

## PVCA Meeting notes

29 April 2010

1. Commissioner Mark Taylor update
  - Crime update: Burglaries have continued in the township. Police are working on it. Advice: keep doors locked when you are home, and away. Cars locked at all times.
  - Road surfacing and reconstruction planned for 2010 includes:
    - A portion of Old Gulph
    - A portion of Brookhurst
    - CSH Road from Hollow Road to Mill Creek
    - Sprague Road from Flat Rock to the cul-de-sac
    - Some other roads are delayed till 2011 due to Aqua work (including RMR from Mill Creek to Hagy's Ford)
  - Township just got its bond rating, AAA
    - Township has gotten very favorable rates for debt issuance for 2010-2011
    - Net debt of the township is \$120 million; discussion of ratio of revenue to debt
  - May 5<sup>th</sup>: Township Finance committee meeting to report on Q1 performance
  - May 5<sup>th</sup>: Public Works committee meeting to discuss a new kind of truck that can pick up trash and recycling, which could ultimately yield a cost saving
  - Work is now beginning work on a LMT comprehensive plan.
  - Cynwyd Heritage Trail is in good shape; construction will be bid in May. Will be parallel trails, one hard, one soft, altogether 12 feet wide. Runs from Cynwyd Train Station all the way to the River and across the River on the viaduct to Manayunk. Construction should start in the summer.
    - Discussion about the bike path along the sidewalk on Montgomery Ave and that it is not very well maintained. Mark to f/up. *Mark emailed us May 5, 2010, to let us know the public works department has been notified, and will check on this.*
  - Discussion about ordinance to allow farmer's markets in LMT, but only in commercially zoned areas.
  - Discussion about planned restoration of Oddfellows Building on Righter's Mill Road toward Gladwyne.
  - Question about township's realty rates, foreclosure rates, etc. Transfer taxes are down (because sales are down). Many people are filing appeals related to real estate taxes and getting reductions. As to the overall market, there's been about a 6% drop in value.
  - Discussion of the challenges facing the township in the upcoming budgeting process.
  - This weekend is free trash drop-off at the town dump.
2. Lower Merion Community Watch payment of \$75 is due; motion made and passed to pay the dues from PVCA. Discussion about the program and its flexibility.
3. May 11<sup>th</sup> the Architectural Review Board will host the Historic Preservation Awards at the Merion Tribune House.
4. The Ridge Park Civic Association will be holding debates related to the election to fill the recently vacated seat. Contact Steve Selinger for information.
5. No particular update from the recent Federation of Civics meeting (Commissioner Taylor already updated the group on the relevant issues.).
6. Discussion of the potential for holding joint meetings with the Gladwyne Civic Association. Common issues include runoff; deer control; Cynwyd Trail, etc. '

Next meeting scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 56 Fairview Road.