



HAVERFORD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021

The meeting was conducted via Zoom video.

Attending: Hala Imms, Lorraine Jones, Anne Mezey, Lee Tabas, Mo Gillen, Andy Orr,
Robert Bocchino, Anne Mezey, Karin Shapiro, Daphne Scullin
Commissioners: Scott Zelov, Anthony Stevenson, Ray Courtney
Invited Guest: Jamillah Moore from Chase Bank

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Hala Imms presided and Lee Tabas took the minutes.

Daphne Scullin and Hala Imms were not able to locate a complete set of the minutes from the June 8th, 2021 meeting; however, most of the details are available.

1. There was a Treasurer's report. We had no memberships or donations come in over the summer
2. Mo Gillen reported that she and Lee Tabas had audited the transactions on our account for 2020, in accordance with the updated bylaws, and with the exception of one check that should have been co-signed by a second authorized person, all transactions were in order. We have a requirement that checks over \$500 require two signatures. The missing second signature was an oversight.
3. Ann Mezey gave the Federation of Civics report. The Federation is trying to develop suggested questions for members for when builders come before the associations. There will be no fees for membership in the Federation this year. Mo Gillen commented that being able to make comparisons between civic associations is helpful. She stated that the Bala Association has about 1000 contacts versus our 160. Mo Gillen further commented that Facebook posts were effective in getting more civic engagement.
4. The Board members next discussed the Haverford Train Station. Lee summarized those efforts of the Association to date to improve the condition of the station. He also reported that AMTRAK was rehabilitating the platform area of the station in an appropriate way. He stated that in 2006 he investigated how several other train stations did improvements, and if we really wanted to put the effort towards it, we could access funding and accomplish it. He mentioned how Wayne set up a separate non-profit, had raised money by selling bricks and accessed several grants. Jamillah Moore of Chase mentioned that she is a board member of the Overbrook Revitalization Committee. She suggested that we speak with Jerry Murphy of that organization. Others suggested that maybe we try to get Haverford College involved. Lee mentioned that Greg Pritchard, Historic Preservation Planner of Lower Merion Township had also come out when we visited and we ought to loop him in. Lee said that he had a telephone call in to Jim Klaiber, the AMTRAK leasing representative to see if there were any current updates, but he is on holiday. (*Post meeting, Lee Tabas spoke with Jesse Lytle, VP and Chief of Staff Haverford College about he or someone else from the College participating. He said yes*) Hala Imms stated that we should continue to put train station improvements near the top of our to- do lists.

5. President Hala Imms led a discussion about a Haverford Civic Association annual meeting. It was suggested that we have the 3 commissioners speak. It was also suggested that the new School Board superintendent might be a good speaker. Another possible speaker would be the Haverford College president. A tentative date was the date of our regular November board meeting, the 2nd Tuesday.
6. President Hala Imms next discussed a potential Art in Sharpe Park or other spring event. She said that Jane Carton did not want to coordinate future events. We will have to wait another month or two to see how the end of the pandemic is progressing before any plans.
7. President Hala Imms next discussed the Wyoming Avenue residents' concerns about the 355 W. Lancaster Avenue development. Commissioner Stevenson brought out the developer, Della Porta, is meeting with the neighbors to try to resolve some of the issues. He stated that there will be ongoing conversations, and that preliminary plans have not yet been submitted to the Township.
8. Commissioner Reports Followed:
 - Commissioner Anthony Stevenson discussed the \$25 million that the Township received from the American Rescue Plan. He is looking for suggestions on situations that need to be addressed. He said that the Piazza and 355 W. Lancaster developments will make traffic patterns in that area of concern. He also mentioned lighting under the Woodside Avenue Bridge.
 - Commissioner Scott Zelov discussed the Pennswood Avenue Bridge. The bridge is nearing completion early, possibly January or February.

He reminded us of the death of two Lower Merion firefighters in July. The Police department has openings. Police officers must go through training at Montgomery County, and the courses are limited to certain times of the year. If board members know potential candidates, now is a good time to apply.

Currently, there is a 6-month capital budgeting program going on in the township. The biggest projects concern storm water. There are also workshops on the operating budget. Hopefully the money coming from the federal government will keep the township from requesting a tax increase.

Commissioner Zelov also stated that there is a second development proposed by developer Della Porta, across from Ludington Library.

- Commissioner Ray Courtney said that the township has added a sustainability expert with whom he was impressed. Commissioner Courtney stated that the bridge at Mill Creek and Old Gulph roads is closed. Repairs were needed at the bridge before the hurricane. The repairs are the responsibility of Montgomery County, and the bridge will probably be closed for awhile. Commissioner Courtney stated that the Arnold Field lights will probably not be going up as the zoning board granted an appeal in favor of those who requested it.

Commissioner Courtney also said that the speed limit on Montgomery Avenue is going to change from Penn Valley out to Woodside Avenue, and go from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. This stretch of roadway has been accident prone; there is an auto accident in this stretch every 8 days on average.

Kimco, the owner of Suburban Square is beginning to make proposals for an apartment building to be built in Suburban Square.

The Environmental Advocacy Committee of the township is looking for volunteer members.

Mo Gillen stated that she would appreciate recordings of some of the lower level township commission meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.