



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

**Meeting Date:** November 13, 2019 | **Attendees:** 15

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Lisa Wetzler.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the November meeting were adopted.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ken Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report. As of November 13, 2019, WICA's checking account balance is \$225.95 and the savings/legal fund balance is \$25.38.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**a. Membership**, Chair: Heather Baumgardner

No update

**b. Zoning**, Chair: Brian Olszak

- i. 200-214 Kalos: On November 18 at 7pm at Wissahickon Church, developer David Ross will present his revised plans and an official community vote will be taken.

**c. Parks**, Chair: Janet Anderson

- i. 100 Steps: The graffiti was removed in October by the City's Community Life Improvement Program (CLIP) following a request from neighbor Caitlin Martin to her contact in Philadelphia Parks and Recreation. This person contacted CLIP, which is part of the Managing Director's office. Previous requests to CLIP and Friends of the Wissahickon did not result in any action.
- ii. 2019 Love Your Park Fall Service Day
  1. LaNoce Park - Approximately 15 people attended, including volunteers from Wissahickon Church. Volunteers filled 80-90 leaf bags. Several hosta plants donated by Katherine Barnhardt and

Andrew Synder were planted throughout the park. Water was donated by Little White Dog Doggie Daycare.

2. David P. Montgomery Field - Many volunteers were on hand to rake leaves. Daffodil bulbs were planted by the David P. Montgomery Field sign and throughout the park. The Phillies organization sent 35-40 people, including Lyn Montgomery and her family. The Phillies donated water, soft pretzels, and sandwich trays. The Impact Softball team coaches, players, and their families also participated. Head coach Tim Bass opened the building providing rest rooms and additional tools. Several nearby neighbors also participated. Impact Softball and WICA are hoping to partner with the Phillies for a cleanup in March 2020.

### **AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

- a. **Traffic**, Chair: Chip Roller
  - i. Wissahickon Train Station: The lot will be monetized by the end of the year. Chip will keep tabs on the fallout affecting Kalos and Rochelle. Permit parking may be an option.
- b. **Bylaws**, Chair: vacant
  - i. Revisions: Nicole distributed a draft of proposed changes for review and discussion.
- c. **Town Watch**, Chair: Rich Wilczynski  
No update

### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **6. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS/GUESTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. **Joe Bergan, President of Wissahickon Neighbors Civic Association (WNCA)**: Joe Bergan from WNCA, one of our neighboring civics, introduced himself and discussed the recent Coalition of Civics meeting on November 11th. Much of the discussion focused on the Wissahickon Transportation Center Plan. A main point of contention is SEPTA's expansion plan to significantly increase the number of daily bus trips that pass through the Wissahickon Transportation Center.
- b. **Lieutenant Craig Sweeney, 5th District**: Lieutenant Sweeney stressed the importance of not leaving anything in your car and locking your vehicle at all times. Theft from auto continues to be a major problem in our neighborhood.
- c. **State Representative Pam DeLissio**: Representative DeLissio discussed her upcoming 90th Town Hall scheduled for November 21st. Topics will include

various legislative updates, including a history making voter reform law (SB421); Marsy's Law (HB276); and a bill that would provide for the final disposition of fetal remains (HB1890).

- d. **Josh Cohen, Chief of Staff to Councilman Curtis Jones:** Josh was on hand to answer our questions about recent City Council happenings.

## 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.