

## Brookside Park Community Civic Association Minutes

December 1, 2010

12/7/2010

Attendance: 4 RESIDENTS / BOARD MEM / NCC COUNCIL RENEE BENSLEY / SR / CPL SNEAD

Meeting was brought to order approx 7:30 pm by Executive Committee Secretary, Tim Robinson with the reading of the minutes from prior meeting on November 3, 2010. The Executive board has nominated Tim Robinson to preside over the Civic Association as Chairman, Tim has accepted the responsibility.

The Minutes were read and an opportunity to add, change or correct the minutes was offered none were received. Motion was entered, seconded and accepted by members.

### State and County Representative:

Renee Bensley, Legislative Aide for Council Woman Dillard and Councilman Tackett fill in aide in the interim. The new aide for Councilman Tackett is expected to be in attendance at the next open meeting.

- Open Code Complaints, Currently 14, most are regarding unregistered vehicles. In lieu of the current economic conditions, Councilwoman Diller, along with Councilmen Powers and Street are working on an ordinance to allow one (1) unregistered vehicle to be parked on the paved surface of a resident's private property as long as it is parked on paved surfaces and is not in disrepair. The draft ordinance has been completed and is currently being reviewed.
  - Concerns regarding who would monitor the ordinance and the conditions.
  - Code enforcement will monitor this ordinance.
  - Questions on whether a time limit for the ordinance would be imposed.
  - Vehicle must be parked on driveway not on a county road.
- Potentially opening a CPAW office in Brookside Shopping Center.
  - Currently working with Capano Management regarding possibility of donating space.
  - Concerns regarding who will pay for utilities, insurance, etc. to be worked out.
  - Councilwoman Diller does First Fridays every month at the Newark Senior Center from 9-10 am. Please feel free to stop by if you have any questions or concerns. All other times, feel free to stop by the office.
  - Opened the floor for questions to take back to the Councilwomen, none were presented.

### New Business:

- Broken Tracts on Blinds in the Community Center. 3 tracks have been purchased.
- A new snow blower was purchased for the facility to assist in snow removal.
- The ditch matter on S. Kingston is currently being worked on, Linda Seltzer and Bill Wheatley will be meeting with New Castle County Special Services on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am regarding this matter. They have already addressed concerns with Del Dot and City of Newark.

- A snow removal contract was accepted by all board members. The board has agreed to a proposal with Nu-Image in Newark Delaware to remove snow. The agreement is for a 1 year contract.
- The floor was open for new business. No other items were presented.

### **Crime Report/Sr. Corporal Michael Sneed**

- Calls for services from Nov 9 thru current day.
  - 138 Calls for Services
  - 11 Actual Crimes, Mostly burglaries through unsecured windows and doors. Only 1 was caused by actual force. Most of these burglaries were done in the day time between 7am and 5pm.
  - Residents are advised to be more mindful of their surroundings. Report any suspicious person to local law enforcement agency.
  - 28 Self Initiated officer car stops
  - 60 tickets written
  - 13 Warnings Given
  - Officers are in the area patrolling.
  - Mounted officers will be working in vehicles.
  - 3 Reported thefts
  - 1 Trespass complaint/domestic related
- Open forum for questions to report back to police station
  - Suspicious vehicle has been seen in the area Montvale and Marlboro
  - Suspicious individual is a lighter skin black male.

### **Presentation by CPAW/Bill Wheatley & Sr. Corporal Sneed**

- Various items were disclosed to keep you safe
- Resident also mentioned about being careful what information we disclose on Facebook or other social media websites.
- Have mail picked up by family or friend or have post office to hold it when you are away.
- National Statistic was presented.
- Make sure door and window are locked and share this with your neighbors.

### **Open Forum:**

- Christmas Party is for Children 10 and under.
- No future business was addressed
- Meeting was adjourned

## BROOKSIDE CIVIC MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2010

### *19 BROOKSIDE RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE*

Meeting was called to order approx. 7:30, minutes were read and approved.

Ms. Dillard reminded everyone that if they had any questions or concerns about the county to call her office. She is personally available to meet with anyone at the Newark Senior Center the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Friday of each month beginning at 9a.m.

Ms. Pak reported that the Halloween party was a big success, double the attendance of last years' party she organized. She wanted to thank all the volunteers that assisted her to make the event occur. More volunteers are always welcome. The Christmas party is December 12<sup>th</sup> from 3p.m. to 5p.m. Santa is also needed.

The crime report was given by Bill Wheatley (filling in for Officer Sneed). The stats were down again this month only 126 calls. He thanked all participants of the Block Watch Program. A reminder to those who have security alarms: three (3) false alarms will be responded to for free, the next, the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) will be billed to you per the policy issued by the county. No one had any issues to take to headquarters. The community crime issues are improving. Reminder to residents to keep vigilant, be safe. Keep all doors, screens, and cars locked. Don't forget to close garage doors when no one is around to stop the opportunists. Keep bushes around home trimmed.

The Mounted Police unit has received enough funds to keep for another year. Different avenues are being researched to raise funds to keep the unit in the future.

Election Results: Mr. Wheatley chaired the Election Committee along with Mr. & Mrs. Owens, Ms. Schultheiss. Thanks giving to all Committee members and to Mr. Davies who monitored the election counting process. The tally of the votes is:

#### President

Barry Adams	70
John Dash	188
Victor Enos	144

Elected: John Dash

#### Vice-President

James Morgan	73
Tim Robinson	41
Linda Seltzer	94

Elected: Linda Seltzer

## Directors

Susan Deckert	42
Richard Grines	51
Beverly Schofield	44
Jean Skibinski	52
Barbara Smith	36

Elected: All of the above.

There were 971 ballots mailed out, 206 were received (201 valid ballots and 5 Invalid ballots - not counted). MOTION to accept to selections as read. Seconded and passed.

The new board was congratulated and asked to come forward, welcomed and wished well.

Meeting adjourned.

Produced by Ms. Meany, Treasurer.



# BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2010

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:30. The minutes were read and two corrections were made then accepted.

Renee reported 17 open code enforcement cases, and reminded us of the meetings the first Friday of the month at the Senior Center with Ms. Dillard.

Mr. Tagget gave a report on the Little K ditch clean-up by the City of Newark and will continue to report on its progress.

Officer Sneed did the crime report with 135 calls 7 of which were crimes. A crab feast on 10/22 from 7-11.

Old Business: Barry reported the maintenance man removed the deer carcass and other debris from behind the shopping center.

New Business: Mr. Morgan ask about the IRS form # 990 being due 10/15/10 and was it sent in yet with only ten days left.

Mr. Wheatly head of the election committee read the names and positions of the people running for the board openings. He gave each

person the opportunity to present themselves. Bill gave instructions on how the elections were to be run per the New County Election Office. He went over the ballots and explained that the Corporate Seal was not to go on the ballots. The pre numbered envelopes sent to the address as per a list from Bill Ferringer the accountant, that only residents with a zero balance on their assessments could vote.

Question was asked about the election needing a second count and the results being overturned like in Del City. Renee clarified this concern. Being that Brookside is a private maintenance community where Delaware City was tax money that was owed to the city.

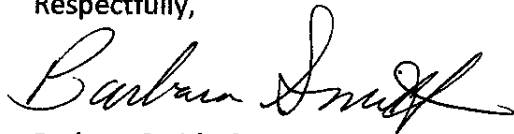
Question was asked, would they report on the results and number of all the ballots turned in? Bill explained that yes they would. Also what about the two open positions, Secretary and Treasurer. The new board has the option to put someone in these positions, have a special

election, or leave them blank and appoint someone at a later date. Question on how many directors are needed? Are by-laws require a minimum of three directors to as many as you wish.

Rene the activities director announced the Halloween Party is on Friday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. for kids 1-10.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and second at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Barbara Smith, Sec.

# BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:35, the minutes were read and approved.

Ms. Dillard reported only 10 open code cases in Brookside. Her meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at the Newark Senior Center from 9-10am. The Iron Hill Park will be having an ice cream fundraiser at Friendly's. The next Community Resource Fair Will be at the Newark Library Oct.15, 2010 from 12-4. They are having a re-wired to be re-hired workshop to update resumes and electronic filling applications.

Mr. Kawalko spoke on the major crisis with foreclosures, outreach money, big companies holding the money they were given, fighting the off shore outsourcing of jobs, families losing their jobs, Brookside and neighboring communities being hit hard. Hopefully this recession will turn around from this downward trend & some homes can be saved.

Mr. Tagget assured us that if we have any issues that between his self and Ms. Dillard they would see that they were taken care of and that one of the aids would be here if they couldn't. The police have a new project Rollcall for Senior Citizens. The seniors will be call every morning. It after several attempts with no answer someone will go check on them. It's free just sign up. He passed out a brochure Code for Critters. An up- date on things you're required to do if you own a dog. This Saturday Glassgow Park is holding and Emergency Management Preparedness Day from 11-3. Also N/C is sponsoring a back to school event at 1:00. Handing out 100 backpacks filled with supplies. Plus there's BBQ. And at 12:00 there's a Battle at Cooches Bridge. Mr. Tagget was ask about the Little K Ditch project which Newark was to start in January, he will check on that and get back to Barry.

Question was ask about the Exxon Building and people living there and it being a eye sore for the community. They will be working on that corner this month and the people living there is a police matter.

Mr. Wheatley presented Renee with a plack and gift card for her dedication and hard work as Activities Coordinator. He gave the Crime Report for Aug. We had 143 total calls which were down from previous months. Eight of which were criminal and 15 traffic stops. He invited the Spanish community to the Block Watch with officer Tradago a Spanish speaking officer. She explained this is a deed restricted community, and the by-laws. They had a better understanding and would like to be involved in the community. Bill received a pamphlet from House Services Inc. a trash collections for senior citizens. Price is \$18.00 a month and you don't have to take it to the curb for seniors only. They will come to a meeting & explain all their services. New Castle Police started a new academy with 34 cadets 2 go to Middletown, 3 to Wilmington, 2 to Lewes & we are short 262 officers. Bill Was ask about the shooting on Kennington and yes they were caught. The shooting in the parking lot on July 23<sup>rd</sup> one was caught.

Renee Activities Coordinator reported on the Flea Market, vendors, and individuals would hope to return next year. She thanked everyone who helped and ask for additional volunteers in the future.

New Business: Barry thanked Cheryl for her help on the board. She resigned this is her last meeting.

A motion was made to organize the election committee. Bill volunteered to chair the committee and motions were made and second for a total of five members Rita, Roy, Cheryl, Eurette, and Bill form the election committee.

Question about the street signs was ask and that Cathy spoke to a Mr. Rubin and they will be coming out to replace what signs we don't already have. But the post have to be done by Del-Dot.

Mr.Dash ask about the maintenance around the community, overgrown scrubs, limbs & trees down deer caucus, railroad ties & trash. Barry said he would check it out the next day and have Terry take care of it. Subject of needing help cleaning up and we have requested juveniles serving time for community work and students needing hours to graduate but have only ever had one response. Motion to end the meeting.

Respectfully,



Barbara Smith, Sec.



BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2010

NO MEETING ON VACATION

RESPECTFULLY,

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Barbara Smith, Sec.

BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

JULY 6, 2010

NO MEETING ON VACATION

RESPECTFULLY,

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Barbara Smith, Sec.

# BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

JUNE 7, 2010

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

May minutes were read and accepted.

Ms. Dillard announced the clean up went well but you can only have one a year and the fiscal yr. just started July 1st. So if we want one in the fall we can't have one in the spring. We need to decide and let her know. We have 18 open cases with the code enforcement. No raises in county taxes. The budge went through last council meeting. She will be at the senior center the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month and over the summer. Let people know if they need help.

A new resident made several inquires about Brookside and the community.

Mr. Kowalka state representative announced good news the bill passed we are now a part of curbside recycling. Everything is put in one container and picked up about twice a month. This helps prolong the life of the landfills.

The casino expansion has been put off. Some of the budget cuts are to be restored. He spoke to the JFC about charities, other non-profit programs and the transportation in the school budget. He will be looking out for the people's interest. He's always available and only a phone call away. Check your E-mails and give yours. He will be giving up dates of what is going on. His meetings are at Friendly's on 896 Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m.

Richard gave the crime report for April 30th to May 28<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 239 calls. We also need volunteers for the block watch and the activities committee. The flea market will be on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-3.

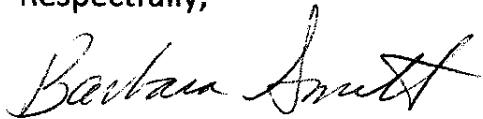
Bill Ferringer went over the 2011 budget which is from April 30, 2010 to May 28, 2011.

Suggestion from a resident that we check into solar power to replace the heat and electric spent. Everyone thought that was a good idea. Also a suggestion about making measured walking paths throughout the parklands.

New Business, Barry had several positive letters on the clean-up day. The next clean-up we need more volunteers to man the dumpster at both locations due to non-residents dumping. We had four roll offs just in the BCI parking lot.

Suggestion was mad to try and get Purple Heart to come around once a month for the reusable items people have to discard. Barry announced that there was graffiti on the foot bridge and the people were caught. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made.

Respectfully,

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Barbara Smith, Sec.

## **BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING**

**MAY 4, 2010**

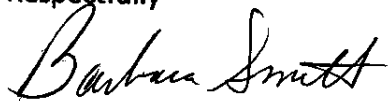
**Barry called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and accepted.**

**Renee gave the code enforcement report. There were 8 open cases last month. She spoke on the clean-up day scheduled May 15, 7-11:30 a.m. two roving trucks and two dumpsters one on BCI's parking lot the other at the little k baseball court. No tires, haz. material, or freon items. She thanked Mr. Kolawko, Mr. Oberly and Mr. Deluka for taking care of the landfill fees, and the county for supplying the trucks and dumpsters. Barry will supply the trash bags and gloves anyone wanting to help meet here at 7:30. Renee reminded everyone of the Community Resource Fair on May 21<sup>st</sup> 10-2 at the Newark Library. YMCA will be there helping with the foreclosure program, Census Bureau, Dept. of Ageing from the State, Children and Families for CHIP and CHAPS which is ins. for children and adults, Del. Economic Office, New Castle Community Service, Paramedic and others. Ms. Dillard is having open house at 9 Fri. at the Senior Center all are welcome; if you can't make it, and you need anything call their office. Concerning the shopping center drugs and crime, if you see any activity taking place get descriptions and license numbers & as much information as possible and call it in unanimous, or call Renee, Bill or Barry. Bill Wheatly announced they remove four homeless from behind the shopping center and they found three hind quarters and one whole carcass of deer. The signs are up now for no trespassing and the parks close at 9 p.m. The police are appreciative that something can now be done since the signs are posted. No crime report this month.**

**The new business was to present the budget it is basically what we have been running from since the very beginning. Mr. Ferringer was unable to attend and Barry would like him to be here so we will have a meeting in June. The budget should be presented in the Brooksider so everyone should be able to review it and if you have questions bring them to the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, which will be the last one for the summer. Question was asked if the positions available on the board could be put in the Brooksider. Barry received a packet from Mr. Ferry the lawyer that the high dollar delinquent assessments have proceeded and headed for court. Barry was given a referendum for the school board to increase taxes. Renee said the main**

reason behind it is the 1.2 million dollar deficit due to the U.O.D. buying up property like the Chrysler Plant, which they don't pay taxes on, which also affects the City of Newark. Desaray Runnion from the PTA Board said you can check it out at [Christina.k-12.de.us/referendum](http://Christina.k-12.de.us/referendum). Question was asked from Dan Kasper about the green space to establish a garden and Brookside produce stand on Marrows Rd. He wanted to put this proposal out to everyone and maybe do a small trail run. Bill then informed us that New Castle Police have a Commercial Garden connected to the UOD Program. They will till the ground plow it and get the soil ready to plant. It's the Community Service Dept. the catch is to take the produce to the breakfast mission, churches, or food bank. He suggested working with an established program. Bill would be responsible for overseeing the security for it for the community. Suggestions were: over by the Lions Club, the section down by the creek, or the tennis court behind the baseball field. Suggestion that Dan head up a committee to discuss the garden project further. Bill informed us that the benches at the tennis court in little k section have been destroyed by vandals. Question was asked about separating the reusable items from the dumpsters so it could be given to Cancer, Goodwill or Catholic Charities. Barry said yes and he would ask the persons at the dumpster to separates it and also speak to the drivers to leave it sit and out some else would be by to pick it up. It was suggested that the next clean up day we do the first day for reusable items, the second day for trash. A representative from the baseball league announced that they were having a 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Baseball Memorial Day Tournament in honor of Larry it would be Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. They were reminded about the parking on the streets and maybe they could announce it over the speakers each game. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and second at 8:30

Respectfully



Barbara Smith, sec.

# Brookside Community Meeting

March 2, 2010

Richard called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

The minutes were read and a correction on the name of a street was made and they were then approved.

Ms. Dillard announced that she has been making use of the foreclosure program in other areas. Also upcoming events, she will be at the senior center on Friday morning, and Dave Colber mgr. of land use will be at the Newark Library March 15<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 p.m. discussing land use issues.

Mr. Kowalko tried to draft the Del-Dot trucks to help with the ice removal after the storm but they were overwhelmed themselves. Also a reminder about the foreclosure program let other know there is help available. He applauded the leadership and Mr. Wheatley on keeping the crime level down in Brookside. He will be at Friendly's from 7-8. //

Bill Wheatley read the crime report for last month. We had 132 calls and 13 crimes. He will be having a meeting here on April 12, 2010 at 7 p.m. with Will Righman as speaker on Domestic Violence. Also he encourages anyone interested to take a CERT class. He's trying to form a Community Response Team for this area. Which is easy as helping an elderly neighbor in a power outage, getting their medicines etc? This helps bring the community together. A question was ask about generators and Bill suggested several and that having a small generator with an electric start for your home would be a good thing to have.

A reminder about tree limbs if they are from your tree it's your responsibility to clean them up. The activities committee will meet Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

A resident complained about people driving over his yard on N. Kingston. He asks about installing a camera to help catch these people and was that legal. Bill Wheatley replied that should not be a problem as long as it's directed on only his yard.

Richard left everyone know the Brooksider went out the previous Thursday and if you didn't get one come to office he had extras.

A resident on Millbrook Rd. had a question on a phone number in the Brooksider and also about cars being parked on the street in a snow storm. The plow can't even get through. Could we put something in the newsletter.

A suggestion that the time of our community meetings also be put in the Brooksider with the date. Mr. Kowalko & Ms. Dillard suggested putting their e-mail address in the Brooksider and Richard suggested they could put their upcoming events in there also. Just e-mail him.

Questions from Ms. Mitchell, President of baseball league, about the contract. We will try and meet with Barry this week to take care of the contract.

Question about the Exxon building being roped off ( part of it falling down)what's happening?  
It was roped off to keep undesirables out.

Question on the baseball people parking on BCI PARKING LOT. Has long as the building is not being used that should not be a problem. That should help keep cars off Marrows Rd. and the streets around the field.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully,

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

Barbara Smith Sec,



## BCI COMMUNITY MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Barry called the meeting to order a 7:38.p.m. The minutes were read and accepted.

Officer Snead gave the crime report for Jan.25<sup>th</sup> to present. We had 46 – 911 calls. We have no open code enforcement cases in K section. Office Snead and Bill Wheatley are members of The National Weather Spotters to emergence management. We are expecting 12 plus inches of snow Sat. with 45 mi. an hour winds on Sat.

Rep. Mr. Kowalko spoke on Valero having new owners and their talks with the unions. Valero is the only refinery on the east coast that handles sour crude to provide 70% of the Delmarva Peninsula. The Budget is asking for a 2 ½% state pay cut. Also foreclosures there are about 40 each day 23 in N.C. Co. They have a medication program which they've been working on for 10 mos. That is now in place. If you receive a foreclosure notice on your front door look at it you have 15 days to stop the proceedings go to [www.de foreclosure help.com](http://www.de foreclosure help.com) or call Mr. Kowalko's office for help. Anyone that's getting close to this point help is available. Pass this information on.

Councilwoman Lisa Dillard Reminded everyone to get their dog licenses by March 1<sup>st</sup>. She is at the Newark Senior Center the 1<sup>st</sup>. Friday of each month from 9-10 a.m. On Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> she will be at the Newark Library from 5-7 p.m. with a speaker discussing stimulus money. Also she spoke with Ann Farley Gen. Manager of Community Services about a community clean up day in the Spring. We need to decide if the community wants to participate and were the dumpsters go.

Ms. Dillard & Mr. Kowalko spoke on the senior center and the different programs they offer. Health care-train people on medicare, food stamps, help with rent, senior tax credit, broken boiler etc. To belong you need to be 50 years old, \$25.00 a month or \$200.00 a year.

Renee reported on the Christmas Party & passed pictures around. There were 47 kids present had their pictures taken enjoyed refreshments and had a great time. All was donated by the community. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt March 28. Any volunteers call Renee.

New Business - concerns about overdue dues. The numbers are coming down, January was 185. Janis the office secretary contacts people and sets up payments for them. Question was ask

about packets for the sales of homes and their dues. Barry said the new laws require the realtor to contact the communities office about dues owed. Question was ask about lack of snow removal. Richard answered that the board agreed to start a 4". What about the effect of bare spots on the road. Bill & Barry explained it's the heat from the water and sewer pipes. What happened to the broken curb in the parking lot? Barry explained the maintenance man ran into it while plowing an it would be fixed in the spring. Question on the new lights (safety for traffic and walkers) the intersection of N. Kingston & Rt.4, and Rt. 72 &4. Check with Del-Dot the timing off.

Kingston

Bill Wheatley announced he and Richard completed CERT Training to be instructors and there will be Training on March 6 & 13<sup>th</sup> sign up if your interested. Bill got in touch with Marie Mosley of Victim Service of N.C.Police and Del trainer Will Rightman to do something on domestic violence here in April. Also there's a meeting on Feb.11 at 6p.m. at Dept. of Land Use on 87 Reeds way about 2 Martindale wanting a variance for a fence and 910 S. Chapel & Rt.72 wanting to build an office building using 90% of the lot. Which lead to discussions on deed restrictions? Ms. Dillard said she would see Renee to put Barry on the mailing list. These meeting are also listed in the News Journal.

Motion for meeting to be adjourned & second at 8:32p.m.



Barbara Smith, Sec.

BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2010

NO MEETING TONIGHT

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Barbara Smith, Sec.