

## **Minutes OSCA public meeting June 7, 2010**

38 people in attendance.

The meeting was brought to order by President Ryan Bunner at 6:38

Future meeting may be in the NW Library.

Any old business:

### **Brief synopsis of the last meeting.**

Committees are being developed. Chairs are working on members and scheduling meetings.

The park has been worked on by a local church.

The landscape committee has been working on improving the entrance ways.

We have about 119 active members now and growing.

Another newsletter will be passed out in a month with news and updates.

We are now established with the NW area coalition.

### **Parks : Jeremy Block**

Updates on the park. Sand has been added, rails have been replaced, holes have been filled and some new mulch has been spread. The park needs a lot of attention. Looking into how to control and keep the park clean. A petition is being passed around to change the park hours. We want to close the park at dusk so the police can enforce the rules.

The park was vandalized with graffiti last night.

Mulch party day coming up. That will be announced in Facebook. If you can help, rsvp or forward the note to someone who can help.

Ben said we were in contact with the city forester so mulch delivery can be managed.

Any questions about the park?

A second park is being developed with a nature trail is underway just off Sonnington and Stafford?

### **Service Committee Alan Asbury**

Tuesday June 15 at 7 at the NW Library.

Sat June 12, at 9 am first neighbor helping neighbor day. A family on Olde Sawmill needs lawn help due to cancer.

Look on the website for information about volunteering or listing a family that may need help.

Listing abandoned homes in the neighborhood that need landscape attention.

Question about what kind of power the OCSA has to pressure a bank or whoever is sitting on the house. Yes we can call 311 and begin contact.

### **Events Amy**

Events as an umbrella.

She is looking for members to head up certain events. Like Dave Gust is heading up the garage sale.

National Night Out—Tuesday August 3—may have a big picnic event in the park. Bring your own picnic in the works.

Santa ride will be scheduled, and we need some help managing this event.

Question—why no July 4<sup>th</sup> event this year? Parade effort was announced. Did not receive any interest and since we have things on the agenda the plan was put on the back burner.

Easter Egg hunt, Block party, community 5k run may be upcoming events.

### **Dave Gust—Garage Sale**

Sat June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 4 pm, it will be advertised. In the past we have had 100 to 150 families participate.

You can open on Friday if you want to. Signs will be at Kroger, DQ and other local retailers.

Sandwich boards will help promote the event. Need volunteers for map makeup. Maps will be distributed to shoppers as they enter the neighborhood.

We do not need a permit.

Participants are urged to create their own direction signs.

### **Landscape --Susan Chambers**

They have focused on the entry ways first. They have weeded and cleaned up 6 of the 8 entrance ways.

Meetings are being posted on the website, with rain dates.

Everyone is welcome to help. There has not been a formal meeting yet. Communication has been by email.

In the future we may have some funds to add flowers.

Some over grown shrubbery needs to be cut back or removed. If anyone has expertise in this category let her now.

Perhaps Boy Scouts may volunteer.

Member asked can we take the Saltergate entrance way back and landscape it. That is the area by the Huntington Bank. The sign is in someone's back yard right now. What can we do to make it attractive?

Member said he was just volunteered to take care of the condition of the signs. He will touch base with Susan after the meeting.

Member suggested that OSU extension. Master Gardener program requires students to complete a project. Could that be an option?

### **Safety—**

Contact has been made with the Police and they will send a rep to a future meeting.

Dog walk patrol idea?

Block watch program is also in the works.

Member comment, Swansford has one big bush that blocks view of traffic. Who is responsible for trimming?

Also winter conditions are severe on Swansford, what can be done to improve that condition?

**Membership committee:**

Spread the word and “Catch the Fever”.

Please help recruit new members.

**Open the meeting to questions from members:**

Speeding in the neighborhood. What can we do?

No Need to Speed signs? Red reflective post banners? Slow—Children at Play signs?

In addition to speeding the noise level is loud from a lot of passing cars.

Columbus does not have a code to cover the noise according to one member.

Deed restrictions—review—we found out that they are grouped by quadrants. If the restrictions vary by quadrant how could they be enforced?

Should we have a door to door membership drive? Yes in the works.

Newsletter will be quarterly.

Remind members to check the website for announcements and activities. Encourage members to participate.

We are working on connecting everyone so members can view events on the calendar and in the forums for that particular committee.

Mentioned that if there is a chair, request to connect with the chair so you will be in the communication loop.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

