BE SETTING UP A WEB SITE AND HAD DECIDED TO GO WITH COMCAST. MR. WILLIAM WALTERS WILL BE THE "WEB MASTER". HE AND A NUMBER OF OTHER RESIDENTS RECOMMENDED THAT WE NOT USE COMCAST AND USE VERIZON INSTEAD. THIS WAS AGREED TO AFTER THE DISCUSSION. BCI, INC. WILL BE PAYING FOR THE WEB SITE EXPENSES.

STEPHANIE MC CLELLAN, NANCY DOUGHTEN, DAVE TACKETT AND JOHN KOWALKO ALL OFFERED TO HELP THE NEW BOARD IN ANY WAY THEY CAN.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED FOR DISCUSSION AND IT WAS ASKED WHAT MAKES A "QUORUM" FOR DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IT IS 2/3 OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT. IF THERE ARE ONLY 3 MEMBERS, 2 VOTES WILL DECIDE WHETHER THE ANSWER IS YES OR NO.

IF THE NEW BOARD WANTS TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THE TAX STATUS TO DECLARE MILEAGE, ETC. ON INDIVIDUAL'S TAXES, WHAT MUST BE DONE? UNFORTUNATELY, NOTHING MAY BE DONE DUE TO THE CHARTER THAT WAS FILED WITH THE STATE AND COUNTY WHEN THE MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION WAS SET UP IN THE 1950'S.

MR. JOHN DASH DISPUTED THE STATEMENT THAT THE CLEAN UP WORK DONE ON THE DRAINAGE DITCH WAS DONE BY ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL. ON THAT SATURDAY NO ONE CAME FORWARD TO HELP BILL AND WE HAD TO HIRE A CONTRACTOR AND PAID FOR THE REST OF THE WORK TO BE DONE. MR. ENOS COMPLAINED ABOUT A BUSH GROWING BACK INTO HIS PROPERTY IN A VERY DRAMATIC WAY. HE WAS ASKED TO ACT RESPONSIBLY OR TO EXCUSE HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING, WHICH HE DID.

IN A CLOSING STATEMENT, WE WERE REMINDED THAT ELECTION DAY IS SEPT. 9 AND EVERYONE SHOULD GO AND VOTE. WE ARE VOTING FOR QUALITY OF LIFE AND FOR ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE - NOT FOR A PARTICULAR PARTY OR INDIVIDUAL, BUT WHOEVER CAN DO THE BEST JOB.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM.

VALERIE I. HAFEKEN
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING FOR BROOKSIDE
COMMUNITY, INC. FOR AUGUST 12, 2008.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM BY BILL WHEATLEY. THE
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2008 WERE READ. AS USUAL, THERE WAS NO
MEETING IN JULY DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS:

NANCY DOUGHTEN - LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BCI., INC.
STEPHANIE MC CLELLAN - NCCO COUNCIL 5TH DISTRICT
DAVE TACKETT - NCCO COUNCIL 11TH DISTRICT
STATE SENATOR ANTHONY DELUCA
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN KOWALKO
JIM SMITH - COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT - COUNTY CODE
ENFORCEMENT
LT. WELDIN -NCCO POLICE DEPT.- COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPT.
MARK VEASEY - LAND USE OFFICE

LINDA SELTZER WAS HONORED FOR HER DEDICATION TO AND HARD WORK
FOR BROOKSIDE PARK AND IT'S RESIDENTS. SHE AND VALERIE HAFEKEN
WILL NOT BE RUNNING FOR A PLACE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS
FALL.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DEAL WITH THE SURVIVAL OF
BROOKSIDE. THIS TAKES COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO
DEAL WITH ISSUES THAT IMPACT EVERYONE AND ARE IN THE BEST
INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS AND BROOKSIDE AS A WHOLE.

WE ARE NOT HERE TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET, CRIME STATISTICS AND ANY
LETTERS REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND FINES FOR THEM.

AN ELECTION HAS TO BE HELD FOR THE RESIDENTS/HOMEOWNERS TO
DECIDE WHO THEY WANT TO REPRESENT THEM. AN ELECTION COMMITTEE
MUST BE SET UP, OF AT LEAST THREE (3) HOMEOWNERS, FOR INTERESTED
INDIVIDUALS TO SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO AND THE OFFICE OR POSITION
THEY WANT TO RUN FOR. THEY MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH NO
OFFENSES OUTSTANDING REGARDING THEIR PROPERTY AND WITH ALL
ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS HAVING BEEN PAID. THERE MUST BE A PRESIDENT,
VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY AS WELL AS, IDEALLY, AT LEAST EIGHT
(8) OTHER BOARD MEMBERS.

THERE WILL BE A THREE (3) MINUTE TIME PERIOD FOR EACH PERSON TO
ASK QUESTIONS OR STATE ANY PROBLEMS THEY HAVE AND DIRECT THEM
TO ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS AT THE PANEL.

IF NO ONE STEPS UP TO BE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THERE WILL BE
NO ONE TO SEND OUT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (DUES) IF BCI IS
DISSOLVED. THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO ENFORCE DEED RESTRICTIONS,
NO ONE TO MAINTAIN THE 43 ACRES OF LAND OR THE COMMUNITY
BUILDING OR THE SPORTS FIELDS, AND NO INCOME FROM RENTING THE
COMMUNITY BUILDING OUT.

THE LAND CANNOT BE SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY DUE TO THE CHARTER SET

UP AT THE TIME THE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUT IN PLACE AND FILED WITH THE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE 43 ACRES OR THE BUILDINGS ON THEM. THE HOMEOWNERS MUST MAINTAIN THEM OR THE NCCO LAND USE DEPARTMENT WILL TREAT THEM JUST AS THEY WOULD AN INDIVIDUAL PIECE OF PROPERTY.

MR. JIM SMITH, OF COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT, SAID THAT FINES AND LIENS WOULD BE ASSESSED THE SAME WAY AS THEY WOULD TO INDIVIDUALS, ONLY IT WOULD BE BILLED PROPORTIONATELY TO ALL HOMEOWNERS OF BROOKSIDE. THERE WOULD BE NO SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED SUCH AS SNOW PLOWING AND REGULAR GRASS CUTTING.

REGARDING CRIME STATISTICS, IN 2002 FROM 8/01 - 8/11 THERE WERE 114 CALLS TO THE POLICE (400 FOR THE MONTH) WITH NO ARRESTS AND 48 CODE VIOLATIONS. FOR THE MONTH FROM 4/15/08 - 5/15/08 THERE WERE 190 CALLS WITH 33 OF THEM RESULTING IN 43 ARRESTS.

SR. CPL. MIKE SNEAD SENT BROOKSIDE RESIDENTS A LETTER THAT WAS READ, STATING BROOKSIDE PARK HAS BEEN LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY AS ONE OF THE TOP 25 PLACES TO RETIRE TO ON THE EAST COAST AND GAVE THANKS TO COUNTY COUNCIL, THE LAND USE DEPT. AND THE SENATORS AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THEIR CONCERN AND CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR WORK TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

STEPHANIE MC CLELLAN ASKED LT. WELDIN FOR HIS THOUGHTS. HE SAID HE WAS HERE TO SUPPORT BILL WHEATLEY. THE POLICE NEED HIM TO CONTINUE IN THAT PHASE OF HIS WORK RATHER THAN BEING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BROOKSIDE. SHE STRESSED THAT MUCH GOOD HAS BEEN DONE, LIKE THE IRON HILL PARK BEING REJUVENATED, BUT THAT A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH FRESH IDEAS ARE NEEDED TO CARRY ON ALL THAT IS STILL TO BE TAKEN CARE OF FOR BROOKSIDE.

AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, SHE HAS MET WITH THE BOARD AND THE LAND USE REPRESENTATIVES TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT AND THE PROMISE OF HAVING THEM DO THE ELECTION BALLOTS FOR US. IF WE WANT THEM TO, THEY COULD ALSO DO THE BILLING OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR BCI. SHE WILL ALSO COMMIT HERSELF TO WORK WITH A NEW BOARD AND WILL BE SUPPORTIVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE BASIC THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE AND ANYONE CAN HELP.

DAVE TACKETT OF COUNTY COUNCIL REMINDED EVERYONE THAT YOUR HOME IS YOUR BIGGEST INVESTMENT AND IT IS IN JEOPARDY IF PEOPLE DON'T PUT IN THEIR TIME AND HELP TO KEEP THIS GOING.

JOHN KOWALKO TOLD RESIDENTS THAT HE HAS SPOKEN TO THAT MORE PEOPLE HAVE TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP KEEP THE COMMUNITY GOING AND HE PLEDGES TO HELP ANY WAY HE CAN.

AT THIS TIME, 85% OF BCI HOMEOWNERS PAY THEIR ASSESSMENT ON TIME, WHICH IS AN EXCELLENT RECORD. HOWEVER, EVERYONE SHOULD DO THE SAME.

SENATOR DELUCA SAID THAT THE STATE, NCCO COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER. HOME OWNERS NEED TO STEP UP AND SHARE THE WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

NANCY DOUGHTEN, OUR LAWYER, COMMENDED THE COUNTY FOR THEIR WORK AND REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE WORK DONE BY THE BOARD AND WITH HER HELP IN GETTING BROOKSIDERS' OUTDATED BYLAWS REVISED. SHE ALSO HELPS US BY TAKING HOMEOWNERS TO COURT WHO OWE LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY FOR PAST ASSESSMENTS .

BILL SMITH OF THE LAND USE DEPT. SAID HE CAN PROVIDE THE EXPERTISE, AS WELL AS ANY NECESSARY FORMS, ETC. AS TO WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE. HE SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE SHOULD TALK TO THEIR NEIGHBORS AND GET INVOLVED.

SEVERAL RESIDENTS THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR WORK AND ASKED WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE LAND. NOTHING MAY BE DONE OTHER THAN KEEPING IT AND MAINTAINING IT. BROOKSIDE MAY NOT SELL IT OR GIVE IT AWAY BECAUSE OF THE CHARTER.

RED CONNOR ASKED WHAT CAN BE DONE IF NO ONE STEPS UP AND THANKED THE LEADERSHIP FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK.

A MEMBER OF THE LIONS CLUB OFFERED TO HELP WITH PAINTING THE CURBS IN THE PARKING LOT AND PUTTING UP THE NEW SIGN.

THERE WILL BE A WEB SITE SET UP FOR HELPING TO GET THE INFORMATION OUT TO RESIDENTS. THE BROOKSIDER WILL BE PUT ON IT AND PRINTED COPIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE AND AT CIVIC MEETINGS.'

BEVERLY, FROM "C" SECTION DOES NOT WANT TO BE NEGATIVE BUT CAN'T THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SET A TIME LIMIT TO HAVE A BOARD?

RENEE PAK AND JEREMIAH FARGO ARE NEW HOME OWNERS SINCE FEBRUARY. THEY HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP AND NO ONE GOT BACK TO THEM. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HANDLE THE FLEA MARKET. BILL APOLOGIZED FOR NOT GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THEM. INFORMATION WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR WHAT MUST BE DONE FOR THE FLEA MARKET.

ONE OF THE RESIDENTS ASKED HOW MANY RENTAL PROPERTIES ARE IN BROOKSIDE. WE WILL HAVE TO GET THAT INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY, SINCE ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES MUST BE REGISTERED.

EVERYONE WAS THANKED FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING AND WERE REMINDED THAT PARTICIPATION IS VITAL IN ORDER TO PROSPER AND GO FORWARD.



VALERIE I. HAFEKEN
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY, INC.
FOR MAY 6, 2008.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 PM AND THE MINUTES OF
THE APRIL 1, 2008 MEETING WERE READ.

BILL WHEATLY WAS SELECTED TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 24TH
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 2008.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS NOW DOWN TO THREE (3) MEMBERS. THE
BY-LAWS STATE THAT THERE SHOULD BE 8 MEMBERS. ELECTIONS WILL
BE COMING UP THIS FALL. ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE ON THE BOARD
SHOULD ATTEND CIVIC MEETINGS TO SEE WHAT TAKES PLACE AND MUST
LET SOMEONE KNOW THEY WANT TO SERVE. NONE OF THE CURRENT
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL BE RUNNING FOR OFFICE AGAIN.

IF THERE IS NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY, INC. MAY
BE TAKEN OVER BY NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SINCE THERE WOULD BE NO
OTHER ORGANIZATION ABLE TO DO THE WORK INVOLVED.

NANCY DOUGHTEN, OUR LAWYER, HAS ADVISED US THAT SOCCER CAN
RETAIN THE NAME OF "BROOKSIDE SOCCER LEAGUE" EVEN THOUGH THEY
ARE NO LONGER PLAYING ON OUR FIELDS. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO
REMOVE THEIR SIGN FROM OUR PROPERTY.

ALTHOUGH IT WAS PROPOSED THAT ALL GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE
"NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008, HAVE IT
IN JUST ONE LOCATION, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT
BANNING PARK. THIS DOES, OF COURSE, INCLUDE THE POLICE CANINE UNIT
AND THE HORSE PATROL, AS WELL AS MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES
AND CHILDREN TO BE INVOLVED IN.

AS USUAL, JUNE WILL BE THE LAST MEETING FOR THE SUMMER.

IRON HILL PARK, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED, WILL REOPEN ON MAY 24TH
AND MANY ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES.

THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE HAS SENT A LETTER TO OWNERS OF THE
PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BACKYARDS THAT MEET THEIR PROPERTY TO LET
THEM KNOW THAT A SURVEY COMPANY WILL BE MARKING THE BOUNDARY
SO EVERYONE WILL KNOW WHETHER THEY ARE ENCROACHING ON U OF D
FARM LAND. THEY WILL ASK ANY NEIGHBOR WHO HAS A GARDEN OR IS
USING THE LAND IN OTHER WAYS TO STOP, SINCE THEY ARE TRESPASSING
ON LAND THAT IS NOT THEIRS.

THIS INCLUDES WALKING THEIR DOGS, HAVING A GARDEN THERE OR
PLAYING ON THE PROPERTY. THEY WILL ATTEND A CIVIC MEETING WHEN
THE SURVEY IS DONE TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS THEY HAVE TO ADDRESS.

THE CRIME STATS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 4/16/08 TO 5/06/08 WERE READ.
THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 128 CALLS FOR THIS PERIOD. IF YOU FIND THERE
IS A PROBLEM WITH FARM ANIMALS IN BROOKSIDE, CALL THE NON

EMERGENCY NUMBER TO REPORT IT. THERE WERE BILLY GOATS WHICH HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND REPORTS OF A ROOSTER OR CHICKENS ON A PROPERTY THAT HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

MR. JOHN DASH HAS RESIGNED HIS JOB OF MAINTENANCE MAN FOR BROOKSIDE, AND THE FINE WORK THAT HE HAS DONE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY BILL WHEATLY. A NEW INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN HIRED FOR A PROBATIONARY PERIOD TO SEE HOW HE WORKS OUT.

MR. DAVE TACKETT, COUNCILMAN FOR LITTLE "K" AND THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT ADVISED US OF SEVERAL PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ONE OF WHICH IS THE FREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM. THIS OFFERS AN AVERAGE SAVINGS OF 20 % OFF THE RETAIL PRICE OF COMMONLY PRESCRIBED DRUGS. CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL NEW CASTLE COUNTY FACILITIES, INCLUDING LIBRARIES AND OTHER PUBLIC LOCATIONS. YOU CAN CALL TOLL FREE TO 1-877-321-2652 OR VISIT ON LINE AT: naco.advancerx.com FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE PROGRAM.

HE ALSO REMINDED US OF THE FALSE ALARM PROGRAM WHICH WILL HELP THE POLICE BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO CRIMES, RATHER THAN THE 97% OF FALSE ALARMS THEY PRESENTLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THERE WILL BE FINES CHARGED ON A GRADUATED SCALE FROM \$100 TO \$250. FOR EACH VIOLATION. THERE IS ALSO A CHARGE OF \$50. FOR NOT REGISTERING AN ALARM IN YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS.

IF YOU SEE A DOG RUNNING AT LARGE OR LOOSE, CALL 302-698-3006 TO REPORT IT OR 573-2800. IF YOU FEEL YOUR SAFETY IS AN ISSUE, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

YOU CAN NOW REPORT CODE VIOLATIONS OR COMPLAINTS ON LINE AT: co.new-castle.de.us/LandUse/home/webpage35.asp. ONLINE REPORTING WILL HELP TO CURB THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. THE TOP ITEM BEING STOLEN IS THE PORTABLE GPS UNIT MANY PEOPLE HAVE IN THEIR CAR.

A NEW WALK-IN CLINIC SIMILAR TO WESTSIDE HEALTH WILL BE OPENING NEAR THE BJ'S IN PENCADER PLAZA VERY SOON.

DUE TO LOW HOME SALES, THE TRANSFER TAX HAS DROPPED CONSIDERABLY. THE COUNTY MAY ONLY USE THESE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY POLICE AND MANAGEMENT. UNDER A PROPOSED CHANGE BY DELAWARE, THE COUNTY WILL LOOSE APPROXIMATELY \$5,000,000. A YEAR.

THERE WILL BE A REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY FOR FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH, AT 9:00 AM.

STEPHANIE MC CLELLAN'S ASSISTANT, MELISSA TURNER HOPKINS, REPORTED ON THE OPENING OF THE BARK PARK AT IRON HILL PARK, WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE AGILITY TRAINING, A PLAYGROUND AND FRISBEE GOLF FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY.

THERE IS A "VIALS OF LIFE" PROGRAM THAT IS RUN BY THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. IT IS A FREE SERVICE

PROVIDED TO ALL SENIORS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS, NO MATTER WHAT AGE. YOU FILL OUT THE CONFIDENTIAL FORM AND PUT IT IN A MEDICINE VIAL THAT IS PROVIDED FOR YOU TO KEEP IN THE DOOR OF THE FRIDGE. PUT THE MAGNET ON THE DOOR OF THE REFRIGERATOR AND BE SURE TO UPDATE THE INFORMATION AS NEEDED. THIS WAS IF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL HAVE TO RESPOND TO YOUR HOME, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET PERTINENT INFORMATION TO QUICKLY AND APPROPRIATELY TREAT YOU DURING A CRISIS. THE VIALS ARE PROVIDED BY THE HAPPY HARRY'S / WALGREENS PHARMACY.

MELISSA ALSO ADVISED THAT CODE ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WILL ADJUST THEIR HOURS TO COVER ANY PROBLEMS THAT OCCUR AFTER 9:00 TO 5:00 AND ON WEEKENDS IF NECESSARY.

IF YOU SEE ANYONE DOING WORK THAT YOU THINK SHOULD HAVE A PERMIT, CALL THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT AND THEY WILL LOOK INTO IT. A SHED THAT IS NO LARGER THAN 10 FT BY 18 FT DOES NOT NEED A PERMIT UNLESS IS IT CLOSER THAN 3 FEET TO THE PROPERTY LINE.

FROM APRIL 1ST TO MAY 5TH, THERE WERE ONLY SEVEN CODE VIOLATIONS CALLED IN FOR PARKING ON THE GRASS, SIDEWALKS, ETC. UNSAFE STRUCTURES, DEBRIS AND HIGH WEEDS OR GRASS. THREE WERE FINISHED AND THE REST ARE PENDING.

MR. JERRY GRANT, JOHN KOWALKO'S ASSISTANT ATTENDED THE MEETING AND SAID IF YOU SEE ANY ROAD SIGNS THAT ARE MISSING, CALL HIM AT 577-8343 OR JOHN KOWALKO AT 737-3296. HE SAID THAT 172 BROOKSIDE BLVD. HAS PROBLEMS, BUT WAS ADVISED THAT THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. MR. KOWALKO IS NOW TOTALLY COMMITTED TO OFF-SHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE CASE OF BASKETBALL HOOPS THAT ARE TOO CLOSE TO THE STREET, NOTIFY DEL. DOT. TO COME AND REMOVE THEM. THEY WILL TAKE THEM TO A STORAGE AREA AND ADVISED THE RESIDENTS THAT THEY MAY BE CLAIMED FOR \$100.00. IF THE CHILDREN ARE IN THE STREET AND BLOCKING VEHICLE RIGHT OF WAY, YOU CAN NOTIFY THE POLICE AND THEY WILL CONFISCATE THEM, SUCH AS THE HOME AT 121 BROOKSIDE BLVD.

A RESIDENT NOTIFIED US THAT THERE ARE CHILDREN RIDING MINI BIKES AND GO KARTS ON MONTROSE DRIVE. YOU CAN CALL 573-2800 IF IT IS NOT AN EMERGENCY, BUT CALL 911 IF IT IS IN PROGRESS AND A DANGER FREQUENTLY. TRY AND LET THE POLICE KNOW WHEN THIS HAPPENS MOST OFTEN SO THEY CAN COME OUT AND CATCH THEM DOING THIS.

HE ALSO ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO RESIDE IN ONE HOME? MELISSA SAID THAT WOULD BE FOUR (4) NON-RELATED PEOPLE BUT THERE IS NO STIPULATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS. HE SAID THERE ARE TEN TO TWELVE AT 64 MONTROSE FREQUENTLY WITH LICENSE PLATES FROM SEVERAL STATES.

ONE RESIDENT ASKED IF THEY SEE A POLICE PRESENCE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, IS IT NECESSARY THAT THEY BE INFORMED FOR THE REASON THE POLICE ARE THERE. THE ANSWER IS THAT NO ONE HAS A

RIGHT TO KNOW WHEN IT IS AN ONGOING SITUATION AND ALL THE FACTS
HAVE NOT BEEN STUDIED.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valerie I. Hafeken', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

VALERIE I. HAFEKEN
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING OF BROOKSIDE
COMMUNITY, INC. FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2008.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM.

BILL WHEATLEY READ THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER, 2007 MEETING.
THERE WAS NO MEETING IN JANUARY, 2008 SINCE THE FIRST TUESDAY
WAS NEW YEAR'S DAY.

BILL HAS ADVISED THE RESIDENTS THAT HE WILL BE REQUESTING THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ALLOW HIM TO RESUME BEING ON THE BOARD.

TROY KLEIN AND TERRY EDDY, TWO OF THE JUVENILES WHO WERE
CAUGHT AND PROSECUTED FOR THE DAMAGE TO BROOKSIDE'S
PROPERTY WILL BE SENDING LETTERS OF APOLOGY FOR WHAT THEY
HAVE DONE, AS DID DEREK EDDY.

TREES HAVE BEEN TRIMMED AND REMOVED THAT WERE NEGLECTED OVER
THE LAST 12 TO 15 YEARS. THE GROUNDS NOW WILL BE MAINTAINED TO
ELIMINATE THIS PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE.

AN AWARD WAS GIVEN TO BILL WHEATLEY BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR HIS WORK
WITH "CPAW". IT WAS PASSED AROUND SO ALL COULD SEE IT.

HE WILL BE WORKING AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS MORE IN THE FUTURE,
WITH OTHER PRIVATE CITIZENS, TO RELIEVE SWORN OFFICERS FOR
STREET WORK. THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE DEPT. HAS BEEN
REVIEWED FOR ACCREDITATION BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPT. IN
ARLINGTON, VA. AND HAS PASSED WITH HIGH MARKS.

THE BAN ON YARD WASTE IS NOW EFFECTIVE. PAMPHLETS AND OTHER
MATERIAL ON WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO USE YARD TRIMMINGS AS A
RESOURCE RATHER THAN TRASH WERE PUT OUT FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE
FOR THEIR OWN USE.

THERE WERE TWO HOMES LISTED BY THE COUNTY FOR VARIANCES ON
FEB. 14, 2008 AT THE COUNTY BUILDING ON READ'S WAY AT 6:00 PM FOR
ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GIVE THEIR OPINION ON THEM. THE HOME AT 2
MORRIS LANE IS ASKING FOR A SETBACK TO EXTEND A ROOF OVERHANG
FROM A PIGEON COOP THAT IS AGAINST BCI'S DEED RESTRICTIONS. THIS
SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.

THERE WERE SEVERAL CRIMES THAT APPEARED IN THE NEWS JOURNAL,
ONE OF WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BROOKSIDE OR ITS RESIDENTS.
IT HAPPENED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AFTER
HOURS OF THE PARTY HELD THERE WERE OVER (1:30 PM). BILL
CONTACTED THE NEWSPAPER TO MAKE A CORRECTION.

THE CRIME REPORT WAS READ COVERING DEC. 1, 2007 THROUGH JAN. 14,
2008. OUT OF A TOTAL OF 200 CALLS THERE WERE ONLY 22 THAT WERE
ACTUALLY CRIMES TO RESIDENTS, INCLUDING AN ASSAULT, A BURGLARY,
8 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF CALLS AND 12 OTHERS.

THERE WERE ALSO 3 SHOPLIFTING CALLS IN BROOKSIDE SHOPPING CENTER. IN THE 182 CALLS, INCLUDED WERE DOMESTIC AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN HOMES, 3 DRUG VIOLATIONS, 4 FALSE HOME ALARMS, 31 PUBLIC RELATION CALLS, 4 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES, 43 VEHICLE STOPS BY RADAR AND 4 TRAFFIC TICKETS.

THIS IS QUITE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER PRIOR YEARS AND CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE BLOCK WATCH AND CPAW GROUPS WHO LOOK AFTER THE COMMUNITY.

THERE WAS A HOMICIDE IN TODD ESTATES YESTERDAY IN A HOME WITH TOO MANY RENTERS AS RESIDENTS. IF YOU SEE A SITUATION THAT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE NORMAL, NOTIFY THE NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER OF THE POLICE DEPT. SO IT CAN BE CHECKED OUT TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE LOCAL FAMILIES. THIS WOULD INCLUDE MANY CARS COMING AND GOING AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT.

JOHN KOWALKO, OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, WILL HANDLE YOUR REQUEST FOR HELP IN A FEW DAYS IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CALL THE POLICE AND IT WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE COUNTY AND/OR STATE POLICE WHO ARE NOW WORKING TOGETHER TO HANDLE THESE CALLS.

MORE PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO JOIN BLOCK WATCH TO HELP COMMUNITY WIDE TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. COME OUT TO A MEETING ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AND FIND OUT WHAT IS INVOLVED AND HOW YOU CAN HELP.

THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS RESIGNED DUE TO PERSONAL PROBLEMS. PLEASE COME TO CIVIC MEETINGS AND FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BOARD. A MAJORITY OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED FOR FOUR YEARS AND MAY NEED TO STEP DOWN IN THE FUTURE. MORE RESIDENTS ARE NEEDED TO FILL THESE POSITIONS AND HELP TO LEAD OUR COMMUNITY IN THE YEARS TO COME. THE TERM OF OFFICE IS TWO YEARS AND ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN THE FALL. RESIDENT HOME OWNERS MAY REQUEST TO JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ANY TIME BY WRITING A LETTER TO AN OFFICER OR BY SENDING IT TO THE OFFICE.

JOHN KOWALKO LIVES IN WINDY HILLS AND SAID THERE WERE 7 BREAK-INS THERE. THE POLICE DID A REVERSE 911 CALL TO NEIGHBORS AND THEY HELPED TO CATCH THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE. HE ALSO ADVISED HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING A BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION STARTED THERE AND IS COMMITTED TO SAVING THE PLANET AND MONEY FOR HOMEOWNERS BY WORKING TO GET WIND POWER FOR DELAWARE.

STEPHANIE McCLELLAN, OUR COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, DOES THE SAME. SHE WAS UNABLE TO BE AT OUR MEETING TONIGHT DUE TO A TEMPERATURE OF 104 DEGREES.

BILL ADVISED THAT THERE IS A "SENIOR ROLLCALL" LIFELINE SERVICE AVAILABLE TO ANY SENIOR CITIZEN IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY. SIMPLY CALL THE LIFELINE OFFICE AT 302-395-8159 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP. THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS SERVICE. A PAMPHLET IS AVAILABLE

REGARDING THIS SERVICE.

ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS AT 3 MARTINDALE, PATRICIA McDOWELL, HAS BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH A NEIGHBOR FROM ACROSS THE STREET WHO IS HARASSING HER BY WALKING ACROSS HER PROPERTY, PEEPING INTO HER WINDOWS, COMPLAINING ABOUT HER DOG BARKING IF THEIR DOGS CAME OUT, SO SHE SOLD HER DOG. THEY ARE ALSO THROWING THINGS IN HER YARD AND ARE TELLING MISLEADING STORIES ABOUT HER TO PEOPLE IN STORES, YELLING AT HER AND TORMENTING HER SAYING SHE STOLE THE HOUSE BECAUSE SHE PURCHASED IT 3 YEARS AGO WHEN THEY WANTED IT.

BILL WHEATLEY AND JOHN KOWALCO TOLD HER THAT THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO HAVE THIS BEHAVIOR STOPPED. IT IS ILLEGAL AND SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT BE TOLERATED.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SOCCER LEAGUE, CHRIS MILE, ATTENDED THE MEETING AND ASKED WHEN THEY CAN HAVE A CONTRACT. LINDA SELTZER TOLD HIM THAT WE NEED A LIST OF OFFICERS BEFORE ANYTHING CAN BE DONE. THEY HELD ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER AND DID NOT NOTIFY US OF WHAT TRANSPIRED. HE WAS ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD LOOK AT THE CONTRACT FROM LAST YEAR AND FIND OUT JUST WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. THEIR SIGN-UPS ARE SCHEDULED BEGINNING SATURDAY FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS. HE SAID THAT THE CURRENT PRESIDENT IS SPENCER DUNCKLY (?) AND THE LEAGUE WILL START PLAYING GAMES ON EITHER THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEKEND IN APRIL. THE LIST SHOULD BE EITHER MAILED TO THE OFFICE OR DROPPED OFF IN THE MAIL SLOT IF NO ONE IS THERE.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING CONTINUING THE PUBLISHING OF THE BROOKSIDER NEWSLETTER. WITH 1339 HOMES, IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE TO PRINT, THE LABELS ARE COSTLY AS WELL AS THE POSTAGE, NOT INCLUDING THE TIME SPENT BY THE BOARD MEMBERS TO FOLD THEM, PUT ON THE MAILING LABELS AND TAKE THEM TO THE POST OFFICE.

MANY COMMUNITIES ARE CURRENTLY POSTING THEIR NEWSLETTERS ON LINE DUE TO THE TIME CONSTRAINTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE TWO JOBS AND FAMILY OBLIGATIONS TO TAKE CARE OF. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO THE OFFICE AND GET A PRINTED COPY OF IT. OF COURSE, WE WILL NO LONGER HAVE ADS IN IT. HOMEOWNERS WILL BE ADVISED OF THIS IN THE NEXT AND LAST PRINTED BROOKSIDER.

THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING PUT A LIGHT ON THE BACK CORNER OF THE BUILDING POINTING TOWARD THE PATH BETWEEN THE HOMES, PERHAPS WITH A MOTION DETECTOR, OR JUST ON ALL THE TIME AFTER DARK TO LIGHT THAT AREA FOR SAFETY REASONS. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.

BILL BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF BOARD MEMBERS NOT BEING REIMBURSED FOR THE USE OF THEIR VEHICLES ON BROOKSIDE BUSINESS EITHER BY MILEAGE KEPT IN A LOG AND DOCUMENTED AND/OR RECEIPTS PER MILEAGE COST USING THE STATE AND COUNTY RECOMMENDATIONS.

AFTER CHECKING WITH OUR LAWYER, NANCY DOUGHTEN, IT WAS NOTED

THAT A REFERENDUM WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE FOR THIS TO BE LEGAL. IT MUST BE VOTED ON, WITH A BALLOT BEING SENT TO ALL HOMEOWNERS. A PANEL WOULD BE SET UP TO COUNT THE BALLOTS, SINCE THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CANNOT DO IT. THE MAJORITY OF VOTES FOR OR AGAINST THIS WOULD RULE, NO MATTER HOW MANY VOTES ARE RECEIVED. THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AT ALL.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:25 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valerie I. Hafeken', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

VALERIE I. HAFEKEN
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD