

Present: Rebecca Cox, Lendell Ervin, Peter Gitman, Lisa Goodpaster (secretary), JP Hall (president), Jake Hendershot, Nancy Jones, Marisela Lujan, Chris & Tony Mahon, Jennifer Marlow, Brad Marshall, Joe & Joyce Nial, Brad Polk (vice president), Dan Ridenour.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Minutes: The minutes from the August 27, 2019 meeting were presented. After review, President Hall called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded. All voted in favor. Minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: There being no revenue or expense activity, there is no treasurer's report. President Hall announced that Rachel Hunt moved out of Halteman. This opened up a vacancy in the position of treasurer. As per the HVNA bylaws, when a board vacancy occurs, the Board may fill any vacancy on the Board or committees by majority vote of the Board. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term and until his or her successor is elected or appointed. He asked if anyone was interested, or knew of anyone, in filling the position on an interim basis please contact him or any of the current board members. We will appoint a replacement during the October meeting.
3. Mitchell School: The Mitchell Early Childhood Education and Family Center held an open house in August. It was a very positive and well-attended event. President Hall reported that he had a conversation with the center director regarding use of the playground equipment. To preserve the safety of the children attending the center, the area in front is not available for public use. He addressed the issue of parking by BSU/YMCA students/staff, and was told the Ball State students working onsite are to be taking the shuttle bus to the Shideler apartment lot and walking northward on the path. Also discussed was the possibility of using the facility for neighborhood association meetings, if/when the need should arise—perhaps for larger facilitation meetings regarding pool/park site improvements.
4. Halteman Park: JP Hall reported the board's plans to hold a facilitation/planning meeting to discuss future plans for the former pool/park property. We need to capitalize on what Ball State can bring to the table and vice versa. We will bring a facilitator in to conduct several planning sessions to gather ideas before putting a plan in place, which is a necessary step before seeking grant funding. We will be advertising these meetings; however, we need neighbors to help spread the word. Canvassing the neighborhood will require more than just a few people, and we'll be seeking volunteers to assist with this effort.

As reported a few months back, the HVNA board members had met with Parks Superintendent Harvey Wright, outlining a plan for some immediate improvements to the Halteman Park to be completed by August 15, 2019. These improvements included resurfacing the basketball court, resurfacing and converting the tennis courts into pickleball courts, replacing the playground equipment with newer (used) equipment in storage, reinstalling a volleyball court area, routine mowing and weeding, a new city park sign, and eventually working on some security/safety improvements to the vacant pool property. The issue now is that Harvey Wright has since taken a job with the Muncie Sanitary District. We don't know where things will stand until a new park

superintendent is appointed; however, as it looks now things seem to be at a standstill once again. This is disappointing, as we were hoping to have some things accomplished yet this summer for the neighborhood children. We might wait until the new administration comes into office and re-engage with the city to move forward once again.

Discussion turned to planning a large meeting after the first of the year to focus on long-term redevelopment plans for the park/pool property. We have about a dozen or more terrific design ideas put forth by the BSU urban planning/landscape design group last spring. Brad Marshall recommended we focus on doing this at our February 25, 2020 meeting, where we could invite the new mayor, parks department superintendent, and other key players who would be helpful in collaborating on this type of a project. We will have to promote this heavily, to encourage as much participation as possible.

5. Neighborhood Speed Limits: The issue of speeding was again discussed. Serious concerns have been raised about the safety of pedestrians/residents (especially children playing), as cars have been seen driving at speeds greatly exceeding posted speed limits. Ideas brought forth included increased police patrols, reducing the speed limit within the neighborhood boundaries, flashing speed monitors, as well as installing speed bumps. Jake Hendershot said although he thought more signs wouldn't hurt, he didn't feel that it would be much of a benefit unless there was increased police presence as well. Councilman Ridenour spoke, stating the city needs to be more proactive instead of reactive regarding issues such as this. There are police reserves who are required to commit a certain quota of hours each month to stay on the reserve squad. These officers could be used to do more patrols, as it would not be an increase in the police department's payroll budget. This will be explored in more depth in the coming months, possibly after the first of the year when a new mayor is in office.
6. New Business: Regarding new business, the issue of frequent power outages was discussed. Although some incidents are out of our control, it seems this area has an unusually high number of outages during the course of a given month or year. Someone from the neighborhood had been keeping track and posted on social media that we've reportedly had more than a few dozen outages in the last few months. One neighbor reported a loss of a new furnace that was being installed when an outage occurred. Although complaints have been made to the power company, little is being done. Neighbors are frustrated and upset. Someone spoke up, stating there have been helicopters flying overhead this summer as AEP/I&M have been inspecting the lines in the area. Hopefully this is indicative that some improvements will occur in the near future. Councilman Ridenour said he'd speak with someone from AEP/I&M representing our area to see what could be done.
7. Next Meeting: Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Same place, same time. It was decided that due to Thanksgiving falling the last week of November this year, we will move our November meeting up to November 19. We will not have a meeting in December. Our first meeting of the new year will be held a week earlier, on January 22, 2020, to allow ample time to plan for our February 25 meeting, as discussed previously. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

—Respectfully submitted by Lisa Goodpaster, secretary (rev. 11/4/19 to include all attendees)