

WHCA Meeting Minutes September 14, 2005

Call to Order: 6:57 P.M.

Attendance: Cheryl Garrett, Chet Chaney, Christy Barnhart, Frank DeLucia, Michelle Wilson, Brad Kiger, Carol Prosser, Tom Schwing, Brian Bahnsen, John Thomas, Robin Fellure, Janice Smith, and _____.

New Business: Michelle Wilson of Hickory Ridge informed the meeting attendees that her neighbors, the Durbins, had a house fire on September 12, 2005, and are in the need of clothing, money, pet-sitting, and a property to rent – ideally in Worthington Hills. The fire was caused by an electrical spark. The Durbins lost everything and are now staying at the Residence Inn in Dublin. The house will take two to five months to repair. Chet agreed to circulate information regarding the fire to Association members via email.

Michelle also raised an issue concerning speeding and child safety on Hickory Ridge. She mentioned that she had a letter to the editor published in one of the Worthington newspapers and wanted the Association to be made aware of her concerns. There was some discussion about setting up Perry Township's timer trailer.

Ohio Division of Wildlife, Primer on Coyotes: Franklin County Wildlife Officer Brad Kiger attended by request to address some residents' concerns regarding nearby coyote populations. Officer Kiger said that coyotes live in all of Ohio's 88 counties and typically use rivers, woods, golf courses, and railroad beds as corridors. They are scavengers and are very smart and adaptive. The only reported coyote attacks on humans occur when a human is breaking up a fight between one or more coyotes and a dog. Officer Kiger has never seen or heard a report of rabies in his five years with the

ODW. Nevertheless, he advises residents to keep their cats indoors.

Officer Kiger also informed the meeting that the coyote population is stable and that humans are the coyotes' only predator. He said that no matter how much humans trap them, they are still going to have a population. He advised that people should not try to trap coyotes on another's property. Chet added that people should keep their pets off of private property where coyotes reside, such as nearby farmland and wooded areas.

_____ complained that she thought she saw a timberwolf. Officer Kiger indicated that there are none in Ohio.

Should anyone have any trouble with coyotes, Officer Kiger left his phone number: 644-3929, ext. 1205.

Zoning: Brian Bahnsen reported that the grass was cut at the vacant home on Mission Hills. The homeowner is still in bankruptcy. Brian will look into whom, if anyone, will be doing leaf collection at that property.

Also, there is a contractor living on Evangeline who has a large, broken down pickup truck and several other vehicles on the driveway now. Robin Fellure, who is the new Perry Township Zoning Officer, mentioned that she is monitoring the situation and that a first notice of a zoning violation was given.

Brian also stated that he spoke with a rep from Virginia Homes regarding Phase II of the Southview connector. That project is expected to be complete mid-to-late 2006. Brian suggests that we ask Virginia Homes rep David Roma, who has been very helpful, into the next Association meeting to discuss the Southview connector.

Secretary: Motion approved to forego review and approval of the August minutes, which were not yet prepared.

Treasurer: Brian Clark reported via email a current balance of \$29,912.70. Also,

\$2,800 was budgeted for Rally in the Valley. It raised \$1,571.95 in revenue, but ran \$4,000 in expenses. The report was approved.

Police: Perry – Officer John Thomas has copies of crime reports dating back to June should anyone wish to review them. The radio switchover to the City of Worthington occurred on September 7 without occurrence. Perry Township will be making refrigerator magnets with pertinent contact information. Beggars Night is on Halloween, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Sharon – No report.

Resident Relations: Carol reported that 724 residents became Association members during the recent membership drive. Eight duplicate membership dues were received. Carol also indicated that ten to twelve houses still needed house numbers painted on the curb – their numbers were painted incorrectly at first.

Community Activities: Christy stated that Rally in the Valley turned a \$571.95 profit versus the budgeted amount and revenue. The \$200 rebate on the beer will go directly to the Kids-N-Kamp charity. About \$150 was raised at the event for victims of Hurricane Katrina. A motion was made and approved for the Association to match that donation and send a check for \$300 to the Red Cross.

Views from the Hills: Doug explained why the September newsletter was mailed late. Each newsletter is mailed by the USPS via bulk mail, which the USPS is under no duty to send out right away, unlike first class mail. The late bulk mail delivery caused the issue to be late. Doug also said that he plans to layout the next issue using Adobe InDesign, rather than relying on the printing company to handle that task via a third party.

Web Site/Email: Chet noted that there was a need for the updating of resident email addresses.

Grounds & Maintenance: Chet stated that for years and years the Worthington Hills Country Club has paid the electric and water bills for services at the main entrance to the Hills. The WHCC has now asked the Association to pay a portion of both bills. Frank noted that the water bills are inconsistent from month to month, which does not make sense if the sprinklers are on a consistent timer. There was some discussion as to the necessary frequency and duration of watering at the Hills entrance. A motion was approved for the Association to pay 35% of those bills for twelve months and to reevaluate at that time. Chet and Tom will discuss water conservation issues with Committee Chair Dave Walton.

School Relations/Scholarships: Chet stated that Nick Baehr and Cory Clark won the 2005 scholarships and their respective families were very appreciative. Chet has enlisted three Worthington teachers to help with ideas as to how to publicize these annual scholarships, which are available to children of Association members only. Doug recommended using email and the newsletter to target members, rather than posting notices at several high schools. Chet also indicated that this committee needs a new chairperson and members.

Government Relations: Tom reported that Ohio American Water plans to replace lines on Gables Court. Also, AEP wants to widen access behind homes on Evangeline. A meeting is to be set up on that subject. Tom is trying to get different utilities to provide information at future Association meetings. Tom also mentioned that Franklin County Sanitary Engineers has a “box” – a pump station – on a Blindbrook Court property.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Chet reminded everyone of the October 24 blood drive at WHCC. The Association will send a postcard to all members and post a notice sign, at an

expense of \$475. There is also a “Gobble Hobble,” a 5K run/walk, set for 8:00 A.M. on Thanksgiving. In conjunction with that event, the Association is planning a food drive with the WCCC. The estimated cost of promotion is \$350. A motion was approved to allocate \$800 to budget for promotion of these events.

Meeting adjourned: 8:53 P.M.