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Hello and thank you for taking the time to read the minutes from our latest association meeting. Herein is information on our Berkshire Hills neighborhood, events scheduled and ideas and plans for the future.

BHCA is a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization composed of dues-paying members from our Berkshire Hills neighborhood. Its purpose is to care for our park (Kiehn Park), to promote community awareness, and to plan and coordinate neighborhood events. We welcome ideas and input to improve our neighborhood. Feel free to contact any of the following board members with any ideas or interest you may have for our development.

**Your all volunteer board members are:**

- Art Carr-President
- Mike Faust- Secretary
- Paul Olinick- Board Member
- Dale Flor- Board Member
- Josh Howard- Board Member
- Larry Cutright- Vice President
- Joe Rizzo- Treasurer

BHCA is not an HOA. Membership is strictly voluntary and is just \$30 annually, normally collected late spring but accepted throughout the year. Again, your membership is optional but encouraged to benefit us all by providing a nicer place to live and a way to get to know and interact with your neighbors. Our dues go towards maintaining Kiehn Park expenses such as lighting, insurance, mowing and maintaining the park and picnic pavilion. As a member, you'll be on our mailing list to stay current with upcoming events and again contribute to the betterment of our community.

On Thursday, October 13, 2022 the board convened and are planning the following:

As many of you have been informed, we have scheduled the Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Kiehn Park. The party will include pumpkin decorating, a costume contest with cash prizes, snacks and an outdoor movie: *Hocus Pocus*. Please RSVP at 724-244-2062.

Closer to the Christmas holiday we are planning Santa's mailbox and a visit from Santa with treats for the kids. More information is forthcoming.

We are currently compiling a list of services with contact information from neighborhood residents:

Interior house cleaning- Colden Cleaning- Brayden Zell and Colby Estep @ 717-461-2216

Baby sitting- MacKenzie @ 717-961-9140 and Nicollette Guzick @717-439-8863

Welding- Kirby Richard @ 843-810-3711

Computer troubleshooting- Daniel Cutright @717-805-8387

Automotive and mechanical work- Dan Ney @717-448-7743

Handyman- Arik Volgt @ 717-880-3610

Electrician-Josh Faulkner @ 717-275-2112

Let's add to the list, which may include house sitting, mowing grass and landscaping, pet walking, snow shoveling, etc. Please contact a board member with any services you can provide, and thank you.

Through recent weeks we have given the park pavilion and grounds a facelift. Improvements to the park included trimming and removing fallen tree branches, clearing of brush, grass cutting, replacing the door and paneling on the rear side of the building, enhanced lighting and electrical outlets, and painting. A special thanks go out to those who volunteered their time and effort: Jay Stout, Larry Cutright, Paul Olinick, Mike Faust, Art Carr, Mary Carr, Dale Flor, Josh Howard, and Sue Rizzo.

A special thanks goes out to Joe Rizzo for maintaining the finances through the lean years of the association. With his efforts we are in decent financial shape. Maintaining the park is obviously the biggest expense and that includes mowing grass, insurance, lighting and the costs for park activities. With the collection of dues we will continue to provide an attractive venue for our community activities.

Voluntary dues are just \$30 a year. For those who have contributed more that is very much appreciated. In the spring we will be asking for dues and we appreciate your contribution.

Future business being discussed with further information forthcoming:

- Establishing a tool loaner club- Members willing to loan out tools to their neighbors. Neighbors helping neighbors rather than a one-time buying of a tool you may use once in ten years.
- Securing a discount membership with the Naylor Observatory in Lewisberry for anyone interested in star gazing. Use of their on-site large telescopes to scope the night skies and loaner telescopes that you can sign out for use at home.
- Developing ideas on fund raising efforts. The collection of dues maintain the park but beyond that raising extra funds will expand activities for our development
- The purchase of an attractive sign, "Welcome to Berkshire Hills," with the location to be determined.
- We are looking the strike a deal with a local nursery for a discount on our landscaping needs.

Our association has been somewhat reborn and the board is anxious to serve and provide for the neighborhood. We are always open to any suggestions on items discussed herein or any other ideas you may have to improve our neighborhood. Please feel free to contact a board member with any idea or concern you may have. Thank you for your time and membership.