



Meeting Minutes September 14th, 2016

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Brennan Estates Home Owners Maintenance Corporation was called to order at 7:05 pm on September 14th 2016 in Olive B. Loss by Heather McVey.

Present:

Heather McVey

Vickie Coulter- Phillips

Proxy: Rose Smith

Sehkar Artula

Zenobia Thompson

Gerri Thomas

Ernie Dempsey

Victor Santos

Courtney Glasgow-Rinaldi

Guest speakers:

District Representative Earl Jacques

District Rep. Earl Jacques representing Senator Bethany Hall-Long :

- He was knocking on doors for Senator Bethany Hall-Long's campaign. He noticed the road conditions that was starting.
- Signed a bill for free breakfast for every child. The government will pay for it and it includes "grab and go" breakfast. Every school will get it except for private school.
- Signed a bill for Autism Network, which puts us in the front of everyone in the Nation. Anyone who finds out that their child has autism and they go into this network where they get all the support and questions they need answered.
- Last year there were 895 late busses, now they will be doubling up on the amount of children on one bus. There will now be 3 children to a seat. Appo is short 13 bus routes. They will be packing the buses and there are not many options they have.
- Verizon went on strike as the 896 project started and they are just now starting to move the poles. On Denney Rd. They are waiting on the poles to move so they can build a sidewalk. They are delayed on that project right now

- Closed house school road work before you get to the park entrance because they are putting a drainage across to the new part of the road. There is really nothing happening there so hopefully within the next month they start working and the road will be open again.

Road Conditions:

We currently have hair line cracks and Earl noticed that there was a sinkhole near 23 Forsythia which is now fixed. The roads in the neighborhood are getting bad and it will cost a little fortune to fix all the roads. Earl has talked to Heather and wants to put tar in the crack to preserve the road a little longer. Tar is easy to track in the house and Earl always resist doing that and wants to get the community opinion on it. He wants everyone to think about it and if everyone thinks we should do it, then he will spend the money to try to preserve the roads. He mentioned that we will have to start to pave some of the roads but we cannot afford to do all of them at one time. Earl believes we should do the beginning of the intersection to the entrance. Which is the worst. It would cost near \$175,000. He mentioned that they will have to do it in patches. They will start this year. He will pick a few spots and start there.

Tennis Courts:

Vicky has not heard back from the Company. Neighborhood Resources (NR) is currently out of the Country but will be back shortly. NR will be getting involved along with the attorney because the company that warrantied the tennis courts are in default. Mark, (the original guy), was let go. Then Adam, (a new guy), told us to take pics and sent them to him, but, we have not heard back from him. It has been impossible to get in touch with anyone from the Company. The tennis courts need new nets, poles and ties. We will be getting that fix within the month.

Letters from Neighborhood Resources:

Once NR returns, he will be working on several deed restrictions and we will give him a new list when he returns. We have to figure out if the letters should come from NR or do they come straight from the attorney when a home is in violation. He will be tackling the people with the sheds. The ones that have a shed for a while, they should get a letter stating that they are in violation of a deed restriction and that at the time of sale, the shed must be come down. The board will talk to the lawyer to come up with a solution to get the sheds to come down.

Vandalism of basketball court:

Heather had to go to court again for this matter. The trail was continued again. Heather has been to court for 3 days now. Heather has submitted checks and proof of payment for the damage but we have not yet been awarded restitution. Heather can make recommendations to the Attorney General and she has said she would accept cleaning and community service in place of restitution. We have received a check for the Castle playground damage. Heather printed the damage from “Cam-the Spray painter” and she contacted the police twice and they never showed. Finally, she had the NCC head of police contact her, and they finally sent someone out. She gave them the entire packet of damage. The police did arrest him and he got out on \$100 bail and was charged with “Graffitiing” and a \$1000 fine and 250 hours of community service. The attorney general dropped the charges to a lesser crime and it was amended to “offensive

vandalizing” which comes to 40-hour community service and \$200 fine. Heather informed them it would cost \$3,000 to get the basketball court fixed and the parents went to clean the spray paint with bleach and the case has been continued.

Cameras:

At our last meeting, we had a Newark City police officer come and he contacted Heather after the meeting and said they have some new cameras recently and they seem to be working well. They got these wireless cameras and Heather printed out info to show the board. Heather is not sure if it is the right solution. The Raptor camera is the actual camera the police department has. When someone walks in front of the camera it will snap a picture and send it to your email or phone. The battery only lasts 3 months. Someone would have to manually go out there and take out the battery then charge it overnight. We could buy 2 batteries and rotate them. It does need data. You can buy a data card for \$40 per month. You would need a data card per unit. It's still photos and not recording. It does have night vision and the camera picture is very clear. It would have to be mounted to a pole and it is programmable. \$1391.00 for one unit. WE would put these at the playground/Basketball court. We also went over the RemoteStream technology camera. It keeps streaming and this unit is \$3000.00 and the battery life is terrible. Because it is live streaming and not photos you will need more data. The police do not think this camera was a good fit. We could go back to the drawing board or we can vote on the cameras we have. We have spent \$4500 to fix graffiti and damage. Courtney has suggested a deer camera, something that would cost less and we could buy at Walmart. Heather would like something more permanent. If it doesn't work, we could cut our losses at \$2 grand. But, we have spent so much to fix damage that the camera's make a good idea.

Heather makes a motion to buy 1 camera of the Raptor Wireless.

Zenobia Seconds

All in favor.

There were not any no's.

Gazebo:

The Gazebo is almost done just not the gold trim. We have an art student from Appo High who wants to do Gold freelance trim work. She will do some cursive “B's” on our gills. She is very talented and we would make a donation to her tuition/scholarship fund.

-The signs are approved, we are just waiting on the “proof” which is in the art department and once we get it, it will take 6-8 weeks to complete. We should have the new sign before the beginning of the New Year.

Playground Audit:

The audit was completed on May 26th and we have the inspection overview. Overall, we were very good. We had a couple 3's but mostly 5's. Cunningham (the Company that will be fixing the playground) will have an estimate on how much it will cost to bring the playground up to date. We have not spent money on the playground in a few years so now is the time to get the 3's fixed. The swings need to be replaced, but overall the playground is safe.

Questions and Answers:

There were no homeowners.

Financial Info:

BUSINESS SUPER MONEY MARKET
REPLACEMENT OF ASSETS1842
\$104,261.00

BUSINESS SUPER MONEY MARKET
SNOW FUND ...634
\$8511.49

BUSINESS CONVENIENCE CHECKIG626
\$19,844.58

Any homeowner who would like a copy of this report may contact Gerri Thomas
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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Our next meeting will be October 12th, 2016 at Olive B. Loss Elementary Library.

Minutes submitted by: Alicia Diaz

Approved by: Heather McVey