**Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting**

**Greenlawn Civic Association**

Date: December 6, 2016

Location: Harborfields Public Library

Elections: In an uncontested election the following officers were elected for the 2017 (Jan-December) Term: Darryl St. George: President; Dick Holmes: Vice President; Jenny Post: Secretary; Elizabeth Romanelli: Treasurer; Natalie Mason: Member at Large. Darryl hopes to continue good relations with the upcoming new Superintendent, Franceso Ianni. The top of his agenda is to keep that relationship strong and meaningful. Dick Holmes will be there to back Darryl up. Jenny has worked with others to get full day Kindergarten and organized events as Outreach chairperson, and Natalie will strive to keep GCA relevant and get more discussions going so everyone can get their issues to the table.

Request for Purchase: Jeanne expressed need for additional trash cans in town and presented an estimate from Wausau for 4 concrete waste containers for $2,172.55, which includes delivery. The purchase was approved by more than 2/3 of the members present. There was a discussion on labeling of the cans for GCA promotion.

Meet At the Tree Kevin said it all came together because there were many participants taking care of little things. Jane Irving, his co-chairperson kept the momentum going. They especially wantto thank the Greenlawn Fire Department and Carol Albano, Susan Hope and the custodial staff of Harborfields Public Library. Also assisting were the local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Legion, HHS Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Dan Bilawsky, Jessica Lowenhar, Get your Groove on, and Ground Effects. The merchants in Town were very generous coming through for us: Grecian Corner Café , Fanny Cakes, Lily’s Bread Box, Urban Coffee, Deli 51, Yogurt Factory, Greenlawn Hardware, Greenlawn Farms and Value Drugs. Suggestions for next year included: Northpole Mailbox, improved sound system, move podium closer, light additional symbols of the Holiday Season at the same time as Tree.

Menorah Lighting Ceremony will take place Monday, December 26th at 7 PM in front of the Library. Rain or Shine.

Town Hall Meeting:

Darryl explained his reasoning behind holding a Town Hall Meeting with the Civic Association:

The role of a Civic Association is to work within community which includes working with everyone including the school district. We need to do more as neighbors; we can disagree and still be civil. The missing link is the community.

School Board Members Lee Hansen and Suzie Lustig were present. The parents and community must reinforce what we do in the School. Others feel it comes down to the parents to set a good example of accepting of others. Sometimes parents need help. Ask questions because prejudice comes from ignorance. Real life activities can encourage people to work together outside the classroom. Classroom activity is restrictive ; what you really need is people sharing.

*What can Civic Association Do?* Some ideas include: developing a statement of inclusivity and hosting a Unity Day.

GCA has made great first steps, and should keep plugging along with “baby steps”. Kids really want to be inclusive.

Darryl asked everyone to think of projects for a new committee, talk to your kids and neighbors, and bring a friend to the next GCA meeting January 3 at 7 PM at Harborfields Library.

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