

Northcrest Civic Association Meeting Minutes
Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at Brandywine Towne Center

- **Call to Order** – President Frank Lusch called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with 14 residents and 2 political officials in attendance
- **Minutes from the May 5, 2019 Meeting** - were accepted as prepared.
- **Treasurer's Report** - as presented by Al Sordi was approved unanimously. The checkbook balance as of 9/19/19 was \$4,791.22.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - **Monument Sign Maintenance– Henderson Landscaping** continues to maintain the monument grounds in good order with attractive plantings.
 - **Snow Removal – Leeco Construction Company** removed the small snowfalls from Northcrest streets this past winter. Residents were satisfied with the company's response time and work. A suggestion was made that for very minor snowfalls that salting the intersections would be sufficient and would be more economical.
 - **March & Zebley Drain Issue** – The clogged sewer basin was cleared once it was brought to the attention of the County.
 - **Annual Community Coordinated Yard Sale** - Trish Breidenbach, Chairwoman for the past Northcrest yard sales, stated there were very few shoppers for the last event in June. However, Trish stated that she is willing to coordinate another sale in June 2020, since publicity and advertising are free.
 - **Northcrest Civic Association Annual Dues** – President Frank Lusch explained that approximately \$6,000 was needed to maintain an adequate reserve in the checking account to pay snow removal costs next winter. This is especially true for the less-than-4-inch storms where the state does not share any of the costs. Treasurer Al Sordi stated that approximately 62% of residents have paid the current dues of \$30. Frank proposed, and it was agreed, that a second bill be sent out. Logistically it is much faster to send a second bill to everyone rather than isolate and deliver bills only to addresses where residents have not paid.
- **New Business – Northcrest Park** – Frank met with the County Parks Department to discuss improvements to the Northcrest Park. He was not satisfied with their proposal to remove the macadam with no concurrent drainage remediation and the 6-to 8-month timeline proposed. He read aloud a letter that he wrote to the department subsequent to his meeting. He would like to obtain outside contractors' estimates of costs to improve the park, and he may be asking residents to write to their representatives in support of the project.
- **Christopher Counihan**, Legislative Aide to New Castle County Council Representative Dee Durham, and **Sean Matthews**, State Representative, attended the meeting concerning this issue. Chris mentioned that the state "Conservancy Group" might be a source of funding. He added that park drainage and desired park configuration were intertwined. He also stated that County Executive Matt Meyer has authority for funding and to contact him.
- Frank stated that Sean Matthews has already sent a letter to the County stating they were violating their own codes by leaving the park in its current condition.
- More information and suggestions to e-mail officials will be forthcoming.