

WHCA Meeting Minutes April 13, 2005

Call to Order: 7:05 P.M.

Attendance: Matt Ward, Doug Curran, Brian Clark, Tim Wells, Michele Chavalia, Brent Gates, Carol Prosser, John Thomas, Christy Barnhart, Jim Roper, Karen Kramer, and Chet Chaney.

Perry Township Services: Trustee Jim Roper informed the meeting attendees that the City of Worthington will, like virtually all other municipalities, charge per ambulance visit for patients who have medical insurance. Worthington provides about eighty percent of the fire and EMS runs for the township.

Jim also stated that the garbage collection contract with Waste Management Services expires at the end of May. The township thinks that under the new contract residents will be asked to separate out recyclables once every two weeks and yard waste every other week. Nonrecyclable waste would still be picked up on a weekly basis. Perry Township is probably one of the few places in Ohio where residents are not asked to separate recyclables. The price of the pickup service is not expected to change.

Jim announced that the township passed a new resolution that allows a civic association or other group to apply for a garage sale permit for an entire neighborhood once per year.

American Electric Power (AEP): Three AEP representatives addressed any concerns over electrical outages. Engineer Brent Gates indicated that 70-80% of the outages are due to falling limbs and trees. He issued color copies of a map of the AEP Electrical Distribution System for the Hills. Most homes in the Hills are served by the circuit

at Lazelle Station; the south end of the Hills is served by Linworth Station. When your lights blink, according to Brent, it is the “recloser” opening up and allowing the problem (for example, a tree limb or animal) to go away – if the fault is not cleared after two attempts, the power will go out. The last “outage” (i.e., no power for at least five minutes) occurred in the Hills on November 23, 2004. Facilities in the Hills are made to withstand one-half inch of ice and 65 mile per hour winds. The AEP Consumer Hot Line is 1-800-277-2177.

Secretary: March minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer: Brian reported that the current balance on hand is \$29,157.64. He received 286 membership dues checks, 112 of which included landscape donations.

Matt indicated that since the last newsletter went out he has received a number of phone calls of concern about the Board approving an unbalanced budget and “going into debt.” He explained that everyone should be aware that, as far as we know, the Association has never gone into debt. There have been a number of times the Board has approved a budget where the current year’s projected expenses exceed the current year’s projected income. This is generally done when we have saved funds for a year or two to be able to execute a large project, such as the irrigation system a few years ago. In the past five years we have tried to always have a \$5,000 balance at the end of the year to cover expenses for the next year, prior to the membership drive.

Matt said he explained to the callers that one expense, the \$3000 earmarked for the 4th of July parade, was an emergency fund if there were problems in fundraising or extremely bad weather that caused Family Fun Day to be canceled. In the past few years the Parade Committee has not required

any of this emergency support due to extremely good fundraising and patron support of our parade. So, more than likely, this expense will not be incurred this year. However, the Association has always left it in the budget so it would be prepared for the expense if was needed. It was suggested that we eliminate this as an expense and thus bring the budget to only -\$168.00 and if the parade needs additional support, treat it as an emergency funding request.

The present Board members agreed that the \$3,000 should be left as a projected expense so future boards are clearly aware of the potential and they do not over-commit funds and are not be able to support the parade if necessary. The Board members agreed that it was unnecessary for a not-for-profit association to have a balanced budget every year, especially given that this Association has a surplus.

The other suggestion was to only do the street number painting of all the members every three or four years, instead of every two years. The curb painting should easily last for three years.

Police: Perry – Officer John Thomas reported that a resident on Clubview South complained of a prowler. This was the second such complaint; the first occurring last December. Also, the township chipper will be in the area between May 2 and 9. The Perry Township regulations specify what items can be chipped. Last, Franklin County has raised all traffic fines by \$19, effective March 1, 2005.

Sharon – No report.

Views from the Hills: Doug indicated that the “parade issue” is next on tap, with a submission deadline of May 22.

Web Site: Karen stated that the Garden Club calendar was now online.

Grounds and Maintenance: No report.

Fireworks: No report.

Community Activities: Matt requested volunteers for, and people who need work done on, Service Day, May 9. The Association can use the Worthington Hills School free of charge.

For Rally in the Valley this Labor Day weekend, Christy needs volunteer chairpersons for set up, clean up, event day, and kids’ activities.

Brian reported that all of the 4th of July Parade committees are chaired. Grand Marshall letters went out. The next meeting is on April 24. He has received two or three complaints regarding this year’s theme.

Resident Relations: Carol indicated that the Association needs to decide when to do house-to-house dues collection. Carol also indicated that Jennifer Small is working on a database.

School Relations/Scholarships: Matt indicated that Traci Wyllly is still working with the high school on scholarships.

Government Relations: By letter of March 22, 2005, Ohio EPA informed Chet that it had inspected the creek behind Blind Brook Court. Ohio EPA concluded that the orange-colored water was due to mineralized ground water seeps during the heavy rains in early January. Such ground water is high in iron, which oxides when it comes into contact with air, causing dissolved iron to precipitate as an orange particulate. The source of the foam in the creek was not ascertained, but may have been caused by the combination of a discharge from a malfunctioning home aeration system and detergent from laundry activities

Zoning: No report.

Nominating Committee: There are five nominees for the available Director positions: Christy, Brian C., Karen, Doug, and Tom Schwing.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Meeting adjourned: 9:07 P.M.