

PWCA Minutes: February 2010

ATTENDEES: Mike Adler; Bill Brubaker; Rick Churchill; Gary Friedlander; Tony Gill; Karen Gottlieb; Lisa Healy; Miranda Hughes-Zoler; Nancy Isserman; Bob Levine; Shelly Sassler; Dave Smith

Excused: Jean Claude St. Germain

The PWCA meeting was held Thursday, February 4, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, March 4, 2010.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Allstate Representatives

The PWCA is concerned about the recent changes at the Wynnewood post office (i.e., closure of the annex, which was used to sort and store mail); see Jan 2010 minutes. Currently, if residents are away and their mail is being held, they need to pick it up at the Havertown Post Office (444 E. Township Line Road). There are concerns that our current Wynnewood zip code (19096) for residents in Penn Wynne might change to a Havertown zip code (19083) if the Wynnewood Post Office closed down, so the PWCA is exploring potential ramifications of any changes in the zip code. Peter DeMaio and his brother, who are representatives from Allstate, discussed that changes in a zip code can affect insurance rates. They will do an assessment for the PWCA about how our insurance rates might change if we went from a Wynnewood zip code to a Havertown zip code. Nancy Isserman is following this issue and is the contact person for these issues.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Tony Gill):

- A. Tony briefly discussed the recent armed robbery at Howards Pharmacy (Dec 9). There were 3 people in the store during the robbery but no one was hurt. The suspects are still in custody.
- B. Tony stated that he would like to reduce the number of board members to ensure that we have a quorum every month. Thus, there will be 11-13 active board members, so we only need 6 members present to have a quorum.
- C. Tony also stated that he would like more of the PWCA business to be done in committee meetings between our monthly meetings so that the monthly meetings could be shorter.
- D. Members have volunteered for the committees (e.g., July 4th committee).
- E. Regarding the July 4th carnival/parade, we need a theme, sponsors, and nominations for the community award.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None (this position is vacant)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Gary Friedlander stated that currently there is about \$3905 in our account. Last year, the PWCA broke even on the July 4th carnival/parade, which is the biggest and most expensive event that the PWCA does every year.
- B. Gary encouraged Tony Gill to send out the membership letter as soon as possible, because past experience has shown that the PWCA gets less money in membership dues if the letter

is not sent out promptly. Tony stated that he would send out the membership letter soon and would explore less expensive methods of mailing out the letter.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The January '10 minutes were approved.
- B. Garden for the Blind. The Ardmore Rotary Club would like the PWCA to accept full responsibility for the garden; however, the PWCA does not believe we have the time or money to do this. It is estimated that it might cost the PWCA \$1500-500 to maintain the garden (i.e., purchasing mulch). The township will not provide maintenance for the garden. The Ardmore Rotary has obtained funds to purchase appropriate flowers for the garden. We may be able to organize volunteers to weed the garden. The PWCA will explore various options for maintaining the garden.
- C. PWCA Expansion Committee. The PWCA is exploring expanding the current PWCA boundaries to include members in Wynnewood Valley. Currently, the PWCA includes voting wards 14:1-3. If we decide to expand, this would have to be approved by the Federation and the township.
- D. Membership List. Jean Claude organized our membership list and put it into an online Excel file, which was an incredible amount of work (thanks Jean Claude). Tony will work on the membership list so that we know who has paid in the last 2 years, who has paid more, who pays early, and to merge our list with the other lists we have (i.e., fire department, voter registration lists etc) because of concerns that our list is not comprehensive and because there was a high rate of returned mail last year.
- E. Lawn Signs. Tony will ensure that we have a lawn sign to post in the neighborhood alerting people to the PWCA monthly meetings .The signs will be posted the week before the monthly meetings in strategic areas. The signs will cost about \$150.

NEW BUSINESS: Parking

- A. Shelly Sassler expressed concerns about parking. She has had nasty notes put on her car from people who believe they are entitled to a specific parking spot. Everyone acknowledged that all possible parking spaces are open to everyone. No one "owns" the space in front of their house. However, it is frustrating (and inconsiderate) if someone has a space either in their driveway or garage, and instead parks on the street.
- B. After the snow storm, people wanted to save a space to park if they had spent time digging out the spot. There was discussion about whether it is appropriate to save a space (by putting out chairs etc) if you have dug out the spot. The consensus was that it is appropriate for those who are elderly and cannot walk a considerable distance or cannot easily dig out another spot.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Rick Churchill):

- A. The last snow storm (Dec 19) cost the township \$170,000.

- B. The township has a \$1.2 million deficit. Thus, paved roads (which only last about 25 years) are only being replaced every 35 years.
- C. Renewing the Garden for the Blind can start this spring.
- D. Per Tim Briggs, the lease for the Wynnewood Post office will be renewed, so it appears that it will not be merged or closed down in the immediate future.
- E. The debris on Remington/Warrick roads from the August flood has been removed.
- F. Because the population of Pennsylvania has decreased, it is expected that our state will lose a congressional district (i.e., a representative to congress). Our ward (14) may also be adjusted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, March 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted.

Miranda Hughes Zoler