

Penn Valley Civic Association meeting
24 September 2009
13 attendees
Steve Selinger, President

Commissioner Mark Taylor update

1. New emergency alert system: New system of emergency alerts from the township; citizens can sign up at www.nixle.org.
2. Professional deer culling will begin in October in public areas. Notices will be on the township website and in the parks about the timing; the hunts will be done at night. We have 10 times as many deer as we should have. LMT has set aside \$25K for this.
3. Cleanup weekend is Oct 10-11 at the town dump. Oct 24 9-3 is township hazardous waste disposal day.
4. LMT has changed the solid waste fee structure. Decision has been made to continue waste pickup system as is, but it will cost a bit more; residents can elect or not rear-yard collection for \$200 fee. Size of container has been enlarged; so while the per container cost remains the same, containers are larger. Implemented as of 1 January 2010. The service for grass, leaf pickup, etc remains the same.
5. Mark suggested we invite Don Cannon to a meeting to discuss what residents can do to mitigate stormwater runoff, which is a serious problem in the township.
6. 2009-2010 Budget: For 2009 we will have a gap; many reasons: 20% of our revenue is from transfer taxes which are generated when homes are sold; mercantile taxes etc. The amount of the gap is not yet known. City is operating with 15 positions fewer over the past year (by attrition). Wednesday Sept 30 will be a public workshop on the budget.
7. Update on Croyle bus situation: Mark's view that it's unlikely LMSD will build anything at Welsh Valley Middle School. Township considering various options.

LMPD Officer Bill Lane update

1. LMT is overall a safe ward.
2. July, no incidents
3. August: Criminal mischief to some vehicles; an attempted burglary on north woodbine; burglary on Montgomery Ave.
4. September: Auto theft on River Road; also a criminal mischief to auto incident.
5. Emphasizes value of signing up for the emergency alerts.
6. With regard to the deer shoot, the police will be notified about them.
7. Discussion of the Tony Sharpless disappearance. LMPD is assisting the Brandywine police department with the investigation. Some concern expressed by homeowners who live near township property.
8. Advice that if we see a clogged storm drains, call the department of public works.

9. Discussion of whether there have been any confirmed cases of H1N1 in LMT; information is not made public, but general sense is that there have not been any recent cases.

Discussion of necessary edits to the PVCA by-laws.

Steve has proposed a number of changes to the by-laws related to the size and composition of the Board.

A motion was made to direct Steve to propose these amendments; have them reviewed by the executive committee; publicized in various outlets; and submitted for a vote at the next meeting. Motion passed.

Discussion & nomination of potential individuals to occupy Board spots.

The following individuals were nominated for the board. The group passed a motion, seconded it and voted to elect the following community members to the board:

- Vicky Richter
- Harris Berger
- Greg Cirillo
- Mary Baker

Members and residents are encouraged to bring forward potential nominees.

Setting the agenda for future meetings.

- October meeting: discussion of the LMT Budget.
- November meeting: discussion of School Board issues.
- December: Holiday party.
- February: Meeting at the Academy in Bala Cynwyd.
- April: planning a “fun and games” meeting.
- May meeting will take place at the Cynwyd trail. Nancy Winkler and Chris Leswing have been invited to address us about the trail restoration and station renovation.

Treasurer’s Report

At this time of the year, we don’t have all of our dues in, which trickle in starting in September till next Spring.

In the bank currently: \$15,432.62.

Next meeting is October 29th.