



Lancaster Northeast Neighbors United

Board Meeting

March 18th at 7pm:

Attendees:

BOARD:

- Tim Freund - President
- Alex King
- Andrew Whalen - Secretary
- Kendra Saunders
- Katie Chaffinch
- Steve Garner - Treasurer

GUESTS:

- Erin Sell - Lancaster Plogging
- Michael Devaney - Lancaster City Solid Waste Management

Minutes

Tim called the meeting to order.

1. We started our "Talking Trash" themed meeting with Erin Sell, who shared the mission of Lancaster Plogging, discussing previous plogs and how they have adapted to the changes due to COVID-19. She answered questions and highlighted practical steps for beginners to get started. Trash is a big problem in some areas and even a brief plog could easily collect a contractor's bag full of trash in about 30 minutes. Anyone is invited to grab a garbage bag while jogging and pick up trash along the way. If you discover something you can't easily haul yourself, call the City (717) 291-4744 and someone will help. If you are planning an event, it's wise to coordinate with local businesses before the plog to get them involved and maybe they can provide their dumpster or refreshments.
2. Michael Devaney of Lancaster City Solid Waste Management discussed the different events within the City and nearby that will take place during Earth Day, including trash collection, planting trees and other City beautification efforts. Annually. It costs on average \$36 per resident for litter control -- that's \$2.1 million! There are 151 litter receptacles across the City -- they would love to place more, but the cost is prohibitive and it is difficult to find faithful residents to adopt a can. They are currently piloting 60 smaller containers to be placed in neighborhoods. Trash is a huge issue, because things like cigarette butts end up in our shared wastewater/sewage system and microplastics in turn end up in the Conestoga River. Furthermore, a lot of people do not realize that every household has trash collection in the City -- not realizing this, they dump their trash in public receptacles and neighbors private containers. Some even let their trash pile up in their basements or

backyard. If you see an issue, call the City (717) 291-4744. We'd love to take this all a step further and empower neighbors to adopt-a-block by picking up trash, mowing lawns, shoveling snow, or being available to help where it is needed the most. We could make it fun with a trash olympics or create art with the trash.

3. [March Meeting Minutes](#) were approved unanimously.
4. [Treasurer's Report](#) was approved unanimously with \$1871.20 on hand. The Board agreed to write checks to Ross Elementary School \$250 and Wickersham Elementary School \$250 to adopt classrooms, and Lincoln Middle School \$100 to purchase classroom supplies. With \$596.70 raised after expenses, LNNU will cover the remainder to bring our total contribution as a neighborhood group to \$600.
5. [Bulletin Board Guidelines](#): We tabled the decision last month. Upon reading Steve's proposed bulletin board guidelines, the Board approved unanimously the adoption of guidelines and Carl Feldman will receive a copy of the bulletin board key to post monthly newsletters.
1. Healthy Living Initiative: LNNU is in favor of Sixth Ward Park as a location for veggies to be sold during the summer. The City will work out the details.
6. Cemetery Greening: The Lancaster Cemetery is looking for volunteers to help on June 1st. This year's planting will include infill of an existing garden, an all new 400 square foot garden near our GAR Civil War lot, and native shrubs along New Holland Ave.
7. Tru2You: We learned about Dominique's initiative to inspire young men in Lincoln Middle School through doing service projects in the neighborhood. His goal is to connect his students with people in the neighborhood who could use help.
8. Pretty Porch Contest: Alex agreed to purchase signs again. It was suggested that previous winners should judge this year.
9. Love Your Block: There were numerous submissions for the Love Your Block grants in our neighborhood. We had the privilege of helping with the selection process and winners should be announced by the Mayor's office soon.

Next meeting May 20th at 7pm

Meeting was adjourned.