



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Board of Managers was held on 04/20/2010 in the United Methodist Church, Mt. Gretna, PA. Mr. Gettle began the meeting at 7:00 PM, and opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Members present were:

Mrs. Mary Blackburn
Mrs. Stephanie Bost
Mr. Jim Dwyer
Mr. Bruce Gettle
Mr. Mervin Lentz
Mrs. Sally Marisic
Mr. Ted Mefferd
Mr. George Resh
Mrs. Nancy Rogers

Members excused were:

Mr. Mike Allwein
Ms. Julie Lynch

Welcome and Community Comments

Attorney John Feather, Joe Shay, and Jane Mourer were guests at this meeting.

Issues for the Board's Consideration

1. Mt. Gretna Fire Co. Land Consideration

President of the Mt. Gretna Fire Co., Joe Shay, and their attorney, John Feather, came before the Board to present a request on behalf of MGFC. The current zoning requirement states that no more than 25% of a property can be "improved", that is covered by buildings. Currently the MGFC is over the 25% limit and therefore will not be able to expand their building anymore without a variance. A variance is not guaranteed; they are therefore seeking to acquire enough land that with their final building expansion they would still be within the 25% requirement. Mr. Feather displayed a survey map of the Fire Co.'s land, along with what has been discovered to be Campmeeting owned land. It had been assumed by everyone involved, including the Board, that this land was not Campmeeting land, but land owned by the Heights which the MGFC had a lease for. He showed the MGFC's land, along with the portion owned by the Campmeeting. The MGFC is proposing the land behind the building toward the stream, the land to the north of the building into the picnic grove and towards the sheds, along with a strip of land to the south of the building where the fire trucks pull in be gifted to the Fire Co. They also proposed that the deed would explicitly make clear the right of the Campmeeting to still use the land for parking. The Board then had an opportunity to discuss the proposal and to ask questions. At the end of the discussion Mr. Lentz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Resh, to table further discussion of the matter until the May Board meeting. The motion was passed with 6 votes in favor, 2 opposed. Mr. Gettle requested all further questions/thoughts be summarized by each Board member and sent to him by the 30th of April.

2. Fortna Land Offer

Mr. Lentz reported that Mr. Fortna has made an offer to buy the land next to his property owned



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by the Campmeeting. He is proposing to pay for surveys, permits, lawyer fees, etc. and to pay the Campmeeting \$3,000 to purchase the land. The Board discussed his proposal and expressed universal concern. Mr. Gettle asked Board members to send him any further comments/questions with regard to this issue by the 30th of April. It was also agreed that members of the Board would meet with our attorney to discuss our legal rights in this case, and what the ramifications would be for pursuing different courses of action open to the Board.

3. Memorial Garden for Mrs. McKeone

If the land is transferred to the Fire Co. this becomes a point. Discussion is temporarily tabled.

4. Memorial for Mrs. Marie Meredith

Marie Meredith, the wife of long-time Board member Tom Meredith, recently passed away. The Board voted to give a \$100 donation to the Bible Festival in her memory on a motion introduced by Mr. Lentz and seconded by Mrs. Blackburn.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee – Sally Marisic

All finances are in line with budget.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation Committee – George Resh

Scoreboards for shuffleboard courts will cost \$135/piece if purchased by end of month. Otherwise we will need to pay shipping. Mr. Lentz made a motion seconded by Mrs. Bost to purchase the two scoreboards and to spend an additional \$60 for posts. The motion passed.

B. Tabernacle Association – Mary Blackburn

The next meeting of the Tabernacle Association is next Tuesday at 7.

Discussed the problem of donors wanting to donate money to Campmeeting projects through the Tabernacle Association to make their donations tax deductible.

C. Communications – Stephanie Bost

The spring newsletter coming out early May.

The Campmeeting web site needs to be finished. Committee needs to discuss whether or not we're going to build the site ourselves, or pay someone else to build the initial site and then maintain it ourselves. Mrs. Bost will get costs figures together for the May meeting.

D. Property Ownership & Permits – Merv Lentz

Danielle Norton sold her property at 204 5th Street to Kelly Weaber and Mark Keefer on 4/30/2010.

Kelly Weaber sold her property at 209 7th Street to Paula Massari on 4/30/2010.

E. Buildings and Grounds – Merv Lentz

1. The library roof has been replaced. Initial bid was \$2,400, but because of rotten wood under roof that needed to be replaced the final bill was \$3,495.

2. A hole developed in the west end of the parking lot down from the pavilion. Kresge Excavating fixed the problem.

3. A new hydrant was installed on Kauffman Ave. to replace cracked one.

4. A tree on Otterbein needs to come down. Met-Ed hasn't covered wires to enable removal.

5. Mulch is being purchased and will be re-sold to private residences for \$12.50/scoop as opposed to



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\$10/scoop last year.

Unfinished Business

1. Are currently renting a portable toilet for \$90/month. Spent \$900 so far. Board decided to leave through end of summer.
2. The next 'building' phase in the playground development is the installation of a border fence and a gate. The border fence will be made of weld wire and will extend from the chain link down to the end of the shuffleboard court. It will be unattractive the first year, but by year 2 the hedge will start growing through the fence. The resulting barrier will be attractive and impenetrable to children. The gate is to be installed between the cement pillars with a thank you note to Mr. Burkholder who so generously donated the funds as to make these improvements possible. Costs to be paid from the playground donations.

New Business

1. Mrs. Rogers enquired about the deck being constructed on a home on 1st Street. Mr. Lentz told the Board the owners got a building permit from West Cornwall Township.
2. Mrs. Bost reported that Mr. & Mrs. Hurst expressed their thanks for Campmeeting employees cutting back brambles in community garden.
3. Mrs. Bost reported that Ms. Marie McCalister of 201 6th requested a property fence on behalf of her long-term tenant. The Board did not reach a decision with regard to her request.
4. Mr. Gettle asked the Board to read over *Rules & Regulations* booklet; it may be time to revise and add a fence limitation?

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm on a motion from Mr. Resh.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm.