



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

Meeting Date: December 12, 2018 | **Attendees:** 9

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and accepted.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. As of December 12th, WICA's total funds were \$2,622.85.

4) COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING

a) Membership

- i) All memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. The easiest way to renew your membership is online by visiting <http://wissahickon.us/association/membership>.

b) Zoning | Chair: Brian Olszak

- i) The next zoning committee meeting is scheduled for January 7th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Northern Children's Services Board Room, 5301 Ridge Ave.
- ii) Brian would like to evolve the role of the Zoning Committee beyond the review of variance requests. He is seeking ideas and feedback to see what planning or community initiatives the Committee can take part in.

c) Parks

- i) **100 Steps Graffiti Removal:** Friends of the Wissahickon will remove the graffiti on a date still to be announced. They will be seeking volunteers to help on the work day.
- ii) **LaNoce Park Tree Trimming:** The tree trimming was delayed so that the tree service could obtain the appropriate permits from the City. Janet Anderson and Drew from Gillespie Tree Service will meet with an arborist from Fairmount Park on December 14th to discuss the work.

Disclaimer: The contents herein represent the notes and recollections of WICA's Executive Secretary and representatives. This is not a verbatim transcript of the meeting but rather an attempt to capture the general spirit of the discussion.

- iii) **Wissahickon War Memorial Tree Removal:** We are on the list for the tree to be removed by Parks & Rec but there's no telling how long it will take. We also plan to ask Gillespie Tree Service if they are willing to help take the tree down.

AD-HOC

- a) **Town Watch** | Chair: Rich Wilczynski | No update.
- b) **Traffic**
 - i) **Neighborhood Slow Program:** Brian Olszak is completing WICA's application for the City's pilot Neighborhood Slow Zone Program, which promotes traffic safety on neighborhood streets by streamlining safety improvements. The application is due January 18, 2019. More information on the program can be found at <http://visionzerophl.com/get-involved>.
- c) **Bylaws**
 - i) **Revision:** Nicole Healy and Melissa Jones will resume work on the revisions in January 2019.

5) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **5102 Rochelle (former Melnick's):** Janet Anderson met with Nate Torok (Rock Construction) at the job site on December 3rd to bring to his attention recent violations of the Land Use Agreement.
- b) **268 Rochelle (Rochelle Arms):** Josh Cohen's office is to meet with nearby neighbors in response to concern 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.
- c) **GoPuff:** The current status of the business is unknown. The space is not vacant but it appears it is being emptied. James Calamia from the RDC is going to check with the property owner for us.

6) NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS

- a) **Captain Malachi Jones, 5th District:** New Police Captain Malachi Jones attended the meeting and introduced himself. Captain Jones is a 25-year police veteran with prior assignments at the 39th District, Internal Affairs Division, and the Northwest Detectives Division as both a detective and Captain.
- b) **James Calamia, Roxborough Development Corporation:** James reported the Happy Holidays events were very successful. RDC's office has moved across the street to 6120 Ridge.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

The next meeting will be held January 9, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Northern Children's Services Board Room, 5301 Ridge Ave.