

**BWNA May Board Meeting**

**1/23/25**

**6:30 pm at The Sallee's**

**Timer: Karen Brown**

**Members Present:** K. Stamper, D. McCormick, S. McCormick, J. Sallee, R. Sallee, S. Sallee, D. Delaney, D. Delaney, L. Nichols, K. Carter, K. Brown, E. Best, A. Shaw

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest:** Sarah Ritter

**Welcome and Introductions:** (Scott McCormick) 1 min. – Scott provided an overview of the BWNA for guest, Ms. Sarah Ritter. He discussed the board, the various activities held throughout the year and the neighborhood participation. It was noted that one of the goals of the organization is to build community.

**Guest Speaker: Sarah Ritter Legislative Aide for Emma Curtis - 4th District Councilmember**

Sarah provided her contact information to the Board. She provided an update on the Wilson Downing sidewalk project. It is currently paused due to the weather, but they hope to be done by the end of February. There was a question regarding the status of the tennis courts renovation for Belleau Wood Park. Sarah is going to look into it and let us know what she finds out. The neighborhood would like for the courts to be functional for both tennis and pickleball.

Sarah noted that Emma Curtis is serving on the Traffic taskforce for the city. They are currently having meetings to focus on traffic issues. There was an inquiry about the possibility of new street paving for the neighborhood in 2025. Sarah will follow up on this and let us know.

Sarah inquired about any Neighborhood Development Funds received. She stated there are additional funds available. Discussed the difficulty of street scraping for snow. Hope to improve that. Discussions about the various streets. Sarah noted that Emma Curtis does plan on creating a monthly Update Newsletter to send out for the neighbors consistent with the former council member. Per Sarah, a request has been submitted for the City to clean up the hill behind the Tates Creek Center. There was discussion about the neighborhood Facebook page and the different items that are posted on it. Sarah and Emma were invited to join the Facebook page. They were also invited to the Food Trucks during the summer.

**New Business:**

**Yard of the Month: (Karla Carter)** 3 min.

Karla Carter has volunteered to take over the yard of the month for 2025. Debbie and Emily will update Karla on procedures.

**Update and review of grant \$ and process for entrance sign:** (Scott McCormick) 5 min.

Scott is currently waiting to get a call back from Doug Burton, Director of Engineering for the City of Lexington. He hopes to get an update on the status of the project and timetable for roundabout.

**Discussion and Approval of Minutes from September meeting:** (Scott McCormick) 2 min.

Approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: Scott McCormick

2nd: Ron Sallee

**Treasurer Report** (Ron Sallee) Balance at 1/23/25 is \$13,540.50. \$8,674 was received from the City for the Neighborhood Development Funds.

Motion: Alberta Shaw

2nd: Emily Best

**Membership Report** (Jan Sallee) 1 min.

We currently have 132 members.

**Old Business:**

**Veterans Day: Laurie Nichols** 2 min.

Signs were placed in 14 yards for veterans living in the neighborhood on Veterans' Day. New signs were purchased, and they were well received.

**Belleau Wood Tax update** (Ron Sallee): 3 min.

The previous tax preparer for the BWNA tax return has retired. Various board members will inquire about other potential preparers.

## **New Business:**

### **Neighborhood Cleanup: (Susan Sallee) 5 min**

There was discussion on the timing of the neighborhood cleanup. It was scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. It will be advertised as a Neighborhood/Creek cleanup. Pizza will be provided and also t-shirts for the first so many participants. Susan will touch base with Brian Radcliffe to see if we can get any additional city volunteers.

### **Information about CD for \$ in account from City: (Ron Sallee) 5 min.**

The decision will be made after Scott talks with Doug Burton from the City regarding the timing of the roundabout.

Motion made upon response from Doug.

Make a motion to put \$8,700 in a certificate of deposit.

Ron Sallee made the motion.

Second – Scott McCormick

### **Yard Sale: (Emily Best) 3 min.**

There was discussion regarding the timing of the neighborhood yard sale. It was decided to have it on April 26<sup>th</sup>, the same date scheduled for the Waterford neighborhood yard sale. Also, will plan to have one in the fall on October 11<sup>th</sup>, on the same date as Waterford as well.

### **Family Fun Night: (Susan Sallee) 5 min.**

There was discussion on ideas for the Family Fun Night. It was decided to have a “What the Foam” party. The fees are \$349/hour for Fri-Sun and \$299/hour for M-TH. The company will provide the foam and play music. Will plan for it to be inside the tennis courts. We will need to provide a spicket and electricity. Susan will look into getting an outdoor speaker for music with grant money. It is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain date for July 26<sup>th</sup>. Susan plans to schedule food trucks at the park starting at 5pm and then schedule the Foam Party from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Debbie, Laurie and Daniel and Denise Delany will plan on working on the balloon arch. Jan will set up a membership table. Scott or Ron will provide a generator. Will also bring horseshoes and/or cornhole. Laurie will plan on bringing sidewalk chalk.

**Sayre Christian Village Updates:** Emily has agreed to be our Belleau Wood contact. Thanks Emily!  
Emily has made some contacts at Sayre. She will look into possibly doing a joint food truck with them.

**Food truck schedule:** (Susan Sallee) 5 min.

Susan will begin scheduling food trucks starting in April. There was discussion on timing and frequency. It was decided to have them at least twice a month. Will try to schedule them mostly on Fridays and Saturdays. Most of the food truck set their own times. Susan will check with the City on sponsoring a food truck and what that means.

**Ice Cream Social with Mr. Softee:** (Susan Sallee) 2 min.

It was decided to have an Ice Cream Social on June 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Grant funds may be able to be used for the Ice Cream Social. Will plan to use it as the membership drive kickoff. The balloon committee will work on an arch for this as well.

**Belleau Wood Signage update:** (Susan Sallee) 3 min.

The sign (tube) at the park holding the membership applications has been damaged due to snow and weather. Susan recommended replacing it with a nice wooden post with a mailbox and locate it near the Little Library. Scott will work on putting up the post and mailbox. Motion made by Susan to purchase a wooden post along with mailbox for the applications for a price not to exceed \$200.

2nd: Karen Brown

**Website concerns/improvements:** (Susan Sallee) 1 min.

Nothing noted.

**Belleau Wood Park Improvements:** (Karen Brown) 5 min.

Karen has agreed to be the contact for Belleau Wood Park-Thanks Karen!

She will follow up on the tennis courts, trees behind the cell tower and the butterfly garden area. Susan noted there are different funds available for the various flower gardens

**Belleau Wood Beautification Committee update:** (Scott McCormick) 10 min.

There was discussion about the plan for the front entrance area and also the area around the park entrance sign. For the front entrance, the Wilson Downing sidewalk project is scheduled to be done by March. Scott and Ron will talk to Quintin Wingate and ask him to freshen up the area around the entrance sign. The decision was made to not have annuals planted around the entrance sign this year due to watering issues. There are also trees missing along Pebble Creek as well as one tree that needs to be removed. Ron and Scott will make contact with the City to see what trees will be available this Spring. Will ask Quintin to work on the area around the park entrance sign as well. The irises need to be removed, and the area needs to be spruced up.

## Next meeting

Next board meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at the park 6:30. If there are weather issues, Ron and Jan Sallee will host at their home.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm.