

**BLUE BELL HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
May 15, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm with approximately 18 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Checking balance is \$822.92 and membership stands at 40, which is less than last year. We had more membership sign-ups when the HOLIDAY party was in December.

Pam DeLissio: Discussed gerrymandering and redistricting which was in effect for today's elections, Philadelphia real estate taxes, zoning and updates on bills in the state legislature. She is hosting a town hall this Thursday at Abbotsford Community Center and June 14, 7 pm Roxborough Hospital.

Board Nominees so far:

President Vice President Secretary: Brooke Giles Treasurer: George
At Large: Liz, Stas, John, Sid, Kristin, Linda

Lincoln Drive Update: Sid reported that water is the worst of the problem and replacing sewers, drains and creek wall is the main focus of repairs; repaving is secondary.

Properties of Concern: Liz gave an update from the property committee. 619 Naomi has been completely rehabbed and is now for sale for more than \$300k. 6100 Wissahickon has sold but deed not yet recorded. 6026 Wissahickon and 750 Hermit have been vacant and we should call 311 if we see any suspicious activity. Park Lane new construction contractor says he is waiting for permission to tie into sewer but didn't say why he isn't working on finishing other parts of the building in the meantime. His building permits have expired and even when he was granted a 30 day extension, no new work was done on the property. Good idea for us to call 311 and report weeds, holes in fencing, etc. We should also post all these concerns and calls on social media so others can call 311 as well.

Walnut Lane project: Ron Goldwyn circulated an email update a few weeks ago. "Buckley continues to complete their work under the bridge along the trail on the Golf course side of the bridge. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of May. Their subcontractor has returned to the project to complete the concrete repairs on the Northern outside face of the structure. Once Buckley completed their underside work, they will begin again up top. Completing the sidewalk, having their sub complete any landscaping issues, and finally, placing an epoxy overlay to the concrete bridge deck. This has a stone grit placed on top of the concrete for a more "historical" look to the surface. All this work is still on schedule to complete sometime this summer."

BRT (Brd of Revision Taxes) assessments: All properties have been re-assessed and average increase was 11%. Tax rate is 4% and they are looking into increasing the tax exemption above 30 K. If we disagree with our new assessment, we must file for a review by May 26. City Council will audit the reassessment program in time for the fall tax decisions.

Meeting with Park Rangers: John, Linda, Liz & Sid met with park rangers Brown and Hazleton and discussed ways to improve communication (e.g. putting them on the newsletter distribution list) as well as some old and new issues. Among them are concerns about the lighting at Thomas Mansion, dogs off leash, possible installation of trash cans for dog poop, picnic noise over the summer, etc. They also gave us the phone number for parks dispatch (215-685-0144) which should be used for minor concerns. They advised us to call 911 for more serious issues.

Elections & Ice Cream Social June 12: We will meet on the church lawn if weather permits or downstairs in the church if it rains. Frank Matysik is making a donation to cover the cost of the ice cream. Rev. Williams asked neighbors to help clean up the church lawn and set up tables.

Festival of Speed: Al Parker announced the 8th annual festival of speed on Saturday June 16th, rain date June 17th. Cars should be moved from 608-654 Johnson St. from 3-7:30 pm. Volunteers to help with details are welcome.

General concerns/ questions

- Complaints about circle, crack in concrete on bridge and blocked drains,
- Dog poop on the church lawn. Liz will contact David Bower about the availability of signs behind Thomas Mansion.

- Mulch will be delivered to circle and helpers necessary to move the mulch.
- Crossing Wissahickon worse during Lincoln Drive closings.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Jaymes, Secretary