



Meeting Minutes  
28 June 2012

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Brennan Estates Homeowners Maintenance Corporation was called to order at 7:04pm on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in Troop 2, Delaware State Police by Heather McVey.

**Present:**

Heather McVey

Nemishh Mehta

Rose Smith

Penny Wagnon

Jerry Phillips

Gerri Thomas

**Guest Speakers**

Bill Dunn – candidate for Newcastle County Council President – Democratic Nomination

Corporal Gladney – NCC Police

**A. Old Business**

**Retention Ponds -** Heather

Many people trespass at the ponds. These ponds are not stocked with fish; they are to catch surface water run-off. If you see people fishing – please call the non-emergency number.

It cost BEHMC \$5000 to replace a pump in the fountains. We put chemicals in the ponds to control algae – we don't want people getting sick from ingesting this water.

**BasketBall Court Area -** Gerri

Gerri states that there is always trash there. Penny explains that we pay kids to clean up that area every other weekend. Penny has talked about potentially adding another day. Penny would like an additional trash can by basketball court and also at the pool playground. Heather explains that the local trash collection company doesn't want to have to pull into the swimming pool parking lot.

Heather reminds us that the baseball diamond area is to be used only by BE Residents , not by an sports league e.g. Bear Babe Ruth or Canal Little League. This is primarily for insurance reasons.

### **Tennis Courts - Heather**

There is general wear and tear damage. Toni will be getting repair estimates.

### **Traffic Island – Heather**

It appears that someone drove over this island at the Brennan Blvd/ 896 entrance. There was substantial damage to the sprinkler heads and also the flowers. Repairs are being carried out.

### **Sidewalks –Jerry**

Jerry is waiting on bids. He is already holding some sealed bids. Sidewalk repairs will be for the BEHMC open spaces and not in front of homeowners' properties. Penny would like to see the black top resurfaced, Heather will get some estimates.

### **Abandoned vehicles – Heather**

Please call County Land Use to report these: 395-5555

### **Advertising – Heather**

No posting of any services.

Yard sales are ok – because these are usually removed very quickly.

## **B.New Business:**

### **Crime Report – Corporal Gladney**

January 2012 – June 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 – 174 calls of service for single family homes, 67 calls from townhomes

1 burglary – Forsythia Lane – access through basement window, alarm sounded and office attended – nothing missing.

1 robbery from unsecured vehicle on Forsythia Lane

Calls made for suspicious persons and also suspicious vehicles.

If you see people trespassing by the ponds, call the non-emergency number: 573-2800

If you notice something suspicious – please call it in.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Gerri

BUSINESS CHECKING

AS OF 05/31/2012

\$113,292.37

REPLACEMENT OF ASSETS

AS OF 05/31/2012

\$71,563.27

SUPER MONEY MARKET

AS OF 05/31/2012

\$32,546.89

From the 2011 budget we have carried \$50,307 + \$32,546(Super Money Market) = \$95,531 – what shall we do with this money? Sidewalks?

The Financial Report is available at any time – please contact Gerri Thomas at 302.832.6170

### **Architectural Review** – Heather

Nothing to report.

### **Tree Grant** – Penny

The tree grant is back and we may be eligible for 50% of what BEHMC spends. Penny would like us to put aside \$2500 for trees and the county would give us \$2500. We have to apply for the grant, not a definite that we would be eligible. If we can include the estimate for the trees, we can add that to our application.

Heather states we have some dead trees on Brennan.

Gerri wants us to take into consideration the pruning of the trees – we need to cut back some overgrown ones. Please email Penny with details of trees that need to be replaced.

The gazebo at the Meadows needs to be repainted. We will get estimates

**Delinquent Properties** – Penny

We have received a lot of money in. Once we get a judgment against homeowners, the Sheriff is supposed to go in – this is not happening. Penny wants to push this. Penny believes we could be garnishing wages.

Now that we are updated as of 06/30, anyone who is behind including 2012 dues will be contacted.

**Adjournment:**

Heather motions for the meeting to be adjourned. Penny seconds.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on September 12 at Olive B. Loss ES.

Minutes submitted by: Camilla Cohn

Approved by: