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Crosswoods Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 4, 2024

Meeting began at 6 p.m. at Crosswoods Baptist Church

**Officer Attendees:** Matt Winkler, President; Zeke Walters, Vice-president; Evan Ball, Treasurer; Helena DiBiasie, Secretary; Brenda Winkler, Board member

Matt Winkler reviewed the neighborhood improvements accomplished last year which included; repairs to fencing at the Harrodsburg Road entrance, improvements to all landscaping and planting at all entrances thanks to Brenda Winkler, electrical repairs at some entrances, road sign repair, and enhancement of entrance signs. He apologized that the Fall picnic had to be canceled but this was due to possibly bad weather and a low return of RSVPs. We will plan to have the picnic this year in August. The neighborhood association March Newsletter and a request for 2024 Neighborhood Association fee/dues was sent to all residents. It was emphasized how important the nominal dues are and how vital it is for the association to be able to have the funds for improvements and emergencies. Mr. Winkler indicated that there have been some complaints about broken down equipment in yards which Matt Winkler will address. Please let us know if there is anything else that needs to be addressed. Matt Winkler mentioned that there had been a break-in on Lantern Way and stressed that if anyone notices anything out of the ordinary, they should call Nicholasville police or the Sheriff. Matt Winkler introduced Sheriff Grimes and Deputy Sheriff Purcell.

**Sheriff Grimes** reported that the sheriff's office is at full staff with 31 deputies. He emphasized that cars should be locked and valuables should not be left in cars. There have been neighborhoods that have been hit by traveling gangs looking to steal valuables from unlocked vehicles. He too stressed that if a resident notices anything out of the ordinary to communicate with law enforcement. The county deputies have been outfitted with body cams and this summer we should notice deputy patrols on bicycles in the neighborhood. Speeding in the neighborhood was brought up as an issue and Sheriff Grimes said they have received eight new radar units and since November, 268 traffic tickets were issued in our surrounding area. He was made aware that speeding still occurs on our streets as well as Brannon Road. A question was brought up regarding the increase of traffic potentially in our neighborhood when Brannon Rd. construction begins. Sheriff Grimes indicated that their office will be receiving additional funding for overtime, specifically for identifying speeders and non-seatbelt use. Route 68 is a priority for the office for speeding. Matt Winkler will provide the sheriff's office with particular streets of concern and times when speeding most likely occurs in the subdivision.

An issue was raised about Amazon drivers speeding in the neighborhood. The drivers can be reported on the Amazon website by clicking on customer service and continuing to click on help for something else until the chat option is reached. Drivers can be reported through the chat option.

A question was asked as to who makes the decision on road speed limits and traffic lights. The Department of transportation (state) makes those decisions.

Another question was raised about speed bumps. Sheriff Purcell answered that speed bumps are not permitted on any county roads due to the hazard to snow removal equipment.

Sheriff numbers:

Main office: 859-885-4139 or after-hours dispatch: 859-887-5447

**Assistant Fire Chief Steve Proffitt** was introduced. He indicated that the fire department is responsible for 173 square miles. The closest station to Crosswoods is Station 6 near the Bellerive Plaza. The station is staffed 7 days a week from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm with at least 3 – 4 personnel. After 8:00 pm it is staffed through volunteers. He indicated that the department had a fire board and one of the board members is from our subdivision. The department has received 1300 call this year and 680 were out of our sub-station. The department is looking to invest in our sub-station to provide overnight personnel. The department has also purchased a new boat for river work and rescues. They have begun a Jr. Firefighter program that works with the fire science program of the technical school.

He also discussed open burning. The burn rules are that only natural products (nothing painted or treated) from the resident's property may be burned. The fire department could be notified prior to burning and the resident must have a means to extinguish the fire nearby. Fires must be monitored at all times. Chief Proffitt indicated that the Division of Forestry issues burn bans as does the Jessamine County Judge Executive. He also shared phone numbers for Fire emergencies:

Station 6 (Bellerive): 859-223-FIRE

Main station: 859-885-9221

Dispatch: 859-887-5447

**Killian Timoney KY State Representative 45<sup>th</sup> District** was introduced. Mr. Timoney began by giving out his cell number 859-338-2539 for any issues or questions. Mr. Timoney shared the state transportation budget which showed the construction budget for all projects for 2025 which included the Brannon Road expansion project. He indicated that the plan is still for construction to begin in 2025. Brannon road will be expanded to three lanes, two traffic lanes and a middle turn lane. The intersection of Brannon and Clays Mill roads will become a round about and there are plans to extend Clays Mill Road to Cat Nip Hill Road in the future. The State is still in the process of doing the "right of ways" and utilities for the Brannon Rd. expansion which is expected to be completed by August and they hope to break ground in September or October. Mr. Timoney will research for the plans for our entranceways off Brannon Rd.

The Publix store will be breaking ground at Palamor Fountain shopping center in the next weeks.

A question was asked as to why the tornado sirens did not go off during the most recent F1 tornado that hit Nicholasville. Mr. Timoney indicated that the National Weather Service has to

direct the local authorities and tornado information did not come through until it was too late (after the fact).

A resident brought up that at the end of Woodcrest drive the road is not properly graded for drainage and there is a build up of debris after rain storms. Matt Winkler indicated he will contact local authorities to see how to remedy the situation.

**Future Business:**

- The board will set the date for Spring Yard Sale,
- Spring landscaping and cleanup will begin soon,
- 2024 dues collection has begun
- planning for the August Picnic.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Crosswoods Baptist Church. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helena DiBiasie