

Meeting called to order at 7:02

### **Issues for City Reps:**

- Neighbor suggested that a speed bump be placed by Norwood and Ashdale. Many adults on the 300-block speed through here picking up their children at the park.
  - o This led to a discussion on the good vs bad speed bumps. Good: Stafford, Bad: Hickock.
  - o Speed bump costs 15k
  - o Could Milder get a speed bump? No, it is an emergency route.
  - o Police officer said they could do speed enforcement in that area instead

### **Sidewalks**

- There is no official "list" regarding what streets are next, but Forest Hill Drive will begin in 2023.
  - o Plymouth neighbor mentioned that the new sidewalks are incredible and that Ballard Construction has done a wonderful job.
- What is the plan for the holes left by trees that were removed though?
  - o Jimmy Monto will find out, but believes that those were left as the arborist plans to replace those spots with new trees. Fall is his big planting time.

### **Basketball Court at Huntington**

- What is the timeline? Unknown
  - o 3x3 basketball, open dusk to dawn.
  - o A neighbor who lives behind the park expressed his disappointment as he expects it to be loud and will get out of hand. Is not excited about the park improvements. Jimmy and police said they will monitor the activity.

### **Trash Cans**

- Those who have new trash cans are very happy. Others will receive their trash cans next.
- Some folks without the new can are worried it will not be big enough.
  - o Neighbors suggested stomping on your trash, producing less trash, composing, joining with a neighbor (share their less empty bin), taking it to the dump.
- Recycling bins will follow in 2024.

### **Special Projects**

- Huntington PTO would like to repaint the yellow paw in front of the school. How can they do this?
  - o Common Councilor, Jimmy Monto, suggested they apply for TNT funding.

- Apply in January?
  - o \$11,750 per sector is expected

### **Upcoming beautification events:**

- Sheridan Park, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>
- Sunnycrest Park by butterfly garden, October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - o Exact times to follow

### **Landbank**

- 2 properties recently renovated and sold to new owner occupants
- 296 Norwood is for sale

### **SPD Info and Stats**

2022 vs 2023 comparison (this time of year, then vs now)

- Robberies, 12 and now 8
  - Assaults, 15 and now 27
  - Murders, 0 and now 0
  - Shots fired with injuries, 1 and now 0
  - Shots fired, 4 and now 5
  - Burglaries, 72 and now 26
  - Larcenies, 83 and now 86
  - Motor Vehicle Theft, 26 and now 57
  - Property Crimes, 181 and now 171
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- Police and neighbors upset about the car thefts in neighborhood.
    - o TikTok challenge is leading the cause. Kids are the ones stealing the cars, between 12-17 usually. SPD will usually not pursue a stolen car (in a car chase), but will look for the car and the criminals. Criminals are being caught, but at such a young age there is little they can do. Released to parents. Police suggest talking to lawmakers about what changes can be made.
  - Police suggestions regarding stolen packages: get packages inside immediately, have sent to work or other places.

## TNT Meeting notes 8/28/23

- The police see waves and will respond with OT detail and flood area. Have done that recently in Eastwood.
- A neighbor asked if there is a lawsuit pending locally against kia?
  - o Not currently. There are many others in various cities and states, but nothing in Syracuse currently.
- Neighbors asked about the tires being slashed.
  - o Police said they have leads and believe they know the group. Difficult as again it is youth.
- Air Force One has been used to fight crime and is helpful, especially when tracking dirt bikes.
- Neighbor mentioned a minibike issue on South Edwards, police will investigate it.
- A neighbor expressed his fear that the number of police officers will dwindle due to city living requirements. Police numbers are now across the country. Any talk to change this local law? No.
- A neighbor asked about homeless, sleeping, what do we do? Call 911 and they will decide if they or AMR will respond, always call it in. They need to know, please call. Also 211 can be helpful.
- The traffic by Huntington has been speeding, said a neighbor. Police will direct some attention to the area.

## Other

- American Legion will open in the old Friendly's on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- The new Huntington principal introduced himself, Dan Killenbec. 860 kids starting, full school, full staff – ready to go!

Meeting ended at 8:00pm.