



HAVERFORD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board of Director's Meeting

October 9, 2018

Attendance: Tasha Duff; Hala Imms; Anne Mezey; Anne Nikolaus; Andy Orr; Daphne Sculli; Karen Shapiro; A.C. Stevenson; Lee Tabas; Michael Talarico; and Scott Zelov

Commissioners: Anthony Stevenson; Scott Zelov

Welcome: Meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. by Hala Imms, HCA President and she thanked Lee Tabas for taking minutes in September.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$2,779.38 in the treasury. We received \$210, although the source of that amount was not identified. We recently paid \$96 for the annual post office rental for the HCA.

Federation of Civic Associations: **Anne Mezey** attended the Federation of Civics Meeting but said there was not much to report and there was nothing that we needed to vote on from the Federation meeting on Monday, October 8. The minutes from the June and September meeting of the Federation of Civics were included in our meeting packet on October 9. Anne also shared that it's \$85 a year.

September minutes were approved.

HCA website: **Andy Orr** updated our website, and we thanked him for keeping us current. The website will have a PayPal account to permit faster, easier payment for HCA memberships, etc. We decided that any PayPal related emails will/should be forwarded to **Lorraine Jones** to handle.

HCA Family/Business Memberships: Discussion of Family and Business sponsorships of the HCA. We decided that the goal is for everyone to obtain a total of 5 memberships. Idea was to have a list of the businesses at the next meeting, which we'll divide among HCA members, so we can go out and obtain commitments from businesses and individuals. We want to create a digital copy of the family/business sponsorship form to make it even easier for people to sign up and pay. We discussed the benefits of the HCA membership, which we'd be able to relay to potential members. The main objective is having the snowflakes in Haverford; "We don't want a black hole in Haverford" and that we host and support events for families in the community. And it's a good talking point as a business owner to be able to say that they support the community in which they make a living.

HCA Mission Statement: **Karen Shapiro** crafted a well-written redraft of our mission statement. She read it aloud to the group. We will be taking 1-3 sentences from it for the official mission statement and using the remaining narrative for a sort of "About Us" section on the site.

Haverford Station – Gutter Issues: A big thanks to **Lee Tabas** for taking the time to call both Septa and Amtrak. Scott and Anthony agreed to add this issue to their meeting with the township the following day.

Neighbors Night Out and Art in the Park: **Jane Carton** said we will be meeting and talking about potential dates for planning. Ask to the group for those interested in being on the committee to help move the event forward. Event date will need to be determined for the Spring, keeping in mind Easter, Passover, Mother’s Day and graduation dates. Date needs to be decided. Also, regarding Sharpe Park, the group mentioned the odd hanging logs – there has been no real answer to what they are, but it’s agreed they’re a potential hazard.

Pennswood Road Bridge: **Scott Zelov** shared that Pennswood Road Bridge still hasn’t gone under construction because AMTRAK wants the township to take all of the liability even if Amtrak is negligent, which is not an acceptable term. The design is done, it’s fully funded, but just waiting on other issues to be ironed out. Speaking of bridges, **Daphne Sculli** mentioned that there is a need for signs to direct trucks on which bridges they can safely go under and over.

Art in the Park @ Sharpe Park: **Jane Carton** said we’ll be meeting and talking about potential dates for planning. Ask to the group for those interested in being on the committee to help move the event forward. Event date will need to be determined for the Spring, keeping in mind Easter, Passover, Mother’s Day and graduation dates. With all of those in mind, X, 2019 and X, 2019 look like viable options, but needs to be discussed and decided upon. Also, regarding Sharpe Park, the group mentioned the odd hanging logs – there has been no real answer to what they are, but it’s agreed they’re a potential hazard.

The Haverford School: The planning commission had recently approved the recommended sketch plan. During construction for 18 months there will be trailers parked on the tennis courts, which was approved by Haverford Township. The new building, which will be “green”, is not done with the purpose of increasing the number of students or teachers.

Heritage at Haverford, 501-507 Old Lancaster Road: This is the project in which 14 dilapidated garages on Old Lancaster will be torn down to make way for new construction. Also, 503 Old Lancaster will be moved about 60ft to the right.

Cricket Cringle: November 30 and December 1 – There will be a Santa Claus, cookies and a fire truck in Ardmore. There will also be beer served from the Iron Hill and Tired Hands. Will be held on Cricket Avenue.

Bamboo Ordinance: Conversation around shrubbery and trees that are pending upon walkway, etc. have to allow access to the sidewalk. The ordinance is intended to control the spreading of bamboo. The ordinance allows the township to enforce the rule that if your bamboo starts to grow, you must prevent its growth into your neighbor(s)’s property. It was also mentioned that PECO is taking proactive measures to take down limbs via Asplundh in order to prevent power outages that we saw last winter/spring following snow/ice storms.

Wireless Antennae: AT&T is proposing that new antennae go on top of street light poles. If approved, AT&T will be responsible for maintaining the pole. They've asked for 10 wireless communications antennae. This will be the first time they are on top of street lights, as they are historically on top of utility poles.

Commissioner's Report: **Scott Zelov** delivered the Commissioner's Report. There are two big and overriding things that the commissioners are working on and responding to: Revision to the zoning code and requests from the school board. November 7 was the first public meeting re: the draft zoning code. The updates and changes to the zoning code are based on the comprehensive plan, which was adopted in 2016. The zoning issues will be of highest priority in advance of the next commissioner elections next year. Will require putting other items aside to give precedence to this issue. There was conversation around the school board, which indicated it needs to move quickly with its interest in building a new middle school in Villanova. It will not be an easy process to do that, as they are asking for a big increase in impervious surface for the lower density zones in which schools are located. There was also commentary around the traffic component of an additional school. The Church of the Redeemer improvements were approved. 104 Rose Lane – there is a zoning hearing board scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018. Zoning approval would allow them to add onto the garage the property owner wants. Even if they do not get approve, it is believed they can still subdivide. The big issue will be the question of whether they want to put a new access on New Gulph Road. The site distance requirements to make that safe has yet to be decided. Scott and Anthony respectfully have differing views on the budgeting of all desired projects. Anthony believes there is room for some expansion on particular projects. Both agree and respect that people are careful with how budget is spent. Anthony also shared that there are openings for the Television Cable Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Council and Zone and Hearing Board for Lower Merion Township.

Meeting adjourned 9pm