

Historic Hudson Community Association

April 9, 2015, GMP Hall

<http://hhcaohio.com>

The regular meeting convened at 7 PM and Sherry Cass, President, presided over the meeting. Members present were Mindy Nelson, Rod Nelson, Connie Rutter, Joe Kennedy, Jose Cabral, Jim Amore, Bobbi Meldahl, Bob Meldahl, Jerry Mercer, Richard Lott, Bob Evans, Patrick Kelley, Barbara Kelley, and Carol Floyd.

Scholarship Committee

Bob Meldahl announced the Scholarship Committee's recommendation to award the HHCA's *Joe Kennedy Scholarship Fund* to Ms. Shawna Vermillion, C-Tec, Newark, OH. Ms. Vermillion will attend Otterbein University in autumn 2015 and plans to major in Nursing.

Motion: HHCA shall approve the committee's recommendation and declare Shawna Vermillion the 2015 recipient of the Joe Kennedy Scholarship Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Kennedy and Ms. Vermillion would arrive at 7:30 and a formal presentation would follow then.

Guest Speaker

Sherry Cass introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Jim Amore, Helmicks Exterminating Co., 1172 Mt. Vernon Rd., Newark, OH. [http://www.helmicks.com/](http://www.helmicks.com) His talk focused on basic steps one can take to prevent bugs and varmin from getting into houses. These include such precautions as not mulching up against the house, allowing for walking space between houses and vegetation, checking screens, vents, siding, and chimneys stacks for cracks that could allow access into homes.

Peat gravel against the house is a good choice for keeping insects away, especially at this time when termites are "swarming." Terminix is an effective, professional spray for termites and should be applied to the whole house, not just hot spots, staying active for some 15 years.

Other pest bugs in central Ohio includes bed bugs. These spread easily, since persons can be carriers. Once inside homes, professional help from a licensed unit should be sought. Other pests includes Asian beetles and stink bugs. They winter inside homes and are now seeking to exit houses. Most over the counter insecticides require direct contact to be effective, though their repellent composition keeps bugs away from them.

2015 Joe Kennedy Scholarship Fund

Bob Meldahl declared Ms. Shawna Vermillion the winner of the 2015 HHCA *Joe Kennedy Scholarship Fund*. Bob cited the letters of support which spoke very strongly about Ms. Vermillion's dedication to her studies and strong school record. He also interviewed Ms. Vermillion and found her to be an outstanding and polite young student. He then introduced Joe Kennedy, who then stated he was very proud to have the scholarship awarded to Ms. Vermillion. She thanked the Committee and HHCA for the award which will go directly to Otterbein University.

Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance stands at \$3186.39. This includes the previous budget along with \$30.00 from membership dues.

Old Business

The association finalized plans for various events.

1. Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up Sunday, April 19: Participants were asked to come to Sherry Cass's house at 2 PM. Gloves and trash bags would be provided, while collected trash is usually placed in private trash bins.
2. Spring Yard Sale, Saturday, May 2
3. E-recycling, Saturday, May 2, on Oakwood Ave, is available through a local organization. Anything with a circuit board is welcomed. Contact Jim Amore for more details
4. Plant Sale, Saturday, May 2, at 473 Hudson Ave, hosted by Master Gardeners.

Carol Floyd stated that there was no update regarding tree trimming around lamp posts on Hudson Ave.

Joe Kennedy had no updates on fundraising activities, like paving stones or street lamp dedications.

Committee Reports

The Beautification Committee chair announced that the slide in the North Street Park had been removed, while the hillside was cleared of debris. A crew is needed to clean the playground with a wire brush to get it ready for painting by high school student volunteers. Richard also announced that we could take advantage of a \$20,000.00 grant offered by Kokosing Construction Co. However, a group would have to put together a video proposal about our vision for the park.

New Business

Richard Lott announced that he has taken a job as city planner in Lawrence, OH that starts on May 11. Sandra Lott has had her job transferred there, and the family anticipates moving very shortly. He stated he wishes to continue to work on behalf of the North Street Park.

We will need to appoint a new Vice-President of HHCA to replace Sandra Lott. She will shortly depart for Lawrence, OH.

HHCA will reserve a venue for the next Chicken Noodle Dinner.

Announcements

The new service line 2-1-1, Crisis/Hotline and Information Center of Pathways of Central Ohio, is available. It will be addressed by our next speaker.

A new disposal service is available through Adkins Disposal Service, 57 S. 3 St, Newark, OH. It was stated that they can use alleys to pick-up trash.