

Meeting Minutes – June 2013

Minutes from June 25, 2013 Hiltonia Association Special Meeting

The June 25th meeting was held at the home of Candice Brearley and Jon Saul. There were 30 people in attendance.

First up was a short update from Detective Cynthia Hargis on recent criminal activity in Hiltonia. There were 12 recent burglaries in the west ward and the perpetrators have been apprehended. Also, Hargis confirmed that boarding up houses is the responsibility of the Dept. of Inspections, not the police. Residents may contact Detective Hargis at the West Police District, 660 Artisan St. with any concerns. Detective Hargis recommends email as the best form of contact so that she may forward information to the appropriate party. Below is her contact information again:

chargis@trentonpolice.net Desk- 609-815-2507 Cell- 609-594-7411

Next up was a presentation from Stephanie Cherry-Farmer, Senior Programs Director at [Preservation New Jersey](#) regarding possibilities of adding Hiltonia to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. Very simply put, if Hiltonia receives the designation the NJ Register law protects the neighborhood against undertakings by the city, county or state. Farmer confirmed that Hiltonia is technically a historic neighborhood. However there is an enormous amount of work involved to submit proper applications and compile research. Candice Brearley has generously volunteered to take on this project. Because of the volume of information presented, below are links to the documents Stephanie discussed:

[The New Jersey & National Registers of Historic Places vs Local Historical Designation](#)

[New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places](#)

[National Register of Historic Places Program: Fundamentals](#)

[Preliminary Application and Questionnaire](#)

Maria Spillmann presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association account balance was \$2,688.01, and we still have a CD worth \$4,764.38.

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Regarding Committee Reports: There are now 131 Association members. We are still looking for a Membership Chair. The following Chairs are now filled:

- Hospitality- Elise Mannella • Publicity/Media Chair- Karen Lagerquist

We are actively seeking to donate to worthy projects. Please contact Brian Viehland with suggestions.

We still need volunteers to pass out the Hilltone, and are especially looking for content for the publication. Contact Brian if you'd like to contribute something.

Candice Brearley and Jon Saul will hold the 2013 Garden Party on July 13 at 128 Buckingham. Thank you Candice and Jon!

Other upcoming events:

- July 20- Delaware River tubing. Sign up with Susan Robinson ASAP.
- July 26- Possibly another bowling night
- The August National Night Out was briefly discussed, with a possible location on the 100 block of Kensington.

The next house tour is tentatively scheduled for May 2014. We would like 12-15 houses and are asking now for folks to keep it in mind. Elise Mannella offered to be the contact point for the next House Tour. The last one was so successful it added much needed funds to our association finances, so please consider your house for the next tour.

Regarding the new Hiltonia sign, Candice suggested a fundraiser.

The Association Constitution- it was decided that members can vote by proxy, so for example one household member can also cast a vote for another household member. We are aiming to have the Constitution changes finalized for a vote at the September meeting.

A Neighborhood Watch was brought up, volunteers needed. It was suggested that folks could coordinate with each other to walk areas at various times to cover the neighborhood and look for things that are different (broken windows, etc.) For the watch to work properly, captains are needed, and then we will be able to work with the police to get Neighborhood Watch signs.

The meeting was adjourned.