

Brookside Community Minutes

December 1, 2009

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:32. The minutes were read and accepted.

State Rep. Mr. Kowalko reported that Valero Refinery had closed. Losing about 2000 jobs and the effect it will have on our state. He had also submitted a list of suggestions for keeping the plant operating, whether with Valero or another company like Citco. He spoke about Del Dot and street improvements of which part of Brookside Blvd. will be one of them repaired. Also he discussed the changes taking place with Delmarva. The update on the vacant Wilmington building there is no money, no buyer and no plan to do anything at this point and time. The situation with route four construction is there isn't a definite time line for completion.

Councilwoman Lisa Diller handed out Resident Awareness & Emergency Preparedness Guide Brochures. A list of upcoming events being held at the Senior Center & Newark Free Library in Jan. thru May on issue that will be effecting us in New Castle County. She suggested putting the information on Brookside Website or you could get it on New Castle Co. Website.

Barry thanked Councilmen Tagget and his aid for the work they have been doing on the ditch line in Little K. The section of wooded land behind Little K belongs to the City of Newark. It is part of their sewage plant which has not been maintained for many years. Tagget & DelDot agreed to start work on it in the new year. Barry will update us as work progresses.

Renee the Activity Director gave an update on the Christmas Party which is on Sunday December 13, between 3-5p.m. and that everything has been donated.

Bill Wheatly gave a report on a crime on Matthews an graffiti and damages done on the foot bridge and on vehicles on Cameron. He also invited the community to join the block watch, and announced that Richard & Renee are now trained for the emergency response team.

Richard reported on questions presented to the board. The board reviewed the questions and answered them. Richard read the questions an gave our answers then pointed out where the questions and references did not match the by laws referred to. He read a statement that the questions have been answered in open meetings & this puts them to rest which brings this

matter to a close. Bill Wheatley then commented on one of the questions and answers that concerns checking the Dept. of Labor about part time employees and contracts.

Mr. Walters announced that the Brookside is now on the website at ([my site.verizon.net/bci900](http://my.site.verizon.net/bci900))

Barry thanked all concerned in publishing & mailing The Brooksider.

It was announced that two lights were out in the soccer field by Matthews & the footbridge. Two lights were out on the BCI Building. Barry said he would have Terry check on them and install new lights. It was ask if The Brooksider would get more information from the president like agendas etc. Barry commented from time to time updates on projects from Richard or Renee and that the major problem in the community was the lack of involvement.

A question was ask about the snow removal contractor bring licensed and insured and yes he was last year and is also this year. A question about the storm drains being clogged with leaves. Leaves are considered yard waste and it's illegal to put them in the drains . Residents need to bag the leaves and dispose of them at a dump site or your trash carrier.

Motion was then made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Smith".

Barbara Smith, Sec.

Brookside Community Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Meeting called to order by President, Barry Adams @ 7:35 p.m. Secretary Barb Smith is on vacation and Cheryl Besteder will be taking the minutes. Richard Jester was not present but joined later in the evening.

Councilwoman Lisa Diller announced another Newark Community Resources Fair. It will be held at the Newark Free Library on Friday, October 16, 2009 between 10:30 am and 1:30pm.

State Representative, John Kowalko welcomed everyone to his meet and discuss meetings held every Tuesday at the Friendly's Restaurant on 896 between 7 and 8 am.

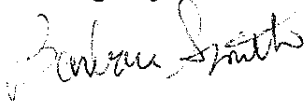
He invited everyone to the Town Hall Meeting with Governor Jack Markell, on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the Newark High School Auditorium at 7pm. He stressed how important and informative it would be for everyone to attend.

It was brought up that the Brooksider Newsletter is not reaching the community (James Morgan said less than 200 residents have signed-up and receive the *emailed* newsletter) and that a printed and mailed quarterly letter should be instated. It was agreed upon and a vote was cast and Kathleen Warne and Linda Seltzer will volunteer to begin printing the new Brooksider Newsletter.

New Business from the President

Trees down in the neighborhood and all burnable wood is being saved and stored in the community. Anyone in need we are offering a truck load.

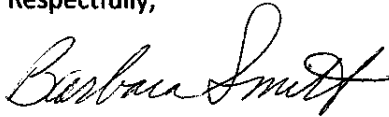
Meeting Adjourned.



Sept. 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Richard Jester . Due to a family emergency the president was not available. The minutes were read and accepted . Mr. Wheatley read the crime report and reminded us that after three false 911 alarms the county will charge you for coming out. Also on Sept 5th C-Paul was having a fund raiser at the Acme stores to be able to continue the horses & mountie unit. A reminder that the the crime prevention meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00. A reminder to the board that the handicap parking needs to be done in blue paint. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully,



Barbara Smith, Sec.

Missing
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Minutes

Brookside Community Meeting

July 7, 2009

Board voted that there is to be no meeting for the Month of July.

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Barbara Smith

BCI COMMUNITY MEETING

6/2/09

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Barry Adams.

A motion was made and second to skip Julys meeting an resume meetings in August.

Minutes were read and approved.

Barry stated these meetings are not just for complaints but if you have any use the forms from the office.

He also stated he works the development 9-5 everyday.

Frank , from Greater Newark Babe Ruth stated his support and what a good job Barry was doing.

Mr.Kawalkus commented on the county about the high grass . Their schedules were cut by 1/3, no overtime, no extra contractors being hired, equipment problems and the amount of rain we were having.

Renee Bensley reminded us about the program on Fri. 6/19 from 10-2 being held by NCC. They would be handing out flyer through the neighborhood.

A resident ask about an armed robbery on Sun. morning in the 100 block of Kenmar Dr. and

Bill Wheatly responded. Although no crime report was ask for the crime status could be put in the newsletter.

It was mentioned that no trustpassing signs be put up on Brookside properties (like the park land). This give us permission to arrest if violated.

Barry brought up a volunteer program for kids in the community needing hours to graduate which he's been working on. We need to check on the insurance coverage.

Mr.Vic mentioned about Maries house was broken into and could street lights be put in. Bill W. suggested checking with Del Dot for a pole & light which is about \$2800.00

Bill also left everyone know about the New Castle Co. class being held on 6/12 & 6/13 from 8-4 on emergency response at the headquarters on Rt.13.


It was brought up that not many residents are receiving The Brooksider by E-mail and that copies are in the office.

Mr. Dash mentioned that one of the goal post on the soccer field on Martindale was removed to play soft ball on . Also bike riders are all over the fields.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 & second.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Smith, Sec.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Smith".

Minutes

Brookside Community Meeting

May 5, 2009

Barry Adams canceled meeting due to illness.


Barbara Smith

Brookside community meeting minutes

April 7, 2009

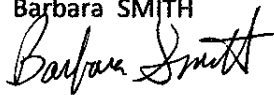
The meeting was called to order by Barry at 7:36p.m. Cheryl read the March minutes with an addition made by Mr. Morgan and the minutes were then accepted. Present from the county were county representative Lisa Dillard and legislative aid Rena Bensley. They spoke on using the comm. building on June 19 from 10 to 2 for service organizations resource center & energy issue to benefit the community and seniors. Barry left everyone know the new budget was approved and would be mailed with the assessments by May 1 st. Also that the corporate seal was in the office safe. Terry and Barry installed the new sign & flowers with the materials they purchased from Lowes for 60 some dollars. Barry mentioned over du e assessments were being worked on. The attorney suggested we send the high dollar assessments certified letters before he gets involved and that the board members take turns going to court. Mr. Ferry ask about the audit an Barry said everything from 2007 to present was checked was found to be OK. Mr. Morgan questioned the court cost on these overdue assessments. Ms. Dillard gave an example once a few of the larger cases go to court the word get around and others start to pay. It was brought up that the delinquent accounts were published in the Brooksider an should be again. Bill Wheatly said there are about 15 homes with leins on their property already the information is in the office. Barrys example was that the attorneys are a big problem at the sale of homes. Frank from Babe Ruth introduced himself as working for a 30 year old company that collects past due accounts with a 50% ratio of success and charges a flat fee. We could consider using them.

Mr. Loyld at #1 Copperfield Ln. ask about people parking on the grass, sidewalks are in bad shape. Whose responsible for them . The homeowner or the county? Cheryl read the New Castle Co. Code Inforcement & Ticketing Process and gave the number 395-5555 for help. No one from Brookside can do anything. Mr. Greene showed similar concerns and also concerns about the handicap corners. Ms. Dillard responed that Del Dot is responsible for curb cuts. Bill Wheatly reported the crime sats also he mentioned the block watch meeting here Mon. at 7:00 and hand on Wed. 5/22/09 at 6:30 at Kimberton. Barry said he was speaking with the church groups about their annual yard sale May 2,2009. Anyone interested is to contact board members or volunteers for any questions.

Mr. Dash introduced himself to everyone stating he was the bearer of bad news. Having a petition signed with over 100 names asking for the removal of Barry from office, with mismanagement of BCI resources, misappropriation of funds and not complying with follow ups. Barry stated if you think you have warranted you need to get your attorney and will go that route. Mr. Dash then made a motion for a special meeting to address these concerns. Barry said these issues have been addressed and answered and if you have just cause Brookside has their attorney and your lawyer we'll go that route. These questions have been answered month after month Barry's not going to stand for it he is the elected president & board and he's not going to stand for it and until that time his term runs out he will fight to hold his seat as long as he was appointed legally ok. It's been put to bed now lets move on. Barry ask Mr. Dash if he wanted to call 911 and have them arrest him. No more questions were answered on this subject. They could be addressed in a letter and submitted to the board. That's how we do things. Subject about the minutes not being in the office was mentioned. Cheryl explained for three months I was out she filled in placing the minutes on the table saying she didn't want them, they would make copies and put ^{them} away. Also the printer has not been working. Mr. Dash wanted to speak again but was not recognized. He was out of order and ask to sit down. The whole meeting got out of order. Bill W. ask if he should call 911. Mr. Palmer ask if the issue he ask about were answered. Barry stated again if anyone has a complaint against him or the board put it in a letter and submit it we review it and if it's warranted they'll vote or have a special election to get someone else in here. But until that time he will hold this chair that he was elected for. He will do what he is suppose to do for this community in a timely manner until his term runs out. Bill Wheatly suggested purchasing cell phones for the community for each board member to eliminate any and all questions about this phone card. Barry made a motion to end the meeting it was seconded meeting ended at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Barbara SMITH



**Brookside Community Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2009**

Barb Smith the secretary will not be attending tonight's meeting due to medical reasons.

Barry called the meeting to order @ 7:33 pm.

Cheryl read the February 3rd minutes and they were accepted.

No Treasure Report was read.

From the President:

James Morgan submitted a letter to re-design the Brookside Newsletter and will give his presentation tonight.

The following visitors were present:

Jerry Grant State Rep Aide – Mr. Grant had nothing to report and stated his telephone number 577-8342 for any concerns.

Mr. Taggart was present and introduced Lisa Diller as a new County Council Member. Lisa Diller stated she was sworn in on Friday and has not attended a council meeting as of yet.

Bill Wheatly read the police report of crime stats he received from head quarters and stated that radar be set-up and on various roads.

Old Business

Covered in meeting minutes.

New Business

James Morgan made his presentation. Ten issues per year via email with two months off in the summer. No cost to produce and saves the association in mailing out the letters and the money could be used elsewhere. James handed out information with instructions on how to receive the New Brooksider Newsletter.

Barry asked the congregation for any questions or comments and none were given.

Barry handed out a complaint letter he received and a new complaint form for the residents to use. The letter was un-signed and Barry stated that no further complaints will be dealt with without signatures.

Roy Palmer asked about missing signs and Bill Wheatly informed we have the signs and the posts need to be requested from DEL DOT. Roy Palmer volunteered to install the missing signs.

Barry and Terry the maintenance man spent \$43 on treated lumber and installed and tested the ramp for Mr. Green. Bill Wheatly said Mr. Green has been using it. The meeting adjourned @ 8:29pm.

Hire a paralegal to go to court to get back assessments.

Brookside Community Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2009

Barb Smith the secretary and Richard Jester will not be attending tonight's meeting due to medical reasons.

Cheryl will take the minutes.

Barry called the meeting to order @ 7:32 pm.

Cheryl read the January 6, 2009 minutes and they were accepted.

Treasure reports were not available due to a printer jam. One copy is in the back for your review.

Snow storm complaints

1. Foot bridge area/foot paths missed. Bill Wheatley brought them to the attn of Barry and Barry will look at the snow-plow map to be maintained next storm.
2. Two fallen trees. Barry and Terry, the hired maintenance man investigated and found to be sound and in no danger of falling on their home. Discussed same with homeowner.
3. Little K - S Kingston snow plowed at dead end caused water to back up in Mr. Kelly's yard. Bill Wheatley familiar with problem and suggested pushing snow to other end of the street to drain elsewhere. There is a community run-off-ditch in place.

Jim Kelly was not present to be thanked for a good job snow plowing this past storm. The bridge and play ground were salted. A neighbor said after 36 years her street was plowed and was very thankful.

Barry informed the community that the Brookside Newsletter will return. Mr. James Morgan will appear at the next board meeting and will present a format he would like to use.

The Flea Market will return.

Mr. Jerry Grant, John Kowalko's aid was our guest for the evening. He stated Mr. Kowalko will not be present as he is attending The Joint Sunset Committee on Tuesday evenings for Mar, Apr and possibly May.

He read a letter to Barry Adams from John Kowalko. The letter congratulated Barry on helping those in need during our tough economic times.

Mr. Grant reported a vandalism complaint from Chaucer Drive. The complaint was handled with the homeowner.

Block Watch – Bill Wheatley recently had a mtg here @ the comm. center and asked for more volunteers to join. There will be two classes for training and 38 volunteers are ready. The community is invited and the mtgs are held the 3rd Monday of every month @ 7pm.

Our 2nd guest of the evening was Lisa Porrini the Greater Newark T-Ball Commissioner. She is registering players and sign-ups are this Saturday and is welcoming new kids. Barry stated they are allowed to use the farthest field and only one car may drop off and pick up at a time. Lisa is to be contacted if there are any problems to be addressed.

Report from Chair

1. The board will prepare the budget (~~I think he meant the assessments?~~) and stuff and mail envelopes and mail out.
2. Bill Feringer, the BCI accountant has everything ready for the audit and is sending off for the independent to prepare same. We will await the return in a few weeks.
3. The \$27,000 matured CD has been placed into a 3.5% Wilmington Trust CD and Barry was not sure of the number of months. However he did negotiate for a higher interest rate ~~and the community was happy with the result.~~
4. No outstanding Community Report.

New Business by Roy Palmer, Board Member

Roy asked non-residents to leave the building. He asked or made the following statements and I am listing them with explanation and w/out:

- a. Budget – I have no notes.
- b. By-Laws...Checks only having one signature. Barry the president stated the checks were taken by Janice the paid secretary to Barb Smith in the hospital.
- c. Petty Cash. Barry stated how it will be handled. \$100 is on-hand and in an envelope and the procedure is you write down all the pertinent information and you replace with a receipt. This receipt is giving to Mr. Feringer.
- d. Are the board members bonded? Barry stated yes by an insurance carrier here in Delaware and welcomed anybody to see the documents.

We continue on.

Barry stated Mr. Green who lives in Little K wants a ramp to use his scooter to return from the shopping center. Terry the maintenance man and Barry decided this needs to be done and the material is purchased and the ramp will be constructed by Terry. Roy Palmer said the Lions are always looking for things like this to help out and Barry said he'd get in touch w/him after the meeting.

Mr. Palmer took a stand again and announced that New Castle County is holding Listening Tour Meetings and the next tour is March 9th at the Newark Free Library @ 6pm.

The community discussed a complaint by Bill Wheatly that he was not allowed access to the cameras and Barry apologized and said that he is welcome to view them anytime. This lead to a discussion that the cameras are recording the office by audio and video and that a sign needs to be posted to same.

It was brought up again that a sign needs to be posted out front to announce the community meetings. It was stated there is a new sign ready to be used. Mr. Raymond Owens and Roy volunteered to get the sign up.

Bill Wheatley volunteered to Head-Up any Civic Committee that needs implementing.

The snow plowing contract will be brought to the next comm. meeting for all to see.

Mr. Roy Palmer took the stand for a 3rd time and this may have been his last.

The meeting adjourned @ 8:40pm.

Brookside Community Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2009

Barb Smith, secretary not present due to medical emergency.

Meeting Called to Order by president Barry @ 7:20 p.m.

Barry informed the community Barb will not be present and asked for a motion for Cheryl to take the meeting minutes, motion carried.

December meeting minutes will not be read because the secretary, Barb is not present.

In Attendance/Special Guests: John Kowalko, State Rep 25th District
Anthony Alfieri, CPA
Bill Ferringer, BCI Accountant
Cpl. Mike Snead, New Castle County Police Dept

New Business

1. Barry asked the accountant and an independent cpa to join our meeting and discuss the audit the community needs for the take over of a new board. According to the By-Laws the "word" audit could mean the community paying \$2500 to \$5000 for a CPA to conduct an audit. With much discussion Anthony suggested the board hire a non-cpa to conduct an audit to make sure the books are in order and to save the community money.

Bill explained to the community that the last audited years were from 2005 thru 2007 and there was no mis-use and all funds are accounted for. He informed the community that Richard Gochenbach prepared the last audit and is willing to prepare the next audit. It was decided that Bill will set-up the next audit with Richard Gochenbach and this will cover 2007 thru December 2008.

2. Barry informed the community that a maintenance man was hired and he was added to the insurance policy to drive the community truck. Barry is the only other approved driver.

3. *Certificates of Deposit.* There are four CDs one of which has matured and cashed-out and placed into the checking account. The others will continue earning interest thru 2010 and 2011. With much discussion due the current interest rate of 2.75% the BCI accountant suggested the money of the matured CD go into a money market and wait out for the interest rates to increase and not tie-up into another CD. Raymond Owens made a motion to make the accountant and the president invest the money wisely on behalf of the community.

Guest Speaker:

Cpl. Mike Snead @ 8:22 p.m. read the police report. The report was December to January 6, 2009. There were 148 calls for services and some of the data included 24 reported crimes, six burglaries (rear windows/door entry and suspect may have been caught due to other like burglaries in the area) eight thefts of unsecured vehicles and one car was stolen. Cpl. Snead reminded the community they need to lock their homes and vehicles and report any activity to 911.

8:39 p.m. Motion carried to adjourn meeting.