



August 24th 2017 Meeting Minutes

We had 9 attendees: Jessica Walker, Joe & May Rivers, Fred Conrad, Don & Janie Baskin, Keith and Nancy Wilcox, Bryan Dell. Bryan Dell & Joe Rivers led the meeting. \$48 in donations collected.

- Bryan summarized backpack event. Talked about the accident where a child had 4 teeth knocked out with a golf club. Emphasized why it's important to have parents to supervise their kids at events like this.
- Members discussed backpack event good and bad.
- Bryan came for 2nd cleanup a week early and did a solo cleanup.
- Bryan arranged for Hillcrest academy to participate in cleanup on scheduled date of Aug 26th. Bryan made arrangements with La Rosas's to supply free pizza to the estimated 25 people from Hillcrest participating in this event.
- Joe discussed the results of hiring neighborhood youth to do a cleanup assisted by Charles Smith. Collected 7 bags of garbage this August session.
- Members discussed future fund raiser for end of 2017.
- Jessica gave update on go fund me page.
- Joe talked about urgent need for SHAG members to attend September Springfield Township meeting to discuss drug problems on Birchridge along with garbage problems at abandoned carwash in strip mall and other locations throughout the neighborhood.
- Joe and members had a discussion about results on issues addressed with Springfield Township employees. Cindy Trumann has done most and has been very helpful. Members felt everyone else was just giving us lip service.
- Joe talked about past cleanup success and future cleanup areas needing attention. Will discuss Frost park problem areas with Mike Gould.
- Bryan stated he will definitely be here for dump your junk on September 23rd and has arranged with Springfield Township to supply dumpsters and removal services for this event.
- Members vented on lack of Springfield Township support for this neighborhood.
- A SHAG member mentioned there are 2 "new guys" running for Township trustees this November.
- Don Baskin, Jessica, Caroline, and Joe Rivers talked about the open drug deals and speeding cars happening throughout the neighborhood. Focus on Birchridge.
- Members vented about trash problems at businesses on Hamilton avenue.
- Fred Conrad went over cleanup this coming Saturday.
- Fred Conrad went over Dump Your Junk details. Caroline stated Springfield Township will pay for dumpsters and pickup.
- Joe mentioned to donate to SHAG.
- Jessica asked Fred Conrad if any progress made on opening a SHAG checking account.