



April 22nd 2019 Meeting Minutes

We had 24 attendees and 3 Guest: Captain Mike Stein - Fire and code enforcement, Mike Gould - Public works and infrastructure, and Aaron Grant - People working Cooperatively.

\$64 Donations collected

- Joe introduced Captain Mike Stein. Captain Stein explains when he gets property maintenance complaints he hands it to an inspector. If inspectors can't deal with it they will turn it over to him and Mike Gould. He also meets with Joe Rivers once a month to go over issues. Usually the forth Monday of the month at noon at the Township administration building on Winton at Compton. If anyone is interested in attending they can contact Joe.
- Captain Stein handed out a map of the township boundary on Sevenhills Dr. and explained what businesses are part of the township and Forest Park.
- Captain Stein talked about some of the violations of the businesses in the Sevenhills/Hamilton Ave area they addressed and results. He then held a Q&A with those who attended the meeting.
- Mike Gould introduced himself. He commented how impressed he was to see so many of us attend the meeting.
- Mike Gould explained the situation of the aging houses in the Township and how many home owners are having trouble financially maintaining their homes that need major repairs. Captain Stein's job becomes difficult in these situations because the last thing they want to happen is have the owner loose their home.
- Mike explained how trash and high grass issues are addressed and how it can become frustrating when they clean up an area and then it's right back to the way it was a few weeks later.
- Captain Stein went over finding solutions to help people who don't have the means to maintain their property.
- Mike Gould went over a program in which the township will have crews do cleanup on Hamilton Ave from Meredith to just North of Sevenhills once a month.
- Mike talked about a meeting setup with Metro Bus this Thursday to talk about the bus pulling off and damaging the grass on Sevenhills. He will report back to us after the meeting. This will be a closed meeting.
- Mike asked for us to report high grass issues to him or Andy Seiter. The process may take up to 4 weeks. They are already addressing grass issues on known vacant houses but may not be aware of new ones from this winter.
- Attendees commented on how well Conrex does on maintaining their rentals in this area.
- Mike and Captain Stein went over how junk cars and vehicles in the grass are handled. They request we report them but the legal process can take up to 8 weeks to get rid of them. All vehicles must be parked on a solid surface. A solid surface includes a pre existing gravel surface. Grass surface is never permitted.
- Aaron Grant introduced himself and thanked Jessica and Joe for inviting him. He is the volunteer program manager for people working cooperatively.
- People working Cooperatively is a non profit construction company. Everything they do is meant to keep Low income, disabled, seniors, and veterans safely in their homes. Most of their work is within the I275 loop. Funding is tied to geography (City, County, State). Key focus is on critical emergency such as heating, plumbing, etc. that would prevent someone from living there. Also have energy conservation program to help insulate and do other thing to reduce energy cost. They have very limited ability to address foundation work. They also have a accessibility program to install ramps and handicap items for the disabled. Must be homeowner to qualify.
- People Working cooperatively depends on volunteers to do cleanups, yard maintenance, painting and other aesthetic work as they rarely have funding for it. He suggest we form a neighborhood group to focus on local volunteer work. Aaron would like to speak with anyone in our group interested in local volunteer. They

have access to tool banks, and reduced prices on building supplies from stores such as Home Depot, Lowes to aid volunteers.

- To see if you qualify for a program there is an online form that can be filled out.
- Aaron did Q&A with attendees.
- Joe gave summary of Spring Dump Your Junk event last week. Joe mentioned a third party who picks up trash at locations and would give us a quote.
- Joe explained what our group does to new attendees at the meeting.
- Everyone attending introduced themselves.
- When Dorothy introduced herself she talked about how they do trash cleanups in their area and suggested getting kids together to help with trash collection. Joe said if she could organize a cleanup he would get together with LaRosa's to supply pizza and SHAG would provide drinks.
- Meeting concluded, reminding everyone next meeting is a week early due to Memorial day.