

Next meeting Wednesday September 2008

Scottfield Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Gauger School

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Attendees: 31 Scottfield residents, Councilman Dave Tackett, Corporal Mike Snead, and Bill Wheatly 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 \$8240.41.
 - a. 50.17%; 289 residents are members; 287 members needed.
2. **Old Business: Updates**
 - a. Park improvement request is being reviewed by the county.
 - i. Routine refurbishments will be addressed; basketball and tennis courts will be improved after the current project at Iron Hill Park is completed.
 - ii. New improvements will be discussed and feedback provided to the community
 - b. Route 72 sign damage repaired.
 - i. Scott Himelburger removed the damaged tree and donated wood posts
 - ii. Mike Johnston and Buel Mutter installed the posts, wrapped them in vinyl, and remounted the sign.
 - c. Verizon issues are still being collected and escalated for resolution. Contact the board with issues.
3. **New Business**
 - a. Last public meeting for the season.
 - i. Since Gauger is unavailable over the summer, a closing meeting will be held on June 11th at 7:30 p.m. at Piece of Ireland.
 - b. Encouraging participation
 - i. Membership runs from September through August
 1. Postcards will be mailed to all residents to promote payment.
 - ii. A start-up meeting for the Street Reps/Governors to promote involvement is planned prior to the next membership season.
 1. Ideas to connect and promote the neighborhood network will be shared.
 - c. Elections
 - i. Buel A. Mutter, VP will assume role of President since J.P. Peron is in the process of relocating
 1. VP post is open. Since elections has just passed, anyone interested in joining the team are invited to contact a board member.
 - ii. 2008-09 Treasurer: Frank Renai, 738-9744.
 1. Current Treasurer, Chris Boody, will continue to represent Manfield/Postfield district.
 - iii. 2008-09 Northfield/Dougfield Street Representative: Gloria and Dave Halsey, 453-0586.

- d. Landscaping contract
 - i. Awarded to Mike Johnston to maintain three entrance areas; including weeding, mulching and seasonal flowers.
- e. Block Party
 - i. August 23rd (raindate 24th) 1-4:00pm at Hann Park
 - ii. Gwen Jones is chairing the committee
 - iii. Call to join in the planning, 369-1373
 - iv. Dave Tackett offered to fund a moon bounce for the children
- f. Crime report: Corporal Mike Snead
 - i. Scottfield had 75 police calls in the past month
 - 1. An average amount considering the number of homes in the neighborhood
 - 2. Police marshaled their forces and exhibited incredible effort to track down and arrest the attacker of our resident on Deerfield
 - a. It appeared to be a random target attack and underscores the need for neighborhood Block Watch vigilance
 - 3. Contact Gwen Jones for details about block watch 369-1373
 - a. Citizens are encouraged to call 911 for emergency or 573-2800 for non-emergency situations
 - i. Try to gather precise information about suspects, vehicles (color/make/models/plate numbers), directions, specific dates/times.
 - b. TAC units and CPAW will continue to help patrol the neighborhood.
 - 4. ATVs and 4-wheelers are not allowed on residential streets
 - 5. Barking dog/noise violations: 573-2800
 - a. Corporal Snead suggests investing in a device that emits sounds that will disrupt the dog's barking
 - b. Like "Bark Smart" at www.smarthome.com
- g. County report: Councilman Dave Tackett
 - i. Congratulated the SCA for reinvigorated activity
 - ii. Reminder that dog license renewals are due
 - 1. No penalty for late renewal
 - 2. Violations will be issued to owner's of unlicensed dog owners
 - 3. Dogs must be leashed unless on owner's property
 - iii. Road conditions to be presented to Bill Oberly for action
 - 1. Postfield degraded substrate needs reconstruction and resurfacing.
 - 2. Request to have speed bumps lost during Verizon resurfacing restored to reduce speeding.
 - iv. As of January 14,2008 residents are required to register their monitored alarm system
 - 1. In cases where police respond to three or more false alarms per year, the registered user will face a series of graduated fines
 - 2. \$100-\$250 per violation
 - 3. Five false alarms or more may result in suspension of response service
 - 4. Failure to register will be a \$50 fine
 - v. Code violation report form: www.co.new-castle.de.us/LandUse/home/webpage35.asp