

May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 111 • Mantua, OH 44255

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. Introductions were made.

In Attendance:

Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank	Ron Lance, Diversified Enterprises
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township	Tom Kennedy, Marhsall's Carpet & Upholstery CLeaning
Jane ramson, Shalersville Resident	Carole Pollard, Mantua Restoration Society and Village Landmark Commission
Dayton Hickerson, Gradn Promotional Products	Carole Pollard, Mantua Restoration
Sandy Pelprehy, Infinity Resources	Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township	Sara Rowe, Crestwood Schools
Linda Clark, Mantua Village	Jim Oster, DMRC
Jodie Fiala, DMRC, Jake's Market	Virginia Goodell, Goodell Family Farm
Kaelyn Zielenewski, New Adventures Early Learning Ctr.	Karyn Hall, Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County
Mark Russell, Russell-Ellerhorst Insurance	

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VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Mantua Township: No report.

Mantua Village: Prospect Street from Maple west to High will be paved this year using tax dollars. The Village has applied for a OPWC Grant for additional road improvements. They are hoping that the High Street bridge will be replaced this year, if not, next year for sure.

Shalersville Township: Bid books will soon be available for the paving of Nicodemus Road. The spring clean up went well.

Crestwood Schools: The renewal levy passed. Tara thanked all for their support of the school. Crestwood will be starting a 'latch key' program beginning next school year to include before and after school care.

DMRC: Art on the Hill is fast approaching, all is in order and it will be as always a great festival. DMRC is currently working on four grants. A clean up day will be held tomorrow and will be with the assistance of around 60 Crestwood High School students. Misc. spruce up/cleanup tasks will be completed in the Village.

Mantua-Shalersville Fire Board: No report.

Mantua Restoration Society: They are working on getting an elevator in the Mantua School Building. They will be replacing the mats on the gyms walls as they current ones are outdated.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarships: The scholarships will remain at \$800 each with three to be awarded in 2015. Checks will be made out the student and the school they are attending. The recipients will receive recognition this evening at the High School's Scholarship Ceremony.

Golf Outing: The scholarship golf outing has been set for June 19 at Tanglewood Golf Club. The cost is \$75 per golfer. Hole sponsors are still needed. \$100 includes your name on a sign at the hole. All money raised benefits the scholarship program.

Potato Festival: Virginia Goodell announced that the Potato Festival will take place and that the committee is looking for donations.

New Members: Christine Pitsinger welcomed new members Jake's Market and New Adventures Early Learning Center. Each spoke about their business.

Audit: Paulette Nichols suggested that the chamber's books be audited and asked if a member would like to help with this. Jane Ramson volunteered.

Donation Requests: Chamber voted to donate \$71 (\$1 for each member) to Nancy Hickerson's Relay For Life Team. Chamber also voted to donate \$100 to the Mantua Restoration Society. Chamber declined to donate money the American Cancer Society Relay For Life General fund as a previous donation at the meeting was given to the Relay For Life.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Karyn Hall of the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County spoke to the group about organization and its many benefits to the community. She mentioned that 70%+ of their budget comes from levy funds and thanked all for their support.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balances Are: Checking: \$12,098.32, Toy Account: \$494.75, Golf Scholarship Account: \$14,737.45

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.