

# Shenandoah Civic Club Minutes

January 11, 2022

- **Call to order**

- The meeting was called to order by Presiding officer Debbie Pilcher at 6 pm

- **Roll Call**

- **Voting Members Present:** Pam Sorich, Norma McGee, Charron Cales, Sharon Siri, Tami Webb
- **New Member:** Page Allen
- **Secretary:** Wendy Bradt
- **City Councilman:** Charlie Bradt
- **Presiding Officer:** Debbie Pilcher

- **Approve minutes from November 2021 meeting**

- Motion: Councilman Charlie Bradt
- Second: Tami Webb
- Motion passes unanimously

- **Chair Reports**

- Decorated Yard of the Month (December)
  - We had 2 winners for the Best Decorated Yard of the Month for December.
    - Our First winner: 28914 Pine Hill is the home of Teresa Van Eysinga & Greg Kurtz
    - Our second winner: 523 Rosewood Dr. is the home of Richard & Franci Roberts

- **Old Business**

- LOTA Update

- Lighting of the Angels was a great success. We had a great turnout this year. People are starting to come back to our events and Christmas time is a great time to gather to celebrate.
  - We had a lot of activities for the children and adults to enjoy such as the snow slide, pony carousel, camel rides, letters to Santa, children's craft, green screen pictures which was different this year. Pictures taken and made available through a link to download. We also had the mechanical bull which was a replacement for the mechanical reindeer. Grinch, always a popular character visited along with Belle and Cinderella. We had an elf juggler and our regular walking magician that kept the crowd entertained. Making a second appearance was our colorful angel on stilts. The petting zoo returned. DJ Gordy provided our music entertainment. Shenandoah PD delivered Santa for traditional pictures
  - Refreshments included cider, cocoa, & coffee. We also served cookies, chips, and a box of popcorn to have while they enjoyed the festivities of the evening.
  - Next year's event will be our 25th anniversary. So we will be planning a special time for all to enjoy.
- Luminary Update
  - We had a low turnout this year with the workday. It was a chilly and cloudy day so it could have been a deterrent.
  - Charley Ballmer was in charge of this event. With the few people that came out we did bag sand for the 5 entrances to the city and some residents came to pick up their own supplies that day also.
  - Donuts, hot coffee and cocoa were on hand for the residents to enjoy.
  - We had a few areas around the City that did have luminaries around on Christmas Eve. With assistance from other residents to help put them out. Our entrances were also lit beautifully.
- New Business
  - Arbor Day

- Wendy Bradt is Chair for this event along with Norma McGee for the Civic Club portion of this event. The City is in charge of the main portion.
  - We do plant exchanges where residents bring plants to exchange. We will also have a supply of milkweed that residents can pick up.
  - Members of the Woodlands Garden Club, Forest Service and other vendors will on hand to supply residents with assistance with planting their spring gardens.
  - The children's craft is a little craft item for the children to make related to Arbor Day. New Civic Club member Page Allen has offered to assist with this portion.
  - The Arbor Day event will be March 5 from 9 am to noon at the Public Works bay at the City Complex.
- Garage Sale for March
  - We have decided to go ahead with the Spring Garage sale.
  - Registration sign-ups will be handled by Civic Club Secretary Wendy Bradt.
  - Directional signs will be placed around the city to guide people to where a sale is being held. Signs will be placed before the event starts and picked up near the end of the event.
  - Those who are unable to hold a sale where they live due to HOA or other reasons will be able to use the Pool parking lot.
  - The Garage sale will take place Saturday March 19, from 8 am to 1 pm.
- SHPD Citizens Academy
  - Sgt. Joel Gordon gave us an update on the Citizens Police Academy. He explained how to sign up for the classes that will take place throughout February and March on Thursday nights. This is designed to let residents see how the SHPD works and dispel any myths that people may have.
- Possible format change for Easter Egg hunt

- We have been spending a fair amount of money on pre-filled Easter eggs with a toy and a sticker and getting empty ones to fill with a piece of candy for the hunt.
  - From discussion with park services and other agencies that hold Easter egg hunts we are going to try a different approach for this year's event.
  - We will purchase empty eggs for the hunt and scatter around the hunt area and the children can collect them and bring them to Civic Club member and turn them in for a special Easter basket that will be filled with special items like our Easter goodies we hand out, Easter candy, a ball or other appropriate items.
- Police Brief
    - Sgt. Joel Gordon gave us updates on happenings around the city that the police department has been dealing with and answered any questions we might have had.
  - Next Meeting
    - The next meeting will take place February 8 at 6 pm
  - Adjourn
    - Motion: Councilman Charlie Bradt
    - Second: Norma McGee
    - Meeting adjourned at 7 pm

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**Wendy Bradt: Civic Club Secretary**

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**Date Approved**