



**Wissahickon Interested Citizens Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: May 9, 2018 | **Attendees:** 19

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and accepted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. WICA's checking account balance as of May 9th was \$1,264.17.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING

- a. **Membership** | Chair: Dane Troup | No update
- b. **Zoning** | Chair: Vacant
 - **90 Rochelle:** As of May 9th, a stop work order was posted on the office building. According to L&I, 4 violations were reported.
- c. **Parks** | Co-chairs: John Gallagher and Hal Rosner
 - **Philly Spring Cleanup:** Attendance was very light at the Daisy Field and LaNoce Park cleanups on April 14th.
 - **LaNoce Park:** A grant application to fund improvements to LaNoce Park was submitted. A tree trimming request was put in to the Fairmount Park Maintenance office.
 - **Wissahickon War Memorial:** A motion was passed to donate \$100 to Phil Moyer to help cover expenses associated with the annual planting of the Memorial.

AD-HOC

- a. **Traffic and Parking** | Chair: Vacant
 - **Wissahickon Gateway Plan:** The final Wissahickon Gateway Plan Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30pm at Downs Auditorium, 3243 W. Schoolhouse Lane. All are welcome to attend as the city presents their draft plan recommendations.
 - **Wissahickon Train Station Parking Lot:** Concern was expressed over when the currently free SEPTA lot will change over to a paid lot. This will increase volume around Rochelle, Sumac, and Kalos. Permit parking was suggested.

- b. **Town Watch** | Chair: Rich Wilczynski
 - **Staffing Change:** Jess Doroba has resigned. Renee Crabill and Alissa Crabill have taken her place.
- c. **Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO)** | Chair: Ken Sawyer
 - **NCO Draft Presentation:** Matt Wysong, the North/Northwest Senior Planner from the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, presented the final NCO draft. Matt's handouts are attached. The bill will be introduced to City Council this month.
- d. **Bylaws** | Chair: Nick Barrile | No update

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **8 & 10 Osborne:** The property has been cleared with many items relocated to the Triple A lot.
- b. **5116 Rochelle/Former Melnick's:** A demolition notice has been posted.

6. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **PA State Representative Pam DeLissio:** Representative DeLissio discussed congressional redistricting and the May 15th Pennsylvania primary election. Her 73rd town hall meeting is May 17th at 7pm at Abbottsford Community Center, 3226 McMichael St.
- b. **Josh Cohen, Chief of Staff to Councilman Curtis Jones:** Josh Cohen discussed property assessments and the proposed property tax increase. He encouraged those who do not agree with their assessments to file an appeal. The RFP for an Independent Auditor to review how assessments are arrived at will not help residents this year.
- c. **Matt Taylor, Roxborough Development Corporation (RDC) Operations Director:** Matt Taylor updated the group on the Art is Life Fest, Roxborough Pocket Park, and First Fridays at the Pocket Park. Anthony, RDC's Ridge Ave Ambassador, will be working with two assistants this summer to keep the Ridge clean from Wissahickon Train Station to Domino Ln. Anthony can be found patrolling the Ridge by golf cart.
- d. **Officer Nominations:** By WICA's bylaws, the following nominations for the election of officers was made. Elections will take place at the June meeting.
 - **President:** Janet Anderson
 - **Vice President:** no nominees
 - **Treasurer:** Ken Sawyer
 - **Secretary:** Nicole Healy

The meeting was adjointed at 8:14pm.

The next meeting will be held on June 13th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the in the Northern Children's Services board room, 5301 Ridge Avenue.