

PVCA meeting Notes

September 25, 2008

19 Attendees

Officers:

Lynn Berger

Perri Strawn

Jeannie Cohen

Commissioners in attendance:

Commissioner Mark Taylor

Commissioner Paul McElhaney

1. Treasurer's report:
 - a. \$18,800 in the bank. Bills upcoming to be paid: \$2300 for newsletter mailings; \$1000 rent to Women's association for yearly rent; few other miscellaneous bills.
2. Safety update from Lower Merion Police Dept, Officer William Lane:
 - a. Summer burglaries. 2 sets of burglars have been arrested (one is local, one from out of town). Investigation is still ongoing; 12 houses were burglarized. While the officer could not say whether the current suspects were responsible for all of the burglaries, he noted that burglaries have stopped since these suspects were apprehended. A discussion of potential deterrents yielded a recommendation that dogs might be useful; deterrent effect of cameras and alarms uncertain. Reminders to not let papers and mail pile up, and to put lights on timers when residents are away traveling.
 - b. Residents interested in participating in the township's Neighborhood Watch Program should call the Staff and Inspections Unit.
 - c. Other safety updates: bike thefts have occurred, and underage drinking.
 - d. Discussion of various traffic and safety concerns
 - i. One resident inquired about possibility of installing a 4-way stop sign at Righter's Mill and Hagy's Ford Road?
 - ii. Recommendation to call the Traffic Safety unit with concerns about specific speeding concerns.
3. Commissioners' updates
Mark Taylor & Paul McElhaney:
 - i. Addressing the issue of the stop sign at RMR at Hagy's Ford; Mark noted that if these are township roads (rather than state-owned areas), we can request via Mark to have a traffic study done of the intersection to consider whether a stop sign should be placed there.
 - ii. Deer: The Twp has authorized funds for a deer study for purposes of considering whether to do a controlled deer hunt for a date in the near future. Hunts would occur only on township property. Note that private landowners have the right to have a controlled hunt on their property if

certain conditions are met (note, conditions were eased somewhat recently).

- iii. The situation regarding the location of a Penn Valley sign situation on Righter's Mill Road has been resolved and the city will move the sign according to the wishes of the affected homeowners.
 - iv. Update on a trail system currently under discussion; this trail would run from City Avenue out to Valley Forge Park (for details see township staff); some concern has been expressed in Gladwyne regarding a multi-use trail in the proposed area. Additionally, discussion about possible sidewalk construction in certain areas of LMT. The township is pursuing a grant for some portion of this sidewalk project. Discussion of other places sidewalks might be placed.
 - v. Croyle. Review of the current legal situation. Further hearings will occur, but are yet to be scheduled. Regarding the issue of land use approval (the issue of planned plantings): Neighbors felt the township's plan was insufficient. Discussion about plantings at the top of the hill and the incremental cost. Discussion about PVCA interest in screening of site from the expressway.
 - vi. Other matters: Township budget discussions are ongoing; all are welcome to participate. Discussion about the pond on Centennial and that it will be fenced. Discussion of ongoing treatment of mosquitoes with West Nile Virus, and residents expressed disappointment in poor communication about the spraying. Note that citizens can register at township website for emergency email updates.
4. Croyle Neighbors' Group report and discussion: Request for donation of \$5,000. Discussion of whether to contribute, and what the Civic could afford to contribute. Discussion will be ongoing and considered at next month's PVCA meeting.
 5. Motions made and passed:
 - a. That we make a donation of \$100 to Channel 99 in recognition of their work supporting the community.
 - b. That we consider making a donation to the Croyle group. We will discuss the amount in the coming month.
 - c. We agreed to move forward with purchasing services from Network Solutions to build and host a new PVCA website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Next meeting to be held October 23, 2008.