



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

Meeting Date: November 14, 2018 | **Attendees:** 15

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

2) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and accepted.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. As of November 12th, WICA's total funds were \$2,594.02.

4) COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING

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

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

Brian gave a recap on ongoing zoning matters. Brian is interested in evolving the role of the Zoning Committee, to see what planning or community initiatives the Committee can initiate or be a part of, beyond the review of variance requests. He is seeking ideas and feedback.

c) **Parks**

i) **100 Steps Graffiti Removal:** The Community Life Improvement Program (CLIP) did not remove the graffiti because they were unable to get their equipment down to the location. Friends of the Wissahickon agreed to work on the graffiti removal on a date in December (to be announced). They will be seeking volunteers help for on the work day.

ii) **LaNoce Park**

(1) **Tree Trimming:** WICA has lined up Andrew F. Gillespie Tree Service to complete the tree trimming work with the Philadelphia Activities Fund grant. President Janet Anderson is working to get the tree trimming scheduled in conjunction with Parks and Rec unlocking the bollard for us.

(2) **Fall Service Day:** The cleanup on November 10th was successful - 119 lawn waste bags filled with leaves/pine needles and picked up by the Streets Department; 100 crocus bulbs, 30 daffodil bulbs, and 4 perennials planted.

(3) **Wissahickon War Memorial Tree Removal:** Josh Cohen informed us that Parks and Rec is responsible for the removal of street trees, but it could be a long time before they get to it due to their backlog of work.

AD-HOC

- a) **Town Watch** | Chair: Rich Wilczynski | No update.
- b) **Traffic**
 - i) **Neighborhood Slow Program:** WICA is looking into applying for the City's Neighborhood Slow Zone Program, which promotes traffic safety on neighborhood streets by streamlining safety improvements. The application is due by January 18, 2019.
- c) **Bylaws**
 - i) **Revision:** Nicole Healy and Melissa Jones are working on further updates to the bylaws following the October 2018 revision.

5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS | No update.

- a) **5102 Rochelle (former Melnick's):** Janet Anderson met with

6) NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS

- a) **268 Rochelle (Rochelle Arms):** Concern has been expressed about recent activity at the property, including the parking of construction equipment, extension of paved areas, and new lighting/signs – all with no visible permits.
- b) **Captain Maroney, 5th District:** Car break-ins are still an issue. Lock house and car doors even if you run out for only a short time. There have been reoccurring issues on Ridge Ave following daily dismissal at Roxborough High School. Several students were expelled as a result.
- c) **Josh Cohen, Chief of Staff to Councilman Curtis Jones:** Josh reported that he asked the Chief Highway Engineer about the sinkhole on upper Rochelle Ave and it is likely an underlying water issue. Josh also discussed the launch of the Water and Sewer Service Line Protection Program. Philadelphia homeowners now have the option of signing up for low-cost protection plans covering repairs and replacements to service lines that extend from City water and sewer mains to the home, which are the responsibility of homeowners and are typically not covered by homeowners' insurance. More information is available at awrusa.com/philadelphia.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be held December 12th at 7:00pm in the Northern Children's Services Board Room, 5301 Ridge Avenue.