

Scottfield Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Gauger School

www.scottfield.org, sca@scottfield.org

Last Meeting of the Season

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May 14, 2008

Attendees: 17 Scottfield residents were in attendance. If you would like additional information about any of the topics discussed at this meeting, please contact our board for a prompt response.

1. **Treasurer's report:** Account balance \$7,474.84; includes \$900.99 from PayPal account's accumulated payments
 - a. 49.31% (282) residents are members; 292 members needed
2. **Old Business: Updates**
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt
 - i. About 120 participants; about 75 children
 - ii. Some NCC police kits for child identification in case of an emergency are still available. Contact Sandy at 738-6185 if you want one.
 - iii. Everyone who pulled together to make it successful is willing to participant next year
 - iv. We'll plan on double the attendance in 2009
 - v. Two very nice comments were submitted through the website's anonymous comment box
 - vi. "MY CHILDREN HAD A VERY NICE TIME AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS THAT SET-UP AND HELD THE EVENT. THANK YOU TOTHE BOYSCOUT TROOP THAT HELPED!!!! FACE PAINTERS "KUDOS" WHAT GREAT JOBS!!"
 - vii. "My family and I had a great time at the Easter egg hunt. What a great day! keep up the great work. Sincerely, Steven McBride and family 266 Oakfield dr"
 - b. SCA elections
 - i. Two positions have more than one eligible candidate for consideration
 - ii. Voting form in April SCAN and on website
 - iii. Results announced at May 14th meeting
 - c. Spring Yard Sale
 - i. Due to threat of bad weather, fewer residents participated on April 4th and 5th
 - ii. The forecast for April 10th and 11th isn't much better
3. **New Business**
 - a. Welcome Committee
 - i. The welcome committee greeted 4 new neighbors. The committee's goal is to provide a friendly face in the neighborhood, some information about the SCA and gives a smoke detector with batteries.
 - ii. Contact Mike, mikewark9@comcast.net or 533-5757, if you know of a neighbor who needs welcoming or would like to join Mike on future visits.
 - b. Increasing membership
 - i. We're 4 residents shy of 50% participation, a record for this time in past several years
 - ii. Postcards will be mailed to all memberships in August to remind residents that our fiscal year runs from September 1st through August 31st and annual dues are \$20
 - iii. Three members have already paid for the 08-09 season
 - c. Several residents have made additional donations (including seniors paying the full Contact Block Watch Captain, Gwen Jones, 369-1373 was not able to attend the meeting, but is still seeking members to join community watch.
 - i. The crime statistics were reported and can reviewed at the County's website: www.co.new-castle.de.us/executive/home/webpage.asp
 - ii. The area TAC unit stopped 12 vehicles in this period and will continue to be a presence in the neighborhood
 - d. Landscaping bids being accepted
 - i. Competitive bids for landscaping and maintain the three entrances are being accepted until May 10th
 - ii. Contract will be awarded at the May 14th meeting

- e. Rout 72 sign damage
 - i. The sign was struck from behind by a vehicle that ran up on the median.
 - ii. Our current landscaper removed the damaged tree
 - iii. The sign is not badly damaged and is being stored at our Vice President's house
 - iv. Neighbor offered to donate treated posts, tools, and helping hands to restore the sign
 - 1. Project being coordinated by Buel Mutter
 - 2. Volunteers include Mike Johnston, Mike Wolynetz and Sheri McNally
- f. Yard waste disposal
 - i. Yard waste cannot be mixed with regular trash.
 - ii. DSWA has 2 programs in place: http://www.dswa.com/programs_yard.asp
 - 1. \$1 per bag/bundle disposal stickers can be purchased online in packs of 10
 - 2. Yard waste can be dropped off at a DSWA recycling center for free
 - a. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
 - b. DART's mid-county facility at the southwest corner of Rt. 13 and Rt. 72.
 - c. Polly Drummond Hill Road directly across from the entrance to the Judge Morris Estate.
 - 3. Materials are recycled into free mulch
- g. Hann park improvements
 - i. A draft of Special Services letter encompassing improvement requests was shared at April meeting and some additional suggestions were made
 - 1. UPDATE: Letter was revised and is posted on website to keep the community informed
 - 2. For a copy contact sca@scottfield.org or call Sandy at 738-6185
- h. Summer block party
 - i. To build community spirit and enjoy the renovated park a block party is being planned
 - ii. Tentative date: August 16th, 1-4 pm (raindate 8/17)
 - iii. Park permit and police presence request (required for gatherings over 200) will be submitted
 - iv. To join the planning committee, come to the May 14th meeting, email sca@scottfield.org, or call a board member
- i. Verizon damage report
 - i. We're compiling a list of residents who have experienced tangible physical damage from the work being done in the neighborhood by Verizon. Please report details in writing to sca@scottfield.org or our mailing address P.O. Box 7500, Newark, DE 19714.
 - 1. Water main break caused flooding and damage to driveway and yard at 88 Scottfield Drive (date?)
 - 2. Report that a sewage main was recently ruptured. Details are needed.