



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

**Meeting Date:** October 10, 2018 | **Attendees:** 9

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

**2) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**3) TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. As of October 10<sup>th</sup>, WICA's total funds were \$2,836.38 including \$2,118.61 in our checking account and \$717.17 in our PayPal account.

**4) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STANDING**

a) **Membership** | Chair: Dane Troup | No update.

b) **Zoning** | Chair: Brian Olszak

- i) **Ridge Avenue Historic District:** The Historical Commission will meet on October 12<sup>th</sup> to vote on the Ridge Avenue Historic District Designation.
- ii) **Gary Jonas, HOW Properties:** Gary Jonas, a developer who previously submitted a proposal on 90 Rochelle, expressed interest in putting an apartment building in the area of the existing swimming pool on the Northern Children's Services property (NCS). NCS was not contacted about the idea and advised that all such matters must first be presented to their President and Board.

b) **Parks**

- i) **David P. Montgomery Field** (formerly Daisy Field): The Phillies and Parks and Recreation have been working on major improvements to the park. The rededication ceremony is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ii) **LaNoce Park:** As part of the citywide Love Your Park Fall Service Day on November 10<sup>th</sup>, WICA is hosting a cleanup at LaNoce Park from 9am-1pm. Work to include leaf raking/collection, weeding/gardening, and bulb planting.
- iii) **Philadelphia Activities Fund Grant:** WICA was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Philadelphia Activities Fund.
  - (1) **Motion:** Spend the \$2,000 in grant monies on the tree trimming at LaNoce Park. Motion passed.

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- (2) **Motion:** Contract Andrew F. Gillespie Tree Service out of Andorra for the \$2,000 worth of tree trimming work at LaNoce Park. Motion passed.
- iv) **War Memorial:** There is a tree bordering the Memorial that may require action soon from a safety standpoint. Member Vaughan Piccolo will inspect the condition of the tree and report back to us.

#### **AD-HOC**

a) **Town Watch** | Chair: Rich Wilczynski | No update.

#### **b) Bylaws**

- i) At the September meeting, amendments to the bylaws were discussed. A proposed amendment to eliminate the voting privileges of Associate members was submitted in writing to be debated and voted on at the October meeting.
  - (1) **Motion:** Amend the bylaws to eliminate the voting privileges of Associate members. Motion passed.
  - (2) **Motion:** Propose an amendment to eliminate the Associate membership option from the bylaws, to be debated and voted on at the November meeting. Motion withdrawn.

5) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** | No update.

#### **6) NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- a) **Melissa Jones, Board Member, Wissahickon Sustainability Council (WSC)** | WSC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that works with Cook Wissahickon School to cultivate resources that enhance sustainability and sustainability education as well as beautify the school grounds through regular cleanups and service days. The next project for the group is depaving and redesigning the main schoolyard to manage stormwater as well as create a dynamic, sustainable park and play area for the entire community. WSC is seeking a partnership with WICA so that we can work together to promote and support our mutually beneficial goals to increase community participation and funding.
  - i) **Motion:** Support WSC's efforts to green the Cook Wissahickon School's campus and enhance our community. Motion passed.

#### **7) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

**The next meeting will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Northern Children's Services board room, 5301 Ridge Ave.**