

Shenandoah Civic Club Minutes

July 14, 2020

- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Presiding Officer Debbie Pilcher.
- **Roll Call**
 - The following members were present at the meeting
 - Secretary: Wendy Bradt
 - Voting Members: Dixie McLeod, Diane Atchison, Charron Cales, Tami Webb, Lauren Munn, Betty Lahiri, Ritzy Fletcher
 - And a huge welcome back to a member who has been out ill Millie Parker. Nice to have you back with us.
 - Councilman Charlie Bradt and Councilman Ted Fletcher
 - Presiding Officer: Debbie Pilcher
 - New member(s): Welcome Madison Perez, a 2020 graduate who plans to attend the Lone Star College nursing program, specializing in pediatric oncology nursing.
 - Due to the health crisis situation some members may or may not be present until it is safer to be out in public.
- **Approval of the Minutes from June 2020 meeting**
 - Motion: Betty Lahiri
 - Second: Lauren Munn
 - Minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Chair Reports**
 - Yard of the Month for July (Gwen)
 - Gwen was not present tonight
 - July's Yard of the Month winners are Peter A. and Tammie Conlan of 19719 Tuscany Woods Drive.
- **Old Business**

- Calendar
 - The calendar is ready to go to print to make for the magnets for National Night Out. The calendar was approved as is and no new additions were presented.
- National Night Out
 - National Night Out will be on Monday, October 5, 2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the City Park on Maplewood Drive.
 - We will be scaling back National Night Out from what it was the last few years to more of what National Night is supposed to be about, neighbors meeting neighbors in the community.
 - We will have plenty of goodies for the residents. We will especially be recognizing as well our men and women in blue. Around Shenandoah some may have or see Back the Blue signs. These signs at the time were made and given out to residents by Ken Smith. There was a charge of \$10 at that time. At National Night Out the Civic Club would like to offer these again to residents and are looking into asking Ken for assistance again. We will have a sign-up sheet at National Night Out for anyone who would like to sign up to receive one to place in their yards. Also we will have bows available for anyone as well who would like to have the Blue bows that have been available in previous years at National Night to honor or fine first responders and our police force.
 - The Civic Club will be giving out the Shenandoah bags with the new magnet with schedule of events happening in the community for the 2020/2021 year.
 - Also this year the Civic Club will have a Kona Ice Truck so residents can enjoy a nice little cool treat while they enjoy gathering with others and meeting their neighbors around Shenandoah. This is an addition this year to the budget for Civic Club.
- 2 Cool 4 School

- Due to the health crisis situation we have been limited to what we can do as far as our events this year with the Civic Club. We will be monitoring the situation closely and our thoughts at this time would be to possibly do something at the end of August 2020. The situation will be monitored going forward and when such a time we know we can go forward with this event fully the community will know.
- Independence Day Celebration
 - The Independence Day Celebration took place this year on July 4, 2020. First time we have done it on July 4 as we have done it a week before the actual holiday because of event competition in the area.
 - The event took place at the City Park on Maplewood Drive.
 - We had a great turnout. We had snack goodies for the residents and water. For the entertainment there were balloon makers, a bubble machine for the children to play with, flags and slap sticks for them to enjoy. Plus lots of great holiday music to enjoy as people moved around through the park.
 - A new item this year was a Kona Ice Truck. A wonderful cool treat for the residents to enjoy. It was a huge success.
 - Due to the limits with our events because of the health situation and restrictions that had to be followed as laid out by the Governor there was no parade with the event this year. But judging from the residents they had a great time with the other festivities. So we may continue with the event without the parade in the future.
 - The Event was moved up to 9 am to 11 am this year as a precursor to allowing the residents to be out before it does get too hot as the heat has been a factor and the safety of our residents is important.
- **New Business**
 - Budget

- Looking at our budget for the Fiscal year 2020/2021 there are some little changes.
- Due to some of our events being cancelled in 2020 because of the health situation and limits from the Governor and the lockdown we will not have to purchase much for those events in the 20-21 fiscal year as we already have the materials from this year.
- The Adult swim nights were dropped due to people not wanting to abide by the rules with alcohol being prohibited.
- All in all our budget is good to go for the new Fiscal year
- Senior Citizen Initiative
 - Our senior citizens in the Community are important to us.
 - We are trying to find ways to communicate with them. Many of our senior citizens may need special care and we need to be alert to all in our community. Our senior citizens may not have access to a computer or social media like Facebook or Twitter to know what is happening within the community. Some also do not receive water bills with inserts of events happening in the community.
 - Our task between now and our next meeting is to come up with ways we can communicate with our senior citizens. Some ways suggested were newsletters but with newsletters we are limited because if anything changes on them we cannot go back and do new ones. Another suggestion was have a meeting quarterly at Sunningdale and Oak Haven to bring them up to speed with what is happening within the community like events, things on Council, news from the police department. Anything they may not clearly be aware of or have correct information on. It is important that everyone have the correct information out there in the community and not innuendos that are posted out on social media.
 - More suggestions included having a list of members within our community so we can check on them and help them with anything they

need. Items from the store or a ride to the doctor and so on. We need to be alert to our neighbors and check on them so they are kept safe.

- Inquiries
 - This area was for questions and answers with anything that the Civic Club may have with what is happening in our Community.
 - We had Sgt. Det. Joel Gordon at our meeting and he gave us an update on happenings within the police department. With what we may see on social media it might be confusing so he was able to clear up our concerns.
- Our next meeting is August 11, 2020
- Adjourn
 - Motion: Dixie McLeod
 - Second: Betty Lahiri
 - The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45

Wendy Bradt: Secretary

Date Approved