

Good Hope Farms Civic Association Meeting

March 7, 2011

Guelcher House, 5277 Strathmore Drive

The meeting was called to order by Teri Guelcher at 8 p.m. Hampden Police Chief Harry Clay, Jack and BJ Urling, Teri Guelcher, Denyse Miskin, Melissa Shunk, Jan Gibas, Kristi Bolden, Jim Bruska, Jen Robinson, Kristen Wolf, Ty Poppe, Sue Kruger, Terri Solenberger, Valerie Betza, Johanna Brown, Keith Hoffman, Doug Works, Deb Kozlavac, Tiffany Young, Robert and Bev O'Neill, Jack McCarty and Tracy Polovick were present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Chief Harry Clay made a presentation on neighborhood safety. He offered the following tips for neighborhood safety.

1. Call police if you see anything suspicious. Do NOT think you are bothering them. Many crimes could have been prevented if residents would have just called. You can call 911 or the non-emergency line at 238-9676.
2. Put motion lights in the back of your house.
3. Lock your doors and window and shut your garage door.
4. Keep your bushes trimmed.
5. Lock your vehicles. Do not leave valuables such as GPS units in plain view.
6. Be a good witness. Note everything you can about the situation/person, but don't try to be the hero.
7. Keep your blinds shut at night.
8. If you are being approached or attacked, scream and run. Do not stick around.
9. Be vigilant.

The January 10, 2011, minutes were approved as presented.

Jan Gibas presented the treasurer's report. There is \$1,319.47 in the checking account. Business savings had \$235.80 in it as of Feb. 28, 2011. Certificate Account (15 month maturity date 4/11/11) -- \$3,141.94. We made the biggest donation in years to the American Cancer Society through the luminarias. \$976.93 was donated. There was a large expense in February -- \$1,248 for the insurance premium.

Web site -- Keith Hoffman agreed to take over the Web site. He is going to revamp it. He will present a demo site to the board.

Membership – Melissa Shunk said a membership drive will be done in March. She said she will get the information to the block reps. She wants the sheets due back to the block reps in mid-April.

Welcoming – None.

Social –The Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 16 in the park. Kim Titus is organizing this event.

The Neighborhood Yard Sale is set for May 7 from 8-1. Kristi Bolden will take care of advertising.

The Block Party is set for Saturday, June 4.

Newsletter – The deadline for the next newsletter is April 20. The goal is to have it distributed around May 6. There will be information on the safety tips offered by the chief, help needed with the newsletter, block party, follow up reminder on the membership drive, and information on the Web site.

Monument – Johanna Brown and Jan Gibas discussed the planting proposal around the monument. Money is needed to buy the plants. Johanna will head up the efforts.

Park – Teri Guelcher met with Dave (who does the lawn mowing) and Ty Poppe. They discussed reclaiming the park areas where Ty had cleaned up. Dave is going to bring in a brush hog two times a year and not charge extra for this service. The brush hog will remove two-year growth. Teri will go to the park the first time it is mowed in the spring to verify it is being mowed in the correct places.

Block Rep. Coordinator – Melissa Shunk said she is looking at changing out three block reps. Some people are not effectively doing the job. If anyone knows someone who is interested in being a block rep, please tell Tiffany Young.

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m. The next meeting will be at Kristi Bolden's House at 446 Woodcrest Drive on May 9.