

Minutes of ECA Board Meeting  
June 24, 2019

Location – Jeffrey Drichta’s Home 5118 Elm Street

Board members present – David Barnes, Jeffrey Drichta, Huda Montemarano, Bridget Foist, Sue Hendrickson

Call meeting to order – 7:42pm

Item 1) The board approved the minutes from last meeting on 5/20/2019

Item 2) July 4<sup>th</sup> Party – Jeffrey met with Mary Gardner, the club is ready, we have access to set up after 3pm on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Clayboy’s Shave Ice, Face Painter and Balloon maker are coming, food set to be ordered, need 3-5 more volunteers, not many people know about it – will plan to tack up posters around the neighborhood

Item 3) Final Report on Membership Renewals and New Members for 2019 – approx. 340 members, may be more, not a recent update, David proposed to start the renewal process earlier next year, closer to the beginning of the year, new member #'s not clear, David will work with Josh to sort our problems with new members, android app for the directory doesn’t work anymore, A to Z is working on it

Item 4) ZTA 19-01 – David attended a meeting with Andrew Friedson, most people were against it, a few were in favor, next hearing is Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>

Item 5) Postal Service Update – Huda spoke to Dan Kelly, the postmaster, agreed to talk to our carrier, Huda spoke to our carrier – he felt that problems were because he had back surgery and there were interim carriers, the postmaster reported that he had spoken to the various carriers. Huda also spoke to the postal inspector – they’ve replaced 17 mailboxes in zip code (?), retrofitted several, and there is a “lip” that keeps people from putting their hand into the mailbox but may not fix the “glue” problem, David has not had any complaints recently, If complaints start happening again, a few ideas for the ECA board to help : 1) conduct a deliberate survey to get a better handle on how many neighbors are affected 2) figure out the routes and map the complaints to the routes

Item 6) Mont. County Civic Federation Membership and Representation – David has sent in our membership check, has not heard anything from them and the check has not been cashed

Item 7) Update on sidewalks and paths – county stayed on schedule, pathways and sidewalks done, quality of work high, the one hiccup – corner of Exeter and Clarendon – the large oak tree there had to be removed, the roots were just under the surface and many big ones were cut, the tree already had signs of damage, the homeowners weren’t happy but did agree that it needed to be done, the county took it down quickly, David and Jeffrey were able to get arborist back out for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, the county offered to plant as many trees as homeowners want, planted sod instead of seed. Do we want to ask the county for lights on the path? We may need to ask

the homeowners how they feel about the lights. David could ask county about our options, trees will be planted in the fall. At that time the ECA can look at donating a bench for the path.

Item 8) October elections – we need to make personal decisions about what we want to do, in Sept, we need to let community know that there will be an election and if anyone wants to run, they can. We have one empty board seat, do we solicit someone to sit temporarily or wait until October? What skill set do we need? Real estate lawyer would be ideal in anticipation of the Sidwell Property being developed. Huda will reach out to a few friends to gauge interest.

Item 9) Odds and Ends – several things need to be discussed, parking spots on Elm Rd., stop signs on Hampden Ln and Fairfax Rd., trimming trees overhanging sidewalks, many others

Meeting Adjourned 9:06pm