

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 neighborhood.
- 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, January 8, 2020

7:00pm

State College Municipal Building, Room 220

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

- 1. Introductions: Mark Huncik, Margaret Sebastianelli, Susan Venegoni, Eric White, Susan Shincovich, Jennifer Stahl, Teresa Lafer, Sharon Herlocher, Rick Ward, Jim Shincovich, James Tierney, Neil Sullivan, Jackie Sobel, Dave Stone**
- 2. Treasurer's Report and Dues Collection: Current balance \$1,103.40; dues are \$5.00 per family**
- 3. E. Fairmount Park Project Update:**
 - The HCA and Borough secured rehabilitation and future development funding through a PA DCNR grant in the amount of \$101,000.
 - A TreeVitalize grant was received earlier Fall 2019.
 - The project and Master Plan includes the construction of a pavilion, pedestrian walkway, parking area, ADA access, landscaping, installation of play equipment and safety surfacing, and other site improvements.

- The project will provide opportunities for neighborhood residents to volunteer time and labor to make this park improvement successful.
- Seven Highlands members will be trained as Tree Tenders whose job it is to train other volunteers in the planting and maintaining of the new landscape
- A meeting will be held in the near future to initiate and coordinate community efforts.

4. Highlands Parking Pilot Discussion with Rick Ward, Borough Parking Manager:

- A Report on the first year of the Highlands Parking Pilot Program will be forwarded to the Transportation Commission for discussion on January 14th.
- The report contains a historical summary of the parking issues in the Highlands neighborhood and the basis and support for the parking pilot proposal.
- The report on the pilot's implementation addresses the successes and challenges of the online permitting system, vehicle data for football weekends for three seasons – 2017, 2018, 2019, parking on lawns, parking availability downtown, cost and revenue from the pilot's first year, pedestrian incidents and automobile accidents.
- The Commission will review the report, make comments regarding the future of the pilot and/or changes to the current model before it goes to Borough Council at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

Minutes Submitted by Margaret Sebastianelli, January 2020