

Iles Park Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018
Track Shack, 6pm



11 people were in attendance.

Updates

▪ **Jeff Reim, City of Springfield Arborist**

- About 2,300 Ash trees are on city property and 2,500 on private property; the city has 2 crews (sometimes 3) cutting them down. They will do the west side of town last since Ash trees there are in better condition.
- There are no funds to remove sweet gum trees at the current time.
- Jeff has a list of preferable and non-desirable trees to plant; he will send the list to anyone who requests it.
- There is currently no tree replacement program due to lack of funds; he requested funds but they were cut from the budget. Residents who want a tree program funded should speak before the city council in January 2019 at the budget hearings.
- If residents want to plant trees on the parkways between the sidewalk and the street, they are sOK to do that as long as they plant trees that won't encroach on sidewalks in areas with narrow parkways and then water them. Carol volunteered to help plant trees with anyone wanting to plant trees in the parkway and encouraged planting native trees.
- Sycamore trees can only be cut December to March due to the allergic material released. The city now has a truck big enough to trim them; they can become 75-100' tall.
- Springfield Green plans to plant trees along major thoroughfares.

▪ **NPO Mike Badger & Neighborhood Watch**

- Mike talked about recent widespread reports of shots fired or fireworks. Report it if it's close to you – can help police pinpoint location.
- Car break-ins happen every single night, fueled by the opiod epidemic. Potential burglars may check door handles during the day and come back at night. Report people trying door handles.
- Open garages are being targetted – KEEP YOUR GARAGE DOOR CLOSED & LOCKED.
- Recording your serial numbers on bicycles and other valuables can help recover them from pawn shops.
- DON'T LEAVE KEYS IN CARS – juvenilies will take them joy riding.
- DON'T HAND STRANGERS YOUR PHONE TO MAKE CALLS! If you think a situation warrants a phone call, make the call yourself.
- The police have been doing compliance checks on registered sex offenders.

▪ **Curt Drew, President**

- Garage Sales Oct 28 & 29. Let him know so he can put a sign near your corner.
- Save A Round coupon book - \$12.50 of the \$25 price goes to Iles Park

Next Meeting

- Iles Park Meeting Oct 1, 6pm – Neighborhood Watch, Track Shack

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary