

## **NWPA Minutes 10/7/09**

**NWPA Members Present:** Paula Ball, Denick Herrin, Mark Hirshler, Kate Hoover, Jeff McCarron, Gail Middendorf, Kat Springer

### **Activities**

Six members of the committee - Amy Shoumer, Amy Marren, Kate Hoover, Louisa Shephard, Robyn Lihota and Sandhya Taghavi.

The committee has met and is generating new ideas –

-Having the children decorate pinecones for the triangle tree during the lighting.

-Garden tour potentially highlighting 6-8 gardens for the NWPA members. Details will be coming.

-Next activity is the Halloween Bonfire on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at Sugartown Strawberries Orchard 4:30-6:30. Details are on the website [www.Nwpaonline.com](http://www.Nwpaonline.com) Please RSVP by Monday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> to [Sandhya.Taghavi@att.net](mailto:Sandhya.Taghavi@att.net) OR call 610-299-2570.

-Patrick Harper is contacting Ward Tree Services re: the tree lighting/trimming.

### **Newsletter and Membership**

Folded sealed and labeled the newsletter and membership form during the meeting. 612 are going out.

There is a new option on the membership for to receive email or paper newsletters this year. Next year, the plan is to phase out paper and only send paper copies to those that request it on next year's form.

Also, the membership form has a reduced the number of activities to check off for participation. Only active committees in need of volunteers were included.

### **Treasurer**

The Soap Box Derby and a few cookbook checks were deposited. Paid the Fed Ex bill and will pay the website domain bill.

### **Welcoming**

Three families were welcomed this past month. Details are in the newsletter.

### **Zoning**

Plans at the ACME site are in and you can view them through Radnor Township.

### **Website**

The website [www.nwpaonline.com](http://www.nwpaonline.com) is up and running. Check for updates and news on up coming events and activities.

### **New Business**

Tracy Steely has resigned from Village Improvement and a replacement is needed. Reed Hoover has volunteered to take over for now. Please contact Paula Ball if you are interested.

Charlie Herrin submitted a plan to assist the Boy Scouts plant trees in North Wayne.  
Details are below:

*2010 is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts (Feb. 2010 to be exact). I'd like to kick off a new annual program with Pack 284 (at least my den if there isn't broader support) that shows our scouts active in the community. Personally, I feel like we as scout leaders could do more to teach the boys about civic responsibility and at the same time have fun and leave a lasting legacy.*

*I've also been thinking that NWPA could use a program that the membership supported which "reforests" the streets. Many of the tree-lined streets are finding its' oldest members falling, cut down due to disease, etc. I mentioned to Denick that I think it would be great if NWPA also had a visible, annual program the members could latch on to.*

*As I started looking around, I found the following centennial program in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation: <https://www.arborday.org/partnerships/bsa/index.cfm>*

*My thoughts are that if the NWPA provided some level of support (even just communication), I could have the pack go door-to-door and offer to plant a tree. The homeowner can get the tree for "free" or they could reimburse the \$20. The tree would be planted in front of their house. The more donations, the more we can go.*

*Eventually I'd like to see this turn into a minor fundraiser for the boys and the proceeds would go to fund service projects for the pack.*

*I can get the pack organized to do the planting, door to door but I thought it would be a perfect program for NWPA to support and if it goes well, then maybe the scouts and NWPA would have an annual program that benefited them both*

*As to the costs, there are cheaper saplings to be had; the nice thing about this program is that for every tree we plant here, one is funded and planted to reforest areas in the west that are hit by forest fires.*

Respectfully submitted,

Denick Herrin  
NWPA Secretary