

East Forest Park Civic Association Minutes for June 14, 2006 Meeting

Attendance: Darlene & Dick Acchione, Bernard Balise, Chris Caputo, Rick Caputo, George Cartier, Charlie Contant, Kristyana DiGiovanni, Rosa Maria Falvo, Joanna Ferrentino, James J. Ferrera, Jackie Forsman, Jeffrey Galarneau, Linda Gallagher, Jim Garvey, Kate Garvey, Sandra Garvey, Delores Gentile, Charles Healey III, Thomas J. Kelly, Sally & Martin Markey, Jeanie Marsh, Darren Parzych, Angeline Phelan, Nicholas Pietroniro, Francis Rosso, Shawn Sheehan, Ellen Walmar, Elizabeth & David Wells, Elaine Wright.

Charlie Contant, President, administered the meeting.

Special Guests

- **Darren Parzych** – 2006 Recipient of the Denise Shay Memorial Scholarship
- **Fran Rosso, Jim Garvey, Kate Garvey, Chuck Newell** – Eddie's Package Store
- **Rosa Falvo, Diana Gisolfi, Joanna Ferrentino** – Sisters' Kids
- **Kristyana DiGiovanni** – Representing the DiGiovanni family who maintains the terrace at the corner of Allen and Island Pond Rd.

Award Presentations

Charlie Contant presented the 15th Annual Denise Shay Memorial Scholarship to **Darren Parzych**. Darren graduates eleventh in his class of 318 from Springfield Central High School. He enrolled in advanced placement (AP) courses in English, Calculus and Chemistry. His activities in school include Key Club, National Honors Society, Computer Club, and Mathletes. Darren also participates in Gymnastics, Soccer and Tennis teams. Darren plans to attend Rose-Hulman Technical Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Neighborhood Beatification Awards were presented to Eddie's Package Store, Sisters' Kids Store. Fran Russo and Kate Garvey were on hand to receive the award for **Eddie's Package Store**. Eddie's opened in 1958, and Fran Russo and Jim Garvey have owned the store since 1989. The store was presented the award due to the renovations made to the location over the last two years.

Sisters' Kids was recognized for helping our neighborhood grow by opening their business. Sisters' Kids is owned and operated by three sisters: Rosa Falvo, Diana Gisolfi, and Joanna Ferrentino. The family was inspired to open the store after each sister had three children of their own! Sisters' Kids has been open for 5 years this February.

The DiGiovanni family was recognized for maintaining the terrace at the corner of Allen and Island Pond Road. Kristyana DiGiovanni represented the DiGiovanni family and has helped with the terrace over the last seven years. The terrace is in honor of Kristyana's brother who was killed in a car accident.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Old Business

Jimmy Ferrera answered many concerns that were raised last meeting about Nathan Bill. He coordinated with the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Works about cleaning out the brush in Nathan Bill. It will be done during the month of July. Also, the trash barrels at the park are emptied on Wednesdays since that is the normal pickup for the area. Dick Acchione will check and contact Jim if the barrels continue to be a problem.

The triangle on Allen Street and Sumner Avenue has been re-seeded and has improved. The triangle was damaged during the Bay State Gas work on Allen Street. Jeff Galarneau will write a thank you letter to Forest Hill landscaping who has adopted the terrace and has been fixing it up.

New Business and Volunteer Opportunities

A vote was passed to reopen the basketball court at Nathan Bill Park. The majority view was that the basketball hoops would provide area children and youths another opportunity to enjoy Nathan Bill. Concerns were raised about rule enforcement, public destruction and noise. The board will take these concerns as they occur.

The Civic association will continue meeting throughout the summer. More details will be forthcoming about locations and times.

The next meeting of the EFPCA will be Wednesday, July 12th at 7pm at Holy Cross School.

Submitted by David Wells