

Northcrest Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Date and time: Tuesday November 1, 2023 at 7 pm

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church

Attendance: 22 Northcrest Residents/ 4 Northcrest Civic Association Board Members

Call to Order: Vice President Gineen Brockson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting were presented verbally by Gineen Brockson. A motion to approve the minutes as prepared was made by Barbara Maloney/seconded by Marjorie Mroz. Motion approved. Minutes available upon request.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Brockson presented Treasurer report. Checkbook balance as of 11/01/2023 was \$8,319.43. The dues collected in October 2022 totaled \$4,070.00. Report voted on by attendees; approved by Barbara Maloney/seconded by Mark Nestore.

Topics Discussed:

- **Northcrest Civic Association Annual Dues:** Discussed keeping dues at \$30 annually. Motion to approve was made by Barbara Maloney/seconded by Joe Turner. President Janette Lloyd and Gineen Brockson informed everyone that dues slips will be delivered in mailboxes by end of November, 2023. Treasurer's Report will be attached to the dues slip with community safety information tipsheet.
- **Snow Removal:** There was no snow removal between November 2022 and November 2023 meeting. A new snow contract has been secured with Arborvine Landscaping, LLC.
- **Welcome Area Maintenance:** Partial repointing near the columns were made to the Northcrest sign by a masonry contractor. Jack Gerstanberg is a local landscaper who has been maintaining the grassy area (trimming ornamental grasses, weed removal, etc). Neighbors have voiced offers to help with the area beautification.
- **Street Conditions:**
 - DelDot/Cirillo unexpectedly placed notes on Wrexham properties in March announcing that Wrexham from Zebley to Marsh would be repaved. The association was not notified of the repaving. DelDot is catching up with street maintenance and we do not know if the remainder of the development will be repaved. Gineen Brockson recommended contacting NCC/DelDot for any questions on repaving.
 - Due to issues with emergency vehicles, the original 4" speed bumps were removed on Wrexham during repaving. New lower (3 1/8 " – 3 1/ 2") speed bumps were installed per county specifications.
 - There was a question regarding the criteria for replacing the driveway aprons. The association does not know but NCC/DelDot can be contacted.
 - The sinkhole on Walter was brought up and concerns regarding the safety of the sinkhole and the plate. Recommendation by board was to contact NCC/DelDot.
- **Mail Delivery:** New USPS delivery driver is Mark.
- **Northcrest Officers Nomination/Elections:** Vote to retain current board members was voted on and approved. Motion to approve by Marjorie Mroz and seconded by Melanie Heck.
- **Email Confirmation:** Janette Lloyd reminded attendees to stay current with their email addresses and notify her of any changes or addition of neighbors.

- **Good and Welfare of Community:**
 - **Crime Stats:** The crime statistics for the development were passed around the meeting.
 - **Park Lighting:** The lighting at the park was brought up for discussion. Neighbors are very concerned about how dark the area is, particularly along the pavement area when trying to walk. Recommendation by Gineen Brockson is to reach out to NCC Parks division or representative Sean Mathews to bring up any safety concerns when walking in that area.
 - **Park Maintenance:** Continues to be a concern by neighbors. As in previous meetings, the Civic Association does not have jurisdiction over the park and Northcrest will need to wait until the NCC Parks department addresses the park itself. The park is currently not eligible for any playground improvements.
 - **Property Maintenance:** There was concern for some properties not being maintained. Board recommendation is that New Castle County Code Enforcement can be notified of individual concerns. It is not an issue the board is responsible for addressing to the homeowners.
 - **Safety Measures:** Lynn Adinolfi discussed the following safety measures available to all residents and flyer was distributed.
 - New Castle County Reverse 911
 - Smart 911
 - Lights On Delaware Strong
- **Open Discussion:** No additional discussion. Call to adjourn by Marjorie Mroz and seconded by Barbara Maloney.