



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

Meeting Date: February 12, 2020 | **Attendees:** 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Lisa Wetzler.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The December and January meeting minutes were adopted..

3. TREASURER'S REPORT, Treasurer: Ken Sawyer

- a. **General Fund:** As of 2/12, the general fund balance is \$508.59. Later this year we will owe approximately \$1,000 for D&O Insurance
- b. **Legal Fund:** As of 2/12, the balance is \$40.70. We have a debt of \$1,500 to Stanley Krakower. We received the \$500 refund from Jared Klein. .

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

a. **Membership, Chair: Kay Marie Boblenz**

- i. A motion was passed to move Kay Marie Boblenz into the role of membership chair.

b. **Zoning, Chair: Vacant**

- i. Zoning chair: We are actively looking for a new chair. A co-chair arrangement is a possibility.
- ii. 147 Sumac
 1. ZBA Hearing: The ZBA approved six homes at the hearing earlier today, four on Kalos and two on Righter, going against the current zoning and the recommendation of Curtis Jones/Josh Cohen for five homes. In an email, Matt Wysong from the Planning Commission also recommended five homes.
 2. A motion was passed to schedule a special meeting if necessary in two weeks to decide if we will appeal the decision.
- iii. 200-214 Kalos: On January 8, the ZBA accepted the developer's proposal of three twin homes. WICA requested five provisos but the ZBA only

agreed to one proviso regarding the height limitation on the fence or wall along the Kalos/Richter section.

- c. **Parks**, Chair: Janet Anderson
 - i. 100 Steps: There is once again graffiti at the bottom of the steps, the asphalt trail, and a nearby boulder. Janet will be meeting with two supervisors from the Philadelphia Power Corp at the 100 Steps regarding cleaning up the trash on the steep hillsides and removing invasive plants and weed trees.
 - ii. David Montgomery Field: Impact Softball will hold their spring cleanup on Saturday, March 21. The Phillies will not be able to participate due to a scheduling conflict.
 - iii. LaNoce Park: We have registered the park for the Streets Department's annual Philly Spring Cleanup on Saturday, 4/4. Janet will pick up the supplies when they are available.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- a. **Traffic**, Chair: Chip Roller
 - i. Permit Parking: We are considering a move towards permit parking in the area of 5102 Rochelle once the construction of the building is complete.
 - ii. Wissahickon Train Station: We are still waiting for the parking lot to be monetized in the near future.
 - iii. Wissahickon Transportation Center: SEPTA will be releasing new plans for the project in coming weeks.
- b. **Bylaws**, Chair: Vacant
 - i. Bylaws chair: We are actively looking for a bylaws chair. We need someone to work on this as an ongoing project.
- c. **Town Watch**, Chair: Rich Wilczynski
 - i. A motion was passed to remove Town Watch from the monthly agenda.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **145 & 147 Sumac Street**: The properties go before the historical commission on Friday, 2/14 to be designated to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.
- b. **Triple A Auto**: Recent activity has been observed on the site. It does not seem as though the cease operations is being followed.

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

- a. **Fundraising**: Several ideas were discussed including buying Teresa Allegreti's artwork at cost to resell and possibly use the artwork for t-shirts. We have a

limited supply of t-shirts from years ago that we could sell online. Fundraising events at local businesses are also an option.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.