

APRIL 2010 MINUTES—PENN WYNNE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

ATTENDEES: Mike Adler; Bill Brubaker; Gary Friedlander; Tony Gill; Lisa Healy; Miranda Hughes-Zoler; Nancy Isserman; Bob Levine; Marc Slovak; Dave Smith; Bobby Trimbel; Jordan Trimbel

EXCUSED: Rick Churchill; Karen Gottlieb; Shelly Sassler

The PWCA meeting was held Thursday, April 1, 2010 at the Penn Wynne Library (2nd floor). The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, May 6, 2010.

The March minutes were approved.

I. LANKENAU MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- a. Rick Lamontagne (Project Manager) presented plans for remodeling a house that Lankenau Hospital owns near Wood Circle. The hospital has owned this property for a long time; it was rented out for a while. Lankenau is appealing the need for a zoning variance.
- b. Lankenau wants to remodel the inside of this house, which requires extensive work. They would like to use the house as offices during construction at Lankenau (June 2010-2013) and later on, as offices for staff.
- c. The outside of the house will remain as is; only the inside will be redone. Parking will not be allowed on the driveway of the house. In fact, large planters will be positioned to prevent anyone parking in this area. Staff will have to park elsewhere and walk to the house.

II. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President's Report (Anthony Gill)

- a. There was a burglary on Trent Road near City Line; the door was not locked.
- b. There was a shooting near St. Joe's on City Line Ave (which is not in the PWCA area). A police officer (lieutenant) shot and killed a robber; this was ruled as a justified homicide.
- c. Tony has revised the by-laws and submitted potential changes for the board's consideration (see Old Business).

B. Vice-President's Report (vacant Position)

C. Deputy Vice-President's Report

D. Treasurer's Report (Gary Friedlander)

We currently have about \$2740 in the PWCA account, which is 50% less than some prior years at this time. Note that membership dues have recently been received and therefore additional money will be added to our account.

E. Township Commissioner's Report. *Commissioner Rick Churchill* was on vacation but submitted the following report via email to Tony Gill.

- a. Pothole hotline (610-645-4782): Citizens can call the newly created Pothole hotline number to report potholes in Lower Merion Township.

- b. LM Township continues to borrow money for capital improvements averaging about \$12 million per year for the next 2 years. Of that borrowed money, 50% will go to road/bridge repair and storm water management. The other 50% will pay for renovating the Ludington and Bala Cynwyd libraries.
- c. The Township is retiring old debt at the rate of \$6 million/year, so the extra borrowed money is also being used for the libraries, which did not have routine maintenance and improvement over the years.
- d. So far Township revenues are decreased from last year, primarily because of the lack of revenue generated from the real estate transfer fees.
- e. Because of the township's continued strong AAA bond rating, Lower Merion is refinancing up to \$23 million in old bond issues. Over time, this will save the township about \$900,000 in interest payments.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Membership Committee

- a. Jordan Trimbel is a new board member.
- b. Members. The membership letter was sent out earlier this year (March), and so far, we have received 101 replies. It cost approximately \$1500 to print and mail out the membership letter.

b. School Board (Gary Friedlander)

- a. Construction at Lower Merion High School is still on schedule. There will be a 4.4% cap on any increase in taxes.
- b. Foreign language will continue to be taught in LM elementary schools. In contrast, Radnor has eliminated their program.
- c. Keystone exams are a new test that is being implemented throughout Pennsylvania; it will be 30% of the final grade. This exam has been mandated by the state. The schools will have to pay for the testing and may have to change curriculum.

c. Programs Committee

- a. A meeting will be held on April 5 (7:30) at the library to plan for the Spring Social (ie, set up and clean up), which will be held on April 18 at the Penn Wynne Elementary School. July 4th issues will also be discussed.

d. Community Response Committee: No update

IV. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Garden for the Blind.** Bob Levine has gotten some money for the garden.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. By-Law Revisions. Tony Gill (President) submitted his revised version of the by-laws for the board's consideration. Under these new revisions, we will only need 7 members to have a quorum, which will make it easier to approve the minutes. Wording about the annual dues will be revised. The board gave preliminary approval of the revised by-laws, which will be approved at the annual meeting (in October).

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Miranda Hughes-Zoler
Acting Secretary