

**St. Joseph Township Neighborhood Watch
Board Meeting Minutes
06-18-2009**

Present: Rick Knapp, Mildred Hart, Ron Drews, Dave Vereb, & Kelly Clark. Resident Steve Spear also attended.

I. Minute Revision

A. Approved minutes from 05-2009.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. No report for June.

III. Police Report

A. Home invasions have occurred in Fairplain to unlocked homes; our police department already has a warrant out for a suspect. REMEMBER: keep all doors and windows locked in your home! Don't make it easy for thieves to make you a victim!

B. A few scams have been reported. One is regarding jury duty. Someone calls and says they are the jury coordinator. When you complain that you never received a notice, they ask for a social security number and date of birth so they can cancel the "arrest warrant". DO NOT give out any information over the telephone!

C. A second scam involves credit cards. Someone calls and offers a lower interest rate. Again, they request information about your SS#. DO NOT give out this information! Call the police department if you believe someone is trying to fraudulently obtain this information!

D. A third scam involves the lawn ordinance. Our township posts an orange sign in your lawn if your lawn is over the height allowed. You must mow it within 48 hours, or the township will hire someone to do it and bill you by mail. Someone using a white pick-up truck and posing as township employee claims that are there to get payment for mowing. Our Township Ordinance Officer drives a clearly marked township car, and will be carrying identification. The Township will bill you, you are NOT required to pay the person mowing the lawn. Again, call the Police Department if you see these folks running the scams. Neighborhood Watch works-if we keep our eyes and ears open and CALL when we have a question about something in our neighborhoods!

IV. Old Business

A. Camp 911 was a big success. The kids enjoyed the program.

B. There are about 15 bikes that may be sold. The board set a sale date of August 15th from 10:30-12:00. It will be held at the police department on Washington. Come early for the best selection!

V. New Business

A. Picnic plans were discussed. We will get about 100 hotdogs and buns, along with condiments for them. The purchase was approved.

B. National Night Out will be held on August 04, 2009 at the Riverview Park from 5-8 p.m. Ronald McDonald will attend, and Sherman's ice cream is secured. Target will again be a sponsor and supply our hotdogs, condiments and people to help serve. Come join us!

C. Officer Knapp reminds us that crime alerts for the whole St. Joseph Charter Township area are placed on the website now. We can check that using the url address as shown below. You can also see these minutes online also!

D. A new pamphlet regarding car B&E's was discussed. We also discussed the next talk topic for residents. Vacation safety was suggested. No date was set.

Next Board meeting 07-15-2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Fairplain

Call the Neighborhood Watch Telephone Information Line at 429-6890 ext. 277

after 5:00 p.m. to hear the latest updates. Share this number with your neighbors!

Visit with us online at http://www.sjct.org/neighborhood_watch.htm