

NWPA Minutes 4/9/10

PTO Members Present: Paula Ball, Janice Carson, Denick Herrin, Mark Hirshler, Kate Hoover, Dave Lauhoff, Jeff McCarron, Renee Melvin, Jill Stavrakos

President's Report

Train station lighting

- Paula spoke with John DeVol who said the lighting is in. It is very bright and the fixtures are not historically accurate.
- He spoke with a company that specializes in historic lighting, but the cost for a consultation is \$1800. John wanted to know if the NWPA would be willing to contribute, but we are unable to at this time due to limited funds and the fact that our membership has not voiced any complaints about the lighting.

VFMA/ Eastern University

- There is not much new to report. There have been additional emails posted on the Ning blog.
- The idea of a town hall meeting in the future was brought up. It was debated whether the Suburban or NWPA should facilitate. This might help provide neighbors and Eastern University a forum to discuss the development of the property.
- One of the biggest concerns is the long-term use of the property.

Recruitment Cocktail Party

- The idea is everyone invites a potential new recruit for the NWPA board in an effort to bring new members onto the board.
- The Middendorfs have volunteered to host.
- More to follow.

Future meeting dates/times

- Briefly discussed changes to the meeting time or day of month for the board meeting, but decided to leave it for now and revisit the topic after the summer.

Treasurer's Report

- Very little to report. Waiting for progressive dinner inflows and expenses.
- We will renew the historical society dues for \$100.
- reward Easter Bunny (Abby Junior) with \$25 Wayne bucks

Activities

Village Improvement –*Renee Melvin*

- Renee and Reed Hoover are going to clean up the triangle and mulch it soon. This should cost about \$40.
- Looking into having township build up and replace the railroad ties at the train station where our sign is located.

Q. Do we have the money to plant bulbs?

A. We tried it in the past, there were some issues with the shade, but we will look into it.

C. In the summer we should spray the edges with weed killer to prevent the tall weeds.

Easter Egg Hunt

-Went wonderfully and was very well attended.

-We will give \$25 in Wayne bucks to Abby Junior as a thank you for being the Easter Bunny.

-There are many suggestions for next year that will be passed on to the committee for next year. Among them:

Q: Use the bunny as an announcer

A: maybe, some kids are afraid of bunny

Q: Put the age 0-2 eggs out first

A: YES

Q: only use candies that are wrapped

A: YES

Q: Chalk lines did not work to corral kids in age range-- other ideas

A: Try stakes with rope as alternative

Q: think about changing the age distribution to grade level instead of by age

A: Yes, but how do you divide up preschool kids? C: 0-5 is big age range and older are more aggressive.

Q: Have different golden egg prizes.

A: try it. Parents might be happier but kids have come to expect chocolate bunny

Q: Buy Chocolate Bunny from Aux Petite Delice

A: Nice idea to patronize local business but we do not have funds for expensive bunnies. Usually about \$20 spent on all three.

Q: announcer not loud enough

A: we do not have bull horn. Use PA system for next year.

Annual Picnic

-Robyn Lihota and Sandyha Taghavi are running the event.

-They have reserved Fenimore Woods for Friday, June 4th. If it rains we decided not to have a rain date

-It was debated whether to use the website or evite and was decided that Kat Springer would work with Charlie Herrin to get an RSVP up on the website. Activities will need to contact Kat for more details.

-suggestion to contact Doug McCone and Tom Lowy for grilling duty as they have been very willing to help in past.

Newsletter – Kat Springer

-The new newsletter format is working better for members.

-Next year Kat will also send mass emails (i.e.: crime alerts) to avoid duplication of effort

Q. Should we email everyone the newsletter even if they signed up to have a paper copy?

A. General consensus was we send everyone whose email address we have a newsletter,

but continue to send paper copy to those who requested it.

-Please send any submissions or suggestions for the newsletter to Kat. The next newsletter will come out in May.

- Kat Springer will assume Tracie Steely's duties of mass emailing. Tracie is stepping down.

Soap Box Derby - *Eric Janson*

-Applications are out, but there are no racers signed up yet. This is not unusual.

-The date is June 13th.

-Eric will be away and is looking for a replacement. He will have everything ready to go. If you are interested or know someone who might be available, please contact him.

- Eric will need to recruit replacement. Other board members will also solicit for help. Suggest Kathy Dougherty, Reed Hoover or any parents who have participated in past.

Progressive Dinner – *Jill Stavrokos*

-Date is Sat, April 17th.

Next year the invitation will be sent as a separate email/ mailing to avoid confusion

-Lost a cocktail house, but should be able to find a host easily

-The tasting dinner went well, but there was a complaint that there wasn't beer. It was also very large (about 70 attendees).

Q: should beer be provided

A: No, it can be BYO beer if someone desires

-There will be a follow-up meeting to the progressive dinner to discuss the event and decide who will take over next year.

-There may be a few spots left for the progressive dinner. Contact Jill Stavrakos if you are interested in attending.

Arbor Day Tree Planting – *Charlie Herrin*

-A sample packet was distributed explaining the event.

-The boy scouts will go door to door with an order form for trees. Each tree is \$20. They will plant all trees and on Arbor Day. The trees are meant to go in the front yard bordering the street.

-The Arbor Day Foundation will plant a tree in an area that needs reforestation for every tree purchased.

-It was suggested that an additional sheet detailing the tree choices should be included in the packet when the boys go door to door.

- Felt two tree limit for planting so that scouts do not get orders to plant many trees from one resident. May order as many as you like though

Zoning

-Rite Aid still is a potential replacement for the Blockbuster and Taco Bell

-If you like having the Acme in Wayne, frequent it and send positive feedback to their corporate offices.

-Tony's Brick Oven Pizza, a beer and pizza chain, is going into the space next to Acme soon.

Old Business

-The lights are down.

-Electrician Brian Price is replacing the cable from the tree to the pole and moving the timer box down to the 10-foot level. He will also put a lock on the box. We will possibly get a new timer for next year. Jay Junior is storing all the lights.

-Robert Henderson on Radnor Street Rd, contacted Paula. His wife made a photo montage poster for NWPA in 1985 for the centennial and he has hundreds left and would like to give them to the NWPA.

-Paula will get them and we will try to put one in a frame to sell at the Progressive Dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Denick Herrin
NWPA Secretary