**LAKE SHORES CIVIC LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: September 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Shelton Park Elementary School. - Refreshments were served. Eighteen neighbors signed in. Three members of Shelton Park Elementary School PTA signed in. Date & time of our next General Meeting is November 20, 2019

**Our Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to bring together for mutual benefit, those persons who are interested in civic betterment of any kind. It shall be operated along democratic lines, having no political affiliation, and being non-sectarian in the matter of religion

**Opening**

President Jim opened the meeting then invited Mr. Frank Pogue to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Pogue then delighted us with a joke then shared the story of his ship the USS Perry (DMS-17). The Perry stuck a mine & sank on September 14, 1944.

President Jim introduces our guest speaker, MPO David Nieves, Crime Prevention Officer for our Third Precinct.

Before our meeting, MPO Nieves was in training in Newport News.

Crime statistics are well covered by Trustee/Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Rick.

Rick reports crime to MPO Nieves.

In answer to the question re: scooters, MPO Nieves reports scooters are not allowed at the Oceanfront in the area between the Ocean & Artic Avenue.

Scooters are not permitted in areas with speed limits over 25 mph, because their max speed is 17 mph.

Residents have considered scooters as abandoned property then thrown into lakes.

Scooters have a GPS chip.

Helmets are required as for bicycle riding.

Scooters must not impede traffic.

In answer to a question re: drag racing on public streets, MPO Nieves reports racers employ cell phones to give the all clear.

In answer to the question re: “Wi Cam” = contact the City of Virginia Beach for an application to allow the Police to view footage.

Virginia Beach is not yet in partnership with Ring.

Ring & NextDoor are good coverage.

Video from Cams in neighbors’ property can be viewed to investigate crime on nearby property.

Neighbor reports trespassers using her yard as a dump & as a rest stop.

President Jim advises to call the Police non-emergency number as a record.

MPO Nieves advises residents to open the door then speak as if another person or persons are in the house.

Not answering the door may lead to break in.

Also, keep keys away from anyone working in the home.

Wax impressions can be made.

The impression of a key on skin can last ten minutes.

Always check windows to ensure they are locked after workers are in the home.

Workers may unlock windows.

When scheduling appointments, never volunteer working hours, time away from home.

Schedule to a specific time without providing a reason.

Burglaries occur most often in the daytime.

Susan Ryan, SPES PTA Treasurer invited us to visit Shelton Park PTA Facebook page.

PTA meetings are held each month, the first Thursday at 6:00 pm in the library - all are welcome!!   
PTA Membership is only $6.00!

[ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sheltonparkpta/> ]

A session on “App Safety” will be offered.

The PTA seeks volunteers for childcare during the session – coloring, board games, etc.

Neighbors are invited to sponsor a PTA family this year.

The shoe tags were very popular.

100 per cent of staff at Shelton Park are PTA Members.

STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] Night is on October 16.

Trunk or Treat is on October 25 – in the bus lot or indoors depending on the weather.

President Jim reports five judges from Lake Shore Civic League participated last year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

Secretary Jeanne Marie reads the minutes.

The motion was made to approve the minutes & seconded.

All are in favor.

None oppose.

Motion carries

**Treasurer’s Report**

May

04/30/19 Beginning Balance $1254.82

Deposits +0.00

Ending Balance 1254.82

PTA Fun Run Ck #1069 - 85.00

BHS PTSA Ck #1070 -50.00

05/31/19 Ending Balance $1119.82

June

05/31/19 Beginning Balance $1119.82

Deposit -Yard Sale Dues +83.00

$1202.82

CCCO Dues Ck # 1068 -25.00

06/30/19 Ending Balance $1177.82

July

06/30/19 Beginning Balance $1177.82

Deposits +0.00

07/31/19 Ending Balance $1177.82

Treasurer Mary reads the report, report is approved.

The motion was made to approve the report & seconded.

All are in favor.

None oppose.

Motion carries

President Jim reports the Trustees’ Audit was in August – all is in order.

**Neighborhood Watch/Crime Report**

Trustee & Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Rick reports a burglary on Horseshoe Bend.

An ATV was stolen, shed broken into & destruction of property at the same address on North Lake.

In the neighborhood, two cars were broken into – not a larceny as the cars were unlocked.

All else is quiet.

Line of sight - Rick reports a work order to cut underbrush & remove a tree at Shelton & Independence.

Clearance completed three weeks ago, line of sight clear, done in six hours.

Maintenance through the Meadow Management Program.

The City not allowed to trim vegetation Smith Farm & Independence.

Recommend we visit the site as neighbors.

**Adopt a Street**

We will meet on Saturday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pump House on Jack Frost.

**Halloween**

President Jim asked Tina to send a request for funding to himself so the Board can evaluate/vote

on the amount.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**National Night Out**

President Jim thanks Rick for coordinating National Night Out, inviting McGruff the Crime Dog.

**Fun Run in May 2019**

Shoe tags are of thin metal which can clip to a backpack.

Students also can earn tags for good grades.

Student compete to earn more tags.

**Dominion Energy Update**

Team Fishel is in Lake Shores.

Letters were sent to owners of rental property.

Underground service is no cost to customers due to charge rider on our power bills beginning

15 years ago for Strategic Underground Replacement.

Easement is needed only for equipment on property outside the 15-foot City-owned zone.

Verizon could be moved.

Any questions re: Strategic Underground, contact President Jim as he is in contact with Team Fishel.

Dominion Energy & Team Fishel have done a very thorough job.

Thirty-one of 389 easements are approved.

With Underground – beautification & secure power.

Directional boring will not damage property.

Electrical grids in Lake Shores are on our website.

**Speakers**

All are invited to recommend speakers.

Perhaps invite the Recycling Coordinator or Parks & Rec, new Council members.

**Signs**

Signs at the entranceways to Lake Shores “have taken a beating” due to normal wear & tear.

Cost estimate is $1200 to replace, more research is needed.

We also need new meeting signs – keeping the frames.

President Jim thanks Second VP Dave & Treasurer Mary for re-lettering the signs.

In the past Lake Shores held a specific fundraiser to replace our signs.

The motion was made to approve replacing the signs via contributions.

All are in favor.

None oppose.

Motion carries

**Elections**

Trustees are the committee; elections begin in January 2020.

Let Trustees know of nominees for office.

**Neighborhood**

Neighbor reports holes dug around the power poles in his yard.

Recommend calling Dominion Energy.

Dominion poles have metal tags with letters & numbers.

Neighbor Tina announces “Creepy Cove Carnival.”

All are invited to sign-up to donate candy & as actors, creepy characters.

The motion was made to adjourn & seconded.

All are in favor.

None oppose.

Motion carries

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeanne Marie Macdonald*

Secretary