

Minutes, Haverford Civic Association  
January 8, 2019

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by Hala Imms, President. Lee Tabas acted as Secretary. In addition, those present were, Lorraine Jones, Scott Zelov, Tasha Duff, Jane Carton, Daphne Scullin, Michael Talarico, Charles Walsh, Mary Walsh, and Anthony Stevenson

1. President Imms gave special thanks to John and Daphne Scullin for hosting a holiday party for the Civic Association in their home and all present concurred.
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was the next matter. Lorraine Jones pointed out that there was an extra zero in “snowflake bill” and the correct amount should be \$1,664.24. With that correction, the minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer Lorraine Jones gave her report. There is \$1,118.30 in our bank account. Lorraine asked Scott Zelov to ask the Township if they would reimburse us for half of the snowflake bill, which they had done for the previous year.
4. Ann Mezey was not present, so President Imms reported on activities of the Federation of Civic Associations. She mentioned that we were not able to support a resolution of the Federation regarding zoning because it was too broad. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a meeting at the Township building to discuss the proposed new zoning regulations and the public is invited to attend and comment if desired.
5. We next spoke about the Haverford Civic Association website. Andy Orr is our webmaster. Lorraine Jones said that we should be able to take credit cards within a couple of weeks. She intends to apply for us to the IRS, which has provision for organizations like ours to obtain a tax ID. We do not have to file a tax return. Andy Orr and Daphne Scullin are working on an email that can be on the website. President Imms said that we have updates to make on the website. Some old Board members are shown, and we need to recognize our business and other members on the website. At the top of the list should be the Merion Cricket Club that hosts our Board meetings.
6. Art in Sharpe Park (AISP) was the next matter to be discussed. There is a committee that has been meeting and there is a plan in place. The date is Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 11-3 p.m. We are trying to locate the banners that were previously displayed to advertise the event. Those present discussed using Mail Chimp to send out emails to residents to let them know about this and also for fundraising. Mary Walsh and Mo Gillen have agreed to work on this for “AISP”. We are also going to ask Ann Nickolaus to do a facebook page for us. AISP will benefit the Haverford Garden Workers. Jane Carton asked for help to find interested artists, jewelers and other craftspeople. Board members suggested photographers, pet artists, bird house builders, and caricaturists. Lee Tabas said that he would ask Nancy Tabas for artist leads. Subsequent to the event, Lee did ask Nancy, who is president of Art Sisters, with 27 members, and has a studio in Mill Studios in Manayunk with other artists. She agreed to

distribute information about the event to them. Jane said that the cost to participate would be \$60 and that we have a good contract and forms from the prior AISP. We will need to develop some sponsors to cover the costs of AISP. Lee Tabas mentioned that Bryn Mawr Trust has an ice cream truck, and that he would ask if it could be available. Jane Carton stated that Haverford School students have agreed to do weeding in Sharpe Park before the event, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

7. The Board next reviewed and commented on a suggested form by Karen Shapiro for joining and making donations to the Civic Association. In order to keep the HCA relevant and financially afloat, we need to obtain additional members. President Imms encouraged all Board members to try to get their neighbors to become members.
8. Next the Board discussed the new proposed zoning code. Commissioner Stevenson and President Imms said that it was important that residents who are to be affected by changes be notified by the Township. In the past, when a Historic District was created in Haverford, it created some hardship of which residents were not aware. There was some discussion about undoing the Historic District in Haverford. Commissioner Zelov said that there is a Conservation District, which is less strict, that might be an option. Commissioner Zelov mentioned that on the last Wednesday of every month through the summer there will be zoning code meetings open to the public. Mary Walsh reviewed the draft zoning information. She felt that there were several issues with the height of permitted commercial buildings backing up to or next to residential properties. Mary felt that some of the commercial properties might overwhelm the residential ones and should be lower. Mary provided renderings of residential and commercial building next to each other to illustrate her points. She also commented that some of the buffer zones seemed inadequate and provided specific information on that. Commissioner Zelov thanked Mary Walsh for her efforts, which should benefit all township residents.
9. The Commissioners next gave their reports. Commissioner Scott Zelov commented that approvals for new construction for Haverford School Middle School were in the works. There is a meeting scheduled and open to the public on Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> in Ludington Library on a traffic study funding by Lower Merion, Radnor, and Haverford Townships around County Line Road. There is a proposed new traffic signal. Commissioner Zelov also mentioned that there is an anti-bias training session with 15 open spaces on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Township Building meeting room. Township employees have been receiving this training and it ought to be informative. A ribbon cutting is to be held on the Bryn Mawr Hospital renovations on January 9<sup>th</sup>. All rooms will now be single rooms and there are many other improvements. An update on the Lower Merion School District search for new athletic fields now has led to properties at Montgomery and County Line Roads. There are approximately 13 acres at that site.
10. The meeting was adjourned.