

## Highlands Civic Association (HCA)

- To strengthen the sense of community, responsibility, and livability in the Highlands for all residents.
- To protect, preserve, and further the residential quality of the Highlands area.
- To maintain an open line of communication among the Highlands neighborhood, the Borough of State College, the University community, and other Borough neighborhoods and agencies.
- To facilitate the exchange of information among HCA residents.

### MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

7:00pm

### Zoom Video and Phone Conference

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Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

1. Introductions: Mark Huncik, Eric White, Margaret Sebastianelli, Vinnie Scanlon, Jennifer Stahl, Neil Sullivan, David Stone, Elizabeth Berryman  
Welcome to the Highlands, Elizabeth Berryman, Sigma Chi Fraternity House Mother
2. Annual Dues Collection - \$5 per household (arrange with HCA Treasurer, Vinnie Scanlon, at [mvinnies@icloud.com](mailto:mvinnies@icloud.com)): \$1,329.41 account balance plus addition HCA dues to be posted
3. Neighborhood Yard Sale – Saturday, August 21st (9am-2pm)  
(Rain date Saturday, August 28th):
  - Contacts: Susan Shincovich, Laird Jones
  - Advertisement: Bargain Sheet, Craig's List, Facebook Market Place
  - 23 Highlands residents signed up to participate; map and listing of participants available
  - No cost to join; listing of donation sites provided upon request
  - Yard Sale signage not permitted between the curb and sidewalk or on personal property without resident's consent
4. E Fairmount Park Project Update:
  - More volunteers needed for the twice-a-week watering of new plants
  - Neighbors close to the park have been providing hydration and their help is greatly appreciated
  - Funding is slow in coming leading to delays in completion
  - Basketball court has been removed
  - ADA compliant pathways to be added along with a pavilion and playground equipment

- Project completion is expected by spring 2022

5. Borough Updates:

- The Community Oversight Board (COB), a civilian board overseeing local police, will come to Council for a vote On August 16th
- Enforcement of street and garage parking fees begins September 7
- Lion Bash is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm on Allen Street
- Borough will conduct a needs survey for distribution of funds for small business grants and loans
- County small business loans are available through application
- Reconstitution of the State College Downtown Improvement District will be up for voting by property owners later this year; 60 percent of business owners must agree to the tax in support of reconstitution

6. Other items and discussion:

- Borough will receive 13.2 million dollars from the American Recovery Plan Act; allocation of funds will support capital improvement and economic recovery from COVID
- COVID-19: Masks are now required in the Borough Building and strongly encouraged for all persons in all public buildings; State College Area School District will require masks for all students, faculty and staff
- Annual HCA fall election meeting is uncertain at this time based on COVID issues for indoor group gatherings

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Margaret Sebastianelli, August 2021