

<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes SMMC – Community Meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2009 @ 6:30 PM (Stewart's Brewery)</p>
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Board Members in attendance:

Tony P.
Chandra R.
Ivan M.
Tony W.
Deb R.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Opening Remarks/Board Introduction** –
 - a. State Representative Melanie George Marshall provided opening remarks on the status of several legislative issues. She announced the reopening of the Bear Library on Sunday's for limited hours. Additionally, she gave the status of legislative actions that were under review or has been approved. If you have further questions or concerns she encourages residents to contact her via email [<melanie.marshall@state.de.us>](mailto:melanie.marshall@state.de.us) or phone (302) 744-4126.
2. **Budget and year-to-date assessment of funds and collections** – Tony P. announced a healthy outlook for SMMC's YTD budget. SMMC is currently under budget due to a mild winter and mindful Board expenditures; however several significant expenses are coming up such as playground, tennis court, and fencing repairs. The YTD's largest expense is lawn care (Lawn Lines). For the current collection cycle 62% of funds have been collected.
3. **Appearance of property / homes (grass, shrubs, paint, siding, roofs, railings, stairways, trash can removal, etc.)** – Deb provided an overview on how to report properties not being maintained and/or for other violations. Several residents complained about unused vehicles and the removal of overflowing trash bins. The Board instructed residents to contact New Castle County's Code Enforcement Office. This office has a review process to help resolve issues. The Board stressed that it does not have the ability to enforce all the code regulations, therefore residents have to contact the County for resolution.
4. **When should you call 9-1-1? When should you call the non-emergency police number (573-2800)?** – The Board stated that as more residents call to report

issues, Stone Mill will be placed higher on the counties community policing list. Residents should not hesitate to contact law enforcement regarding any issues.

5. [Heightened Awareness for the summer \(Neighborhood Watch\)](#) – Several residents complained that during warmer weather, people are utilizing the park after dusk. The Board stressed the park is closed after dark and if you witness a violation call the NCC non-emergency number. The Board does not have the ability to police the park after dark.
6. [No parking or driving on the grass – if you see it, call the police](#) – If residents see a parking violation call the police. The Board emphasized they have to pay for the damages when a vehicle tears up the grass.
7. [Doody Calls is now handling Stone Mill's pet waste removal](#) – Due to residents' unwillingness to properly dispose of their dog's feces, the Board has hired a service to maintain the common areas twice per week. In addition, the service empties the trash bins on light poles and will handle all trash service within the next few months. This consolidation from IDS to Doody Calls will save money while improving the trash collection process.
8. [Future plans for Stone Mill \(park, long fence, sidewalk repair, repave and restripe\). Got ideas? Email the board at \[crudloff@verizon.net\]\(mailto:crudloff@verizon.net\)](#) – The Board is planning upgrades/repairs to the park in the near future. The Board is encouraging residents to submit ideas. At the meeting no one provided specific feedback, but will hopefully communicate suggestions via email.