

Penn Wynne Civic Assn. Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2009

ATTENDEES: Bill Brubaker; Rick Churchill; Gary Friedlander; Karen Gotlieb; Lisa Healy; Miranda Hughes; Lance Rogers; Jean Claude St. Germain; Shelly Sassler; Pat Sinclair; Mark Slovak

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jean Claude St. Germain

Jean Claude suggested amending By-Laws to preclude candidates running for office from joining PWCA as a Board Member or Director. Purpose is to avoid the perception that the PWCA endorses any party or candidate. Wording to be discussed at May meeting.

In re: adopting Penn Wynne Park as a PWCA project, Lance Rogers suggested possibly partnering with Ardmore Rotary to adopt Wynnewood Valley Park in maintaining Garden for the Blind.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Shelly Sassler

Shelly provided quotes from *Party Magic* catalog and Zeidman. One saving will be the purchase of Spin Art equipment as opposed to renting. Should we examine buying soft drinks ourselves? Tents and custodian service are major expenditures. Much more discussion and resolution are required due to such limited funds and volunteer power this year.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Lance Rogers

- Commissioners approved and voted to extend Bala Cynwyd Trail
- Cricket Communications currently has 7 antennae and is applying for 2 more for cell phone use
- 2009 Township *Ad Hoc* Budget: much discussion as to whether these meetings should be closed. Is this in violation of "sunshine laws"? Perhaps PWCA could invite Penn Wynne resident, Mike Berry, to speak at our next meeting.
- 2009 Township Budget: Revenues are significantly down due to reduced transfer taxes; expenditures high; proposed 15-20% tax increase in 2010.
- Crime: A number of thefts from autos. Lance once again reminded us of the importance of keeping your doors locked and DO NOT leave valuables visible to passers-by.
- Traffic Problem (Manoa & Haverford Rds.): Storm water retention project should *hopefully* be completed by end of April.
- Lankenau Meeting Hearing to be re-scheduled for April (No date available at PWCA meeting). **SEE ADDENDUM BELOW**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary Friedlander

As of 2/28/09: \$5,817.35 in treasury.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Gary Friedlander

- Harriton High School to open September, 2009
- Lower Merion High School to open September, 2010
- Preliminary budget cap set at 7.8 tax increase. Lower Merion Township has AAA Bond Rating.

MEMBERSHIP: It was reported there were 5 new memberships received. In order to collect dues, it is critical that we mail out the membership letter early in the year, especially far in advance of our July 4 carnival registration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 7.

ADDENDUM to Commissioner's Report. Please see Lance Rogers e-mail announcing rescheduling of Lankenau meeting to be held April 6 & 7.