

Harbor Hills Civic Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

7:30 PM HHCC

1- Pledge

2- Introduction of Trustees

All Trustees were in attendance: Susie Schell – President, Larry Cox - Vice President, Ken Johnson, Adam Hunt, Mike Martin – Secretary, Dick Vandegrift-Treasurer

3- Welcome new residents

4- Harbor Hills Country Club - Judy Rupp

Susie Schell advised that Judy Rupp was unable to attend, and invited residents to come to the HHCC and enjoy the food, meet with friends and neighbors. Food tonight was arranged by the HHCC with Don Bolland Entertainment.

5- Minutes 2018 Annual meeting

Mike Martin noted that the HHCA now has a web site at www.hhcaoh.com, and meeting agendas and minutes will be posted there for all to review. It was moved by Phyllis Manifold with unanimous support that the minutes were not read by Mike and those interested can review the minutes at their leisure off the Internet.

6- HHCA Trustee Nomination Committee Dick Vandegrift

Dick Vandegrift reported that the Trustee terms for Dick and Ken Johnson are finished, with Ken volunteering to run again, however Dick will not. Sally Schell formed a nomination committee of Dick Vandegrift, Valinda Arnold, Connie Pond and Larry Cox. No self-nominations were received, so the committee searched and recommended that Janet Johnsen and Ken Johnson be nominated. Floor nominations were requested, but no volunteers. Jean Claugus moved, seconded by Connie Pond, approved by all to approve Janet Johnsen and Ken Johnson as Trustees.

Susie Schell thanked Dick for his years of service to the HHCA, applauded and acknowledged by all. Dick served since 2006.

7- Treasurer's report - Dick Vandegrift

Dick noted that the association is back on solid ground with a reserve budget in the range of \$26k to \$28k. During the dam rebuild and low water years, the HHCA needed to pull from the reserve a bit, but now we are in good shape. Carol Brockway moved for adoption of the report, seconded by Chance Brockway, motion passed.

8- Building Committee - Larry Cox

Larry informed us that this has been a busy construction year, with 6 new projects approved, 4 now being built, 2 in the works, and 2 coming for approval in the next 4-6 months for 2020 construction. If any resident plans to build or remodel any outbuilding, they should consult with Larry and the Building Committee, and then the Township and County approval will be required.

- 9- Lakewood School Levy - Rebecca Hayes / Mary Kay Andrews, Superintendent
Rebecca is a resident of Harbor Hills, and a teacher at Lakewood Elementary. She attended the school district, and has worked there for the past 5 years. Rebecca presented several examples of hardship experiences children have undergone due to the inadequate facilities and budget of the Lakewood School District. School Superintendent Mary Kay Andrews thanked Rebecca for her outstanding presentation and noted the district has on the upcoming election ballot a Bond issue for new facilities, and a 10 year operation levy renewal issue (no additional dollars). Please be sure to vote.

- 10- Licking County Sheriff Community Services, Captain Chris Slayman - Ken Johnson
Ken reported that he has been consulting with Captain Slayman of the Licking County Sheriff office on ways to improve traffic safety within Harbor Hills. Ken noted that the HHCA Trustees have received approval from Township Trustee and the Sheriff Department, and is now reviewing with the Licking County Engineer for approval to install a pole mounted speed radar sign within Harbor Hills. This will stay in Harbor Hills, and hopefully moved around over time.

Captain Slayman noted that it is not easy to change driver behavior. Radar speed signs are 85% effective in speed reduction. Speed bumps are not a good idea and are not supported. The county has 1 working radar speed sign for the 686 square miles of Licking county, and he rotates that on a weekly period most of the year. The county sign was here in May, and will return in 2-3 weeks. He noted that the Sheriff's Patrol Division is so busy with duties that traffic enforcement is not getting done. They have access to federal funding for traffic enforcement and will leverage that to set up special patrols for Harbor hills. There will not be a quota, just establishing a presence. Captain Slayman has conducted a golf cart equipment inspection to help residents obtain registration for street use. He noted that all golf carts driven on a road need to be operated by a licensed operator. It was requested that he discuss excessive speed by school busses, and Ken agreed to discuss traffic law compliance with contractors working in Harbor Hills.

- 11- Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow - Matt Baumann
Buckeye Lake needs 4-5 years of serious dredging. Oxygen level is too low, Algae levels are too high. There was in the 2019 budget a new dredge, but it was pulled out. We need a new dredge. The current one is too small and down for repair too often. Write your legislator and complain! We can't wait much longer. If you mulch your grass, you do not need to add fertilizer. It just ends up in the lake.

The \$400k boat ramp in Thornport is on schedule for May 1, the \$400k pier study is approved, the \$400k canal feeder work is approved, however ODNR has not completed the silt trap installation required by Ohio EPA. The wet land funding disappeared for the feeder into Maple Bay, and Matt is working on a \$12k grant for an aeration demonstration project for Millersport. Matt noted that green lasers work great to chase away geese. They think the laser is a stick, and they run away. \$20 on Amazon.

12- Women's Club HHWC - Kathy Purcell

The main purpose of the Women's club is to beautify Harbor Hills, focusing on flower beds in road Islands, and the Sport court. This April, they acquired a new swing set for Lakeshore West park, and this fall they will install landscape timbers and mulch around it. The group sponsors the May garage sale, a Christmas Brunch, and meets on the 3rd Thursday monthly, except January and February.

13- HHCA Business

- New Dock Policy & Sale of docks - Susie Schell

Susie reported that the Trustees have been working with an attorney to implement policy and agreement for the association to sell HHCA owned docks to Harbor Hill, non-water front lot, residents. The resident would receive a bill of sale for the physical dock, and an agreement from HHCA for access to the dock. Residents that previously rented these docks have been given first right of refusal, and there is a waiting list of other residents requesting a dock. The final dock policy for this is still with council, and will be posted as soon as possible

- Licking County and Township Road and Drainage – Mike

Mike Martin presented a 1 page presentation of activities this year, and future direction (see attachment). Mike created a "Frequently Asked Questions" document to detail the history and facts relating to the problems we are experiencing, which can be found on the HHCA website. This year, the County and township spend over \$44k replacing culverts and catch basins, and we plan to continue dialog with them to detail other issues needing attention. There are not sufficient financial resources to repair all our needs, and the Trustees would like to work with County Commissioners to find longer term funding to help.

Through improved relationships and communication, we plan to continue addressing needed improvements. Both the County and Township have been excellent to work with, and we really appreciate all they have done so far.

- Revision to HHCA Regulations - Larry Cox

The Trustees of the Harbor Hills Civic Association have received requests from residents on matters which would require changes to the HHCA Regulations to accommodate. Changing the Code of Regulation is a rather intense and long 2 to 4 year process, which was last done in 2016. Approval for any change would need to be fully explained to all residents and voted on accordingly. This is not a simple task. If you have any recommended changes to the Regulations, please go to the HHCA website and complete the form to help us.

14- Comments from residents

Phyllis Manifold described the Treasure Hunt activity which 37 Harbor Hills children participated in a few weeks ago. She noted that she and Tim Williams have been discussing starting a Family Event activity for Harbor Hills.

Kay Hickman noted that the Treasure Hunt was an idea from one child, that turned out very well, and she is considering a “Kids Club” with monthly meetings and a philanthropic community service theme.

Dell Koch reported that there is an Airbnb rental at 869 Lakeshore Dr E, and inquired what the association can do about this with our Code of Regulations. Adam Hunt advised that the County Prosecutor is handling specific case since it is a violation of Ohio building codes, so the HHCA does not need to pile on, but we are closely monitoring the situation if our involvement is needed.

Bill Roese had questions about the selling of the HHCA docks and then he moved, seconded by Bob Quayle, that HHCA can not sell any docks until all the residents questions have been answered.

Larry Cox moved that the motion be tabled, seconded by Dick Vandegrift, vote of attendees passed.

Dick Vandegrift moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Chance Brockway, vote of attendees passed.

Adjourned 9:26

Harbor Hills Civic Association
Street and Drainage Infrastructure
Sept 10, 2019

"We all agree that our roads and drainage infrastructure needs improvement"

Short Term Maintenance Focus

- Coordination meeting April with County and Township
- Frequent informal E-Mail and one on one discussions
- Both HHCA and County/Township identify and prioritize needed work
- They have been great to work with !!!!!
- County and Township make final decision on timing and scope (and available budget)
- HHCA developed WEB & FAQ to help residents know history and recommendations
- HHCA met with Buckeye Lake Watershed
- HHCA can advise resident drainage issues
- With fall leaves, we all need to help and clean out swales and drains from clogging debris

Long Term Strategic Focus

- How can we get our roads and more drainage improved
- Have discussed long term funding needs with Township Trustee and County Maintenance Department Leader
- Opening dialog with County Engineer
- Plan to develop a stronger relationship with County Commissioners with a goal of issue awareness and improved funding for HHCA infrastructure

Realistically, everything will not get fixed ASAP
We need to continue incremental improvements while also pursuing Big Change in parallel

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Mike Martin 9.4.2019