

Shenandoah Civic Club Minutes

February 9, 2021

- Call to Order
 - The Meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Debbie Pilcher at 6 pm.
- Roll Call
 - Members Present were:
 - Secretary: Wendy Bradt
 - Pam Sorich
 - Betty Lahiri
 - Norma McGee
 - Marilyn Poppert
 - Sharon Siri
 - Tami Webb
 - Councilman Charlie Bradt
 - Presiding officer Debbie Pilcher
- Approval of January 2021 meeting minutes
 - Motion: Tami Webb
 - Second: Pam Sorich
 - Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes
- Chair Reports
 - Arbor Day: Wendy Bradt
 - The event will take place on Saturday March 6, 2021.
 - It will be at the Public Works Bay from 9 am to noon.
 - We will have a plant exchange and different vendors to help out and guide us in our spring planting. We hope to have the Butterfly ladies back with us. This year we are changing up our children's activity to give the event a little variation. Need some different activities to keep the children attentive. Our craft this year is creating a tree out of different

materials. They can make an apple tree or whatever tree they wish to make with the materials. The child can then take the craft home and display proudly on the refrigerator or wherever children display their fine artwork.

- The City Public Works Department hosts this event each year and will have vendors like Home Depot. We will have a gardener come to talk on planting for the spring season as the winter season comes to an end. It is the time for planting our gardens and flowers around to beautify our yards.
- We will have goodie bags with a variety of items for the residents to enjoy.
- Last year's event drew a limited crowd and we hope to bring out more residents this year even though we still have Covid protocols in place.
- Garage Sale (Gwen Quinn)
 - The Garage sale for the spring will take place on Saturday, March 13. from 8 am to 3 pm.
 - As of meeting time we have 13 residents interested. Sign up is still in progress. Anyone interested can contact Gwen Quinn. For those residents that have HOA rules and cannot have garage sales in their community. They will be able to set up in the Pool parking lot. They must be set up by 8 am and be taken down and cleaned up by 4 pm.
 - Directional signs will be placed around the city to guide residents and visitors to the area to the location of those residents' homes that are participating or to outside areas of participation mainly the Pool parking lot area. Signs must be picked up after the event is over and returned to the City.
- Yard of the Month
 - Yard of the Month will be returning in March. This event was formerly chaired by Gwen Quinn. But she has stepped down from her spot with

this event. So we have a committee of Marilyn Poppert, Sharon Siri and Norma McGee to chair this event for us.

- Easter Egg Hunt: Pam Sorich
 - The Easter egg hunt will be March 20 from 10 am to noon at the City Park.
 - You must be prompt and show up early by 9:45 to be ready for the egg hunt as that event takes place first. Please bring something to collect the eggs in during the hunt. Our age group areas are: Gentle Touch (Special Needs, 0-2), 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-14. We will also have a special egg in the different age groups and the one who finds the special egg can exchange it for an Easter basket made just for that particular age group. The baskets will be made again this year by Betty Lahiri as she always puts these baskets together spectacularly for us.
 - We will have Bunny and me pictures as well. These pictures you can take with your cell phones as the city no longer does the Bunny and me pictures. Due to Covid protocols we will probably be set to have the child stand next to the Bunny for their pictures instead of on lap.
 - We will also have face painters and balloon artists once again for the children's enjoyment and also some refreshments like a donut hole, goodie bag, popcorn, and water.
 - We hope to have a wonderful event this year as due to Covid we had to cancel this event last year. We will have precautions in place but we do hope residents will come out to enjoy this event and show their Shenandoah.
- Old Business
 - Polar Bear Plunge
 - This event started off the new year of fun on January 9, 2021 from 10:30 to noon.

- Residents came to the Pool area to sign up. They did have temperatures checked for Covid protocol for participation.
 - Once cleared for entering, children and adults who were signed up to participate were lined up along a safe area of the pool that was best for them under the guidance of Pool director Woody Crosby and as well lifeguards from Willis ISD who rent the pool during the winter months to help us out. The children quickly jumped in and would get right back out. But this year was a cold morning with temperatures at freezing but unknown to the residents participating the main pool was heated. As Willis ISD rents the pool during the winter months so they had the pool heated. So it was like 80 degrees in the main pool so everyone was enjoying the pool for a while. The baby pool was cooler though in the 50's.
 - We also provided residents with refreshments of a snack bag of cookies and hot chocolate for their enjoyment. As with Covid protocols our choice for snack was limited. But everyone that came out enjoyed themselves. We had a small group but am sure the temperature and fact the pool being heated was unknown to the participants.
- New Business
 - Safety Expo
 - The Safety Expo will take place on May 1, 2021. It will be at the Woodforest Stadium parking lot. The event will be from 10 am to 1 pm
 - This event has many different law enforcement agencies from within the County. They will be on hand to display their special equipment they may use and also provide demonstrations for the members of the county that come out to enjoy the event. This event was moved to spring months due to the summer months being too hot. Due to Covid in 2020 the event was not able to have taken place.
 - May 1 is also Election Day in Shenandoah for 3 City Council positions.

- Police Briefing: Joel Gordon
 - Sgt. Joel Gordon graced us with his presence at our meeting tonight. He gave us updates that he could on events happening in the City and cleared up any of the misinformation out there on social media. Police Chief Troy Dunlap was also present at our meeting. Joel also explained to us about the Blotters he puts out for the Shenandoah Police Department. What is in the blotter are actual calls and information that has officially been reported. He also said if you do not report incidents to them promptly they cannot take action and put it out there officially. If you see something say something. Report it to the appropriate authorities. Do not discuss it on social media and expect them to take that as official.
- Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6 pm
- Adjourn
 - Motion: Betty Lahiri and a Second by Pam Sorich
 - Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm

Wendy Bradt: Secretary

Date Approved