



HAVERFORD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Meeting
September 13, 2022

Attending: Hala Imms, John Scullin, Lorraine Jones, Mo Gillen, John McIntyre, Karen Bleznak, Robert Bocchino, Lee Tabas, Ann Mezey,
Commissioners: Scott Zelov, Anthony Stevenson

Attending: Hala Imms, Lorraine Jones, Anne Mezey, Mo Gillen. Present by video were Robert Bocchino, Karen and Dan Bleznak, and Tom Wilkinson.
Commissioners: Anthony Stevenson, Scott Zelov, and Ray Courtney.
Lee Tabas took the minutes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lorraine Jones gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$2,678.18 in our bank account. A bill came in for the holiday snowflakes for \$2,210, which would not leave much in our account. We expect that the Township will pay half of the snowflake bill, as they have in the past. Lorraine suggested that we need to do either the old-fashioned bulk mailing as we have done in the past or have an event to bring in more membership and donation money. If we decide to do a mailing, there are about 1000 residents in Haverford.

Lorraine met the new Haverford postmaster, Denise. She was nice and said that the Post Office is now fully staffed. We discussed the possibility of posting a flyer in the Post Office, and Lorraine thought it would be possible.

Federation of Civics: Report followed from Mo Gillen and Anne Mezey. Mo mentioned that the St Charles Project is posted online if interested. Indian Creek neighborhood is forming a new civic association. Anne discussed the township lighting ordinance which is in formation.

Haverford Civic Association Website: Mo said that we will have to add some missing minutes.

Haverford Train Station: Lee Tabas said that he did not have an update on the empty space at the station but would reach out to the AMTRAK representative before the next meeting.

HARB: Hala Imms says that the new McCaffery's Market and a Guard House redo in Gladwyne are subject to HARB regulations. Mo is concerned that the Haverford Station district may be up for class #1 historic consideration. Dan Bleznak lives in the Haverford Station district and commented that he is comfortable with the regulations.

Annual Meeting- Hala suggested November 15th as a date for the annual meeting and asked for suggestions for speakers. Names mentioned were Wendy Raymond, Haverford College President, Tyler Cassitano, Head of Haverford School, and John Schwarz, new Bryn

Mawr Hospital President. The Schwarz seemed to be the favorite. Hala is going to see if meeting space is available at the Merion Cricket Club, and then Scott Zelov will ask Mr. Schwarz.

New Business:

Ardmore Master Plan: There is an interactive map online where citizens can offer suggestions.

Starbucks: the new Starbucks in Haverford is open

Plastic Bags: Hala mentioned that plastic bags are banned in Philadelphia and soon to be Radnor, and perhaps we in Lower Merion should consider it. The commissioners said that they are looking into it.

Black Rock Middle School: There is an open house on October 1st which is open to the public.

Commissioner's Reports:

Anthony Stevenson:

- Reminded all to view and comment on the Ardmore Master Plan.
- There is money from the American Rescue Plan that has come to the Township, and we're coming up with ideas of how to use it. We have until 2024.

Ray Courtney:

- Regarding the Ardmore Master Plan, there will be Mission and Vision statements developed at the end of October.
- Sustainability planning is underway. There are several working groups, and a draft will be ready by year end.
- Regarding developments, the township is reviewing 111 Presidential Boulevard as well as 1 Belmont Avenue. There is discussion about what can be removed at St. Charles seminary prior to its repurpose.

Scott Zelov:

- Township revenues are up from taxes this year. Now there will be only a small 2022 deficit- it had been predicted to be larger.
- The Township is looking on adding a housing inspector for rental housing, and an additional parking meter attendant.
- The new budget will be coming out in November with approval expected in December.
- The Lower Merion School District is rebating \$27 million in taxes as a result of the lawsuit. School taxes are only going up 1.4% as a result also.
- There is a Clean Up Weekend at the Lower Merion waste and recycling center on Saturday October 1st

The meeting was adjourned.