

FIRST MEETING  
of the  
NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The neighbors of North Edgebrook, having shown their interest in a Community Association, met on January 15th, 1941 at 8:30 o'clock to discuss forming such an association. Mr. Erwin Viktor, the first home owner in the section, acted as temporary chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Lippert as temporary secretary. The meeting was held in the model house at 7035 N. Ionia Avenue, and called to order by Mr. Viktor.

Discussion was held regarding the securing of a charter and the name "NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION" was adopted for organization purposes.

A "Ways and Means" Committee, the names following, was chosen to act temporarily for the Association and to select officers, subject to the approval of the Association as a whole.

Mr. O. Brumbaugh,  
Mr. E. Viktor,  
Mrs. J. Murphy,  
Mr. G. Luxon,  
Mrs. E. Lippert  
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Nelson,  
Mr. H. Reif,  
Mr. R. Inbody,  
Mr. C. Erickson.

Previous to this meeting, signatures of the neighborhood had been secured by Mrs. James Murphy for a petition to Alderman Cowhey, for street lights in North Edgebrook, and the favorable reply dated January 4, 1941 received from Mr. Cowhey was read to the members.

Suggestions of matters to be taken up in the future were made and discussed, these being regarding:

Street signs on Estes, Mason & Mendota Avenues,  
Mail box for immediate neighborhood  
Committee regarding bus service in future.  
Vacation of alleys.

Funds for a treasury were discussed and it was finally voted upon that a membership fee of \$1.00 be accepted from each family present and from every new member. Further dues to be discussed later. \$25.00 was collected at this time by Mr. Reif, who was voted temporary treasurer.

The date of January 24th was set for a meeting of the Acting Committee at Mr. Brumbaugh's house, and February 19th was chosen as the next meeting of the North Edgebrook Civic Association as a whole.

The meeting was closed and refreshments and a social hour followed.

Accepted by Committee  
at meeting of 1/24/41.

MEETING OF THE  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR ELECTION  
OF OFFICERS

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The Special Committee chosen by the North Edgebrook Civic Association to elect officers met on January 24th at 8:30 at Mr. Brumbaugh's house, and all were present with the exception of Mr. Viktor. The meeting was opened by Mr. Brumbaugh, acting as Chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, discussed and corrected.

The selection of officers and committees was the first matter taken up, and by a majority vote of the presiding committee, the following officers were elected, subject to the approval of the Association as a whole:

Mr. O. Brumbaugh, President,  
Mrs. J. Murphy, Vice-President,  
Mr. H. Reif, Treasurer,  
Mrs. E. Lippert, Secretary.

The Treasurer's report was then given by Mr. Reif. Twenty-three members paid the fee of \$1.00 at the last meeting, and Mr. Robbins and Mr. Robinson also donated \$1.00 each, making the total of \$25.00 received. Postage expense of \$.10 was accepted and it was agreed that a binder and file be purchased for keeping records.

Possible committees were discussed and the following members were elected, subject to the approval of the Association as a whole:-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:- Mr. W. McBroom - Mr. L. Nelson - Mr. C. Erickson.  
FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. H. Reif - Mr. G. Luxon - Mr. R. Inbody.  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:- Mrs. L. Nelson - Mrs. O. Brumbaugh - Mr. Morgaridge.  
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:- Mr. Hickey - Mr. Davidson - Mr. Ulmer.  
LEGAL:- Mr. Wettley.  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. E. Benson - Mr. A. Bannas - Mr. M. Petrie.  
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:- Mr. E. Viktor - Mrs. C. Erickson - Mrs. E. Lippert  
TRANSPORTATION COMM:- Mr. J. Welsh - Mr. A. Thompson - Mr. J. Farle  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS:- Mr. Johnson - Mr. Stehnke - Mr. Chively.  
BUILDING & ZONING: - Mr. Black - Mr. Baughman - Mr. Lawrence Reif.  
VACATION OF ALLEYS: - Mr. Spriesser - Mr. Zimmerman - Mr. E. Lippert.  
LANDSCAPING: - Mr. Kocmond - Mr. Steffey - Mr. Woywot.  
SOCIAL COMMITTEE:- Mrs. G. Luxon - Mrs. H. Reif - Mrs. Black -  
Mrs. R. Inbody - Mrs. J. Farle - Mrs. Bannan -  
Mrs. Hickey and Mrs. Morgaridge.

Unfinished business was then taken up. In respect of a charter, Mr. Reif is securing information and will give a report on the matter at the next meeting.

DUES: - It was agreed that a \$1.00 semi-annual fee be the dues of the organization, retroactive as of January first, and payable at the February meeting.

Future Meetings: - It was recommended that the second Wednesday in each month be set aside for the general meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

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SECOND MEETING  
of the  
NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The second meeting of the North Edgebrook Civic Association was held on February 19th at the model house at 7035 N. Ionia Avenue, and was opened by Mr. Brumbaugh.

It was the acting President's suggestion that Roberts' Parliamentary Rules of Procedure be used until such time as a Constitution and By-Laws be adopted by the organization and this suggestion was voted upon and accepted by the members.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Erwin Viktor as the first president of the organization, and acknowledgments were made to Mr. Robinson for his cooperation in the community.

The minutes were read and corrected.

The proposed slate of officers were presented to the organization for election and the entire list was approved, voted upon and passed.

Mr. Reif gave the treasurer's report and the information he had secured regarding a charter. The subject was left open for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:- It was voted upon and passed that future meetings be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Community House. Mr. Kokmond will lead the entire group to the Community house, leaving from his house at 8 o'clock, for the next meeting on March 19th.

Mrs. Reif was elected chairman of the Social Committee. It was also decided that everyone bring their own cup and spoon each evening for refreshments.

Mr. Robinson offered materials for improving the streets in the immediate neighborhood if our organization took care of arrangements for having the work done. The matter was turned over to the General Improvements Committee. Mr. Stahnke was elected chairman of this committee and Mr. Robinson a member. The matter of street signs and mail box is to be taken care of by this committee.

Mr. Kokmond suggested that a committee investigate the possibilities of a small park for the children to keep them occupied and off the streets. Mr. Kokmond and Mr. Robinson were elected to take care of the matter.

DUES:- It was agreed that \$1.00 <sup>initiation fee</sup> membership be paid by each family, and dues of \$2.00 a year, payable \$1.00 semi-annually. An amendment was made that two members of a family only, be allowed to vote. This amendment was voted upon and passed. It was also agreed that renters be members of the organization.

Introductions were made by standing announcements, and the meeting was adjourned.

NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of March 19th, 1941.

The meeting of March 19th was opened by our President, the minutes read and corrected. Introductions of officers to new members present were made.

It was suggested by Mr. Stanke of the General Improvements Committee that a letter be written to Alderman Cowhey regarding improving the streets in the neighborhood. It was decided that Mr. Stanke was to send his letter and another was to be sent by the organization at a later date. Also the individual members were to write in directly regarding the streets.

Mr. Kokmond's report regarding a small park for children was given, and was to the effect that no property was available at the present time in the immediate neighborhood.

A complaint was registered regarding the "61Club" on Touhy Avenue and it was decided to discuss the matter after the meeting, unofficially.

The subject of peddlers and cooperation with Wildwood on the matter of a ban was discussed and left open.

Letterheads for the Association were to be ordered. Mr. Brumbaugh was going to investigate possible sources for printing.

The date of the meetings was necessarily changed from the Third Wednesday of each month to the Third Tuesday inasmuch as the Field House would be available for us on that evening.

The Treasurer's report was given and a request made for the authorization of \$10.00 for a charter. Matter voted upon and passed. Bills of \$5.42 were ordered paid.

The Transportation committee, including Mr. Farle, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Young and Mr. Robinson, discussed transportation and extension of the bus line and made arrangements to contact the Chicago Surface Lines on the matter.

One of the requirements of a charter would be a Board of Directors. Therefore it was suggested that the Executive Committee be changed to Board of Directors to facilitate securing the charter. This was voted upon and passed.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments followed.

NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting of April 15, 1941.

The meeting of April 15th, 1941 was opened at 8:30 by the President. The minutes were read and accepted.

Mrs. Murphy on behalf of the Transportation Committee, made a report on the bus extension. The matter was to be pended for thirty days, after which, if no further information is had from the Chicago Surface Lines, the matter is to be turned over to Alderman Cowhey.

Complaints on mosquito breeding places in the neighborhood were made and a letter was to be written by the secretary to the Cook County Mosquito Abatement organization for the territory east of Mason, between Lehigh and Mason.

The charter was received and turned over to the Directors.

Mr. Wettley and Mr. Young were elected to membership in the General Improvements Committee.

Street improvements were discussed and a letter was to be written to Alderman Cowhey on the matter. It was also asked to incorporate in this letter to the Alderman, a request for "slow" or "restricted residential" sign on Ionia, to slow up speeding cars turning in from Touhy Avenue.

Announcement of a proposed playground on Lehigh, between Wildwood and Jean Avenues, was made.

Summer discontinuance of meetings were discussed.

The Treasurer's report was given and it was approved that bills at hand be paid.

New members were welcomed, and the meeting was turned over to Mr. McBroom who had secured a complete switchboard demonstration through the Telephone Company for our entertainment. Refreshments were served.

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North Edgebrook Civic Association

Meeting, May 20, 1941.

The meeting of May 20th was opened by our President, with the suggestion that business routine be suspended as important matters had to be taken up that evening.

New members were introduced, and our guests of the evening, who were, Mr. Ferdinand S. Saiger, President of the Edgebrook Community Association, and Mr. Walter N. Saaby, Secretary of the Edgebrook Community Association. Mr. Herrick L. Hall, President of the Wildwood Association, and Mrs. Herbert R. Hartley, Secretary of the Wildwood Association. Mr. Kelley of the Kiwanis Club and Alderman William H. Cowhey. All of the guests spoke a few words regarding cooperation among neighborhood groups.

Alderman Cowhey spoke about the needed neighborhood improvements in North Edgebrook and the assistance he would be able to give in this respect.

It was announced that a special meeting of officers of all local associations would be held the following Tuesday at the Clubhouse to discuss the upkeep of the Clubhouse.

The constitution of the North Edgebrook Civic Association had been prepared and was read. The Constitution as read was adopted by vote. A copy was given to the President, the Secretary and the Board of Directors.

Mr. O. E. Brumbaugh, President, tendered his resignation, which was in letter form and read to the members. The Board of Directors were asked to elect a new President to be voted upon by the members at the next meeting; however, Mr. Brumbaugh's resignation was allowed to rest without action until further notice.

The meeting was adjourned - movies and refreshments followed.

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North Edgebrook Civic Association  
June 17th, 1941

The meeting of June 17th at the Edgebrook Club House was opened by Mr. Brumbaugh. A motion was presented and seconded that election of the new president be made the first order of business. Mr. Brumbaugh at this time made acknowledgment of the cooperation and spirit of the community and expressed his regret at leaving. The Board of Directors made the recommendation that Mr. McBroom be considered for the office. Three seconds were received. Mr. Young was nominated and three seconds received. A vote was taken and was 10 to 26 in favor of Mr. McBroom. As new president, Mr. McBroom took the stand with a short speech of acknowledgment.

The minutes were read and accepted. New members were introduced.

A report was given on the special meeting held at the Club House re the Committee for Joint Membership. It was moved, seconded and passed that the North Edgebrook Civic Association join this Committee which would bring together all organizations.

It was voted to discontinue meetings during the months of July and August.

Standing Committees were disbanded, by vote, subject to new arrangements when necessity warrants. The refreshments committee in charge of Mrs. Reif as chairman was allowed to remain and a "sick committee" was also discussed.

A Social Committee to arrange a neighborhood party for July and August was discussed and under Mr. Petrie as chairman the following members were elected to this committee: Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Erickson.

It was decided that a voluntary donation of 25¢ by each man at each meeting would cover refreshments and this was agreed upon.

Copies of the Constitution were given out to all members present.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments followed.

NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATIONTuesday, Sept. 16, 1941

The first fall meeting of the NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION was held at the Edgebrook Field House on Tuesday, Sept. 16th.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on June 17th, were read and accepted.

President McBroom read several letters and newspaper clippings pertaining to (1) a street light at the corner of Ionia & Mendota, (2) lowering the speed limit on Ionia Avenue, (3) street signs, (4) bus transportation, and (5) street lights. All of these matters will be followed through diligently.

Mr. Shively brought up the subject of the screeching of the train whistles. He made a motion that something be done to curb this nuisance. Mr. Scheel seconded the motion. Mr. Petrie, who is acquainted with someone connected with the St. Paul Road, was appointed a committee of one to find out how we should proceed in an effort to stop this annoyance.

Mr. Reif, Treasurer, made his usual report of our financial status, and collected the semi-yearly dues which became due in July.

Mrs. Lippert, Secretary, finds it necessary to resign her office, and her letter of resignation was read by President McBroom. Mrs. Nelson is acting as Secretary pro tem until this office can be filled by vote of the members.

Mr. Petrie made the suggestion that our October meeting be a Hallowe'en or "hard-times" dress-up affair. He also suggested a Christmas party for our December meeting, with a Santa Claus and candy gifts for all the children. He recommended that we obtain the names of a needy family or two, and make up and deliver Christmas baskets to such families.

Mr. McBroom, Mr. Petrie, and Mr. Robinson had quite a discussion regarding the "tank trap" which has been made out of Fitch Avenue. Mr. Robinson explained that the West Rogers Park Realty Company had made an offer to have the street fixed, which offer was accepted by Alderman Cowhey's attorneys representing the Jefferson Park Fuel Company, who would be the contractors. He stated that the contract was awaiting Alderman Cowhey's signature. Mr. Robinson stated that "subdividers are not obliged to construct streets."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilken, who are new members in our association, were introduced.

Copies of the Constitution & By-Laws were distributed to those who had not previously received copies.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Mrs. L. C. Nelson, Secretary pro tem

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NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATIONTuesday, Oct. 21, 1941

The second fall meeting of the NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION was held at the Edgebrook Field House on Tuesday, Oct. 21st.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Sept. 16th, were read and accepted.

President McBroom read a communication from Alderman Cowhey in which it was stated that he was still working on the matter of street lights and would be able to report something definite very shortly.

There was discussion as to whether or not our association could afford to contribute toward the cost of the Edgebrook Events. The Edgebrook Community Association, with nearly 400 members, contributes \$10.00 a month. It was decided that we would advise Mr. Ashenhurst that our association will contribute as soon as our financial condition permits.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14th, Mrs. Murphy represented our association at a meeting held before Mr. Robert Dunham, President, and the Board of Directors of the Chicago Park District, relative to playground facilities for Edgebrook. The Edgebrook and Wildwood Associations were also represented at the meeting. Mr. Dunham said the Park Board had no funds at this time with which to buy land for playgrounds, and suggested that we appeal to the County Board for a grant of land of a section of the Forest Preserves, such land (if granted) to be turned over to the Park Board, who would put said portion of ground in condition suitable for an outdoor playground.

Mr. Petrie reported on the train whistles. He said that the Edgebrook Association went through the necessary procedure to have the Commission issue an order to stop the train whistles in Edgebrook. As a result, if there is ever an accident at Devon and Lehigh the Railroad will not be responsible, and they will then start the blowing of the whistles again for this crossing. However, Mr. Petrie is still making an effort to get more information on this nuisance. Mr. Young suggested that if they can't stop blowing the whistles entirely, maybe we could prevail upon them to at least not "lay" on the whistle cord.

Several new members were introduced, and the meeting adjourned in favor of the Hallowe'en Barn Dance which started at 9:00 P.M. There were about 90 adults and about 30 children present -- but we didn't make enough to cover expenses.

Mrs. L. C. Nelson, Secretary pro tem

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NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATIONTuesday, Nov. 18, 1941

The North Edgebrook Civic Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Edgebrook Field House on Tuesday, Nov. 18th.

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Oct. 21st, were read and accepted.

It was announced that the annual American Red Cross Roll Call is now in progress, and anyone interested in volunteering their services were asked to communicate with Mrs. Jerry, Avenue 6227.

Members were asked to pay up their 1941 dues as promptly as possible so we can start 1942 with a clean slate.

Mr. Petrie, who has been investigating the possibility of getting the St. Paul Railroad to eliminate the train whistle nuisance, is still working on this matter, and he hopes to have a report by next meeting.

Mr. Cowhey reports that the North Edgebrook streets will be finished soon, and that gas street lamps will be installed any day now.

Mr. Petrie reported on the cost of the Hallowe'en Dance. We took in \$49.68 and spent \$58.66 -- leaving a loss of \$8.98, which had to be made up out of our Treasury funds.

The matter of widening Ionia Avenue between Moselle Avenue and Touhy Avenue was brought up by Mr. Petrie. It is a dangerous street at the point where the widening stops abruptly just north of Moselle. Mr. McBroom will contact Alderman Cowhey on this matter.

It was suggested that our Association records should contain a copy of the North Edgebrook zoning and building restrictions. Mr. McBroom will attempt to get this information so we can make it part of our records.

Mrs. Murphy made a motion, which was seconded and carried, that we have a "Suggestion Box" so that members can write out any questions, complaints, or suggestions, and put them in the box -- unsigned, if they prefer it that way -- and then such questions will be taken up at each meeting with a view to arriving at a solution to the problems brought up. Mr. McBroom appointed Mr. Erickson to fix up such a box.

Inasmuch as our December meeting will be a party for the children, Mr. Petrie made a motion that we have our December meeting on the 23rd instead of the 16th. This was seconded by Mr. Kocmond, and the 23rd of December definitely set for the Christmas Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban, new residents on Moselle Avenue, were introduced to all members present. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 and a movie entitled "Meat and Romance" was shown. Refreshments followed.

Members present at this meeting were:

Mr. & Mrs. Erickson  
Mr. & Mrs. Hachfeld  
Mr. Kocmond  
Mr. & Mrs. Lippert  
Mr. & Mrs. Luxen  
Mr. & Mrs. McBroom

Mrs. Murphy  
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson  
Mrs. Pantelis  
Mr. & Mrs. Petrie  
Mr. Reif  
Mr. & Mrs. Ulmer

Mr. & Mrs. Urban  
Mr. Wettley

Mrs. L. C. Nelson  
Sec'y pro tem

NORTH EDGEBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1941

The North Edgebrook Civic Association held its regular monthly meeting in conjunction with a Christmas Party, at the Edgebrook Field House, Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

It was announced that Mrs. Morgaridge is starting a Red Cross chapter, and anyone interested in doing Red Cross work was urged to get in touch with either Mrs. Morgaridge or Mrs. Murphy.

Mr. Petrie announced that the residents of North Edgebrook contributed enough food and other provisions to make up 3 baskets which were to be distributed to as many needy families on the northwest side. Mr. Reif, Mr. Scheel, and Mr. Wettley volunteered to deliver these baskets on Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Party was a huge success. Practically every child in the community took part in the program. Some spoke verses, some sang, and the older children sang carols, with Ruth Shively at the piano. Santa Claus dropped in and distributed gifts to all the children.

Delightful refreshments were served.

Mrs. L. C. Nelson  
Secretary pro tem