

Muskegon Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
Woodcliffe Association – COVID-19 Edition
October 8, 2020

Meeting began at 6:05 pm with prayer by Larry Fife.

Silent Observer: Tom Schultz from Silent Observer shared the following:

Silent Observer is overseen by the Chamber of Commerce. It has been in existence for several years. The committee meets bi-monthly with members from all County of Muskegon law enforcement, the Muskegon County prosecutor and others. It is a way for the community to anonymously report a crime and in doing so potentially qualify for a reward. One frequently asked question is “what is the difference between 911 and Silent Observer?” The difference is that 911 is to be called if there is an emergency. If you observe a crime (murder, larceny, etc.) call Silent Observer. It is an anonymous program that you may contact via the website (www.silentobservermuskegon.com), their new app, or by calling (231-72CRIME). The majority of tips are shared via the website. You can also download a video. If your tip leads to a crime being solved and you are eligible for a reward, the payout can be made directly to your bank account.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the July, 2020 meeting were shared and there were no issues regarding those minutes. Edgar Watson moved that the minutes from July be accepted and was second by Celeste Parker.

Treasurer Report:

Yard of the Month, postage, post office box, and website (to name a few) are some of the expenses incurred to successfully manage the Woodcliffe Neighborhood Association. Currently there is \$260.00 in the treasurer account. All funds that are donated to the Association are used for the benefit of the neighborhood only. The Association is still in need of a treasurer.

Bylaws:

No one had issue with the bylaws as written/proposed. Mildred Johnson moved to accept the by-laws as written and Velma Shay second that motion.

Committee Updates:

There were no updates shared by the committee. A question was asked regarding the instruments that were installed at Johnny O. Harris Park (JOHP) on 10/7/20.

The instruments have been brought to the community via Watch Muskegon Play, a two-year collaborative fund drive led by members of Muskegon Rotary and West Michigan Symphony (WMS). A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the arrival of the instruments will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, October 10, 2020. Eight parks in the Muskegon area received the permanently mounted outdoor instruments.

In an effort to help the physically impaired move from Jarman to the pavilion, a walkway was also installed at JOHP. Webb Chemical is paying the cost of the walkway. Quality Tool and Webb Chemical partnered with Friends of JOHP to help make improvements to the park. A celebration is planned for Saturday, October 10, 2020 at JOHP.

Newsletter:

The release of the next newsletter will be postponed until November. Celeste Parker suggested mentioning in the newsletter that the entire neighborhood participate in decorating for the Christmas Holiday and the possibility of having a Christmas parade where neighbors walk through the neighborhood and sing Christmas Carols. This event is not to be competitive but instead foster unity among residents. A meeting is being planned with the Social Events committee to further discuss.

Muskegon Heights Police Chief:

The Police Chief will be leaving and will be missed. He has been instrumental in addressing some neighborhood issues. Chief Thomas will begin his new position on October 12.

Beautification:

There is a desire to expand this effort in 2021 and to have a clear path for walking throughout the community.

Website:

A review of the new Woodcliffe Neighborhood Association website was shared by Larry Fife (woodcliffemh.com) Many accolades to Larry for his creation of the neighborhood website which is a one-stop shop for much of the information related to the community and the City of Muskegon Heights.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm with a prayer by Edgar Watson.