



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Board of Managers was held on July 21, 2009 in the United Methodist Church, Mt. Gretna, PA. Mr. Hurst called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Hurst opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Members present were:

Mr. Mike Allwein
Mrs. Mary Blackburn
Mrs. Stephanie Bost
Mr. Bruce Gettle
Mr. Jeff Hurst
Mr. Mervin Lentz
Ms. Julie Lynch
Mr. George Resh

Members excused were:

Mr. Mel Burkholder
Mr. Jim Dwyer
Mr. Lynn Reisinger

Introduction of Guests / Community Comments

Mr & Mrs Mefferd were guests at tonight's meeting as well as Mr. Wiley.

An e-mail from a homeowner was read, recorded under Ad-Hoc By-Laws committee as it was read during that section of the meeting.

The board had received inquiries from the community about the fence on the Fortna property along Rt 11 7. Mr Fortna came to the board meeting to share his thoughts and concerns on the issue. After a lively discussion, the Board felt the issue could not be resolved that evening since there was a need for additional fact finding as it could have a larger impact. Mr Fortna was informed that the Board would take it under advisement with an agreement to get back together in a timely fashion to craft a solution that would be fair to all involved.

Approval of Minutes - Board of Managers Meeting June 2009

The June minutes were approved via e-mail prior to June's meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Dwyer, submitted via e-mail prior to meeting

A review of the financial reports through the first half of the year shows that we are very close to budget in most all areas, considering the playground project has its own funding. It also seems from the last page that we will have a problem with receipts. This is by far the largest delinquency in payments we have had on July first in my 6 years.

Committee Reports

A. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Merv Lentz

All matters are reported under the Superintendent's report.

B. Communications Committee – Stephanie Bost

Next newsletter will go out after the annual meeting. Please submit article requests at August's meeting.

C. Community Activities Committee – Mike Allwein

Board assignments for picnic distributed.

Heritage Festival has been well received and donations have been good. The Arts Council is supporting the Heritage Festival with \$500.



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D. Finance Committee – Jim Dwyer

No meeting, nothing to report.

E. Nominating Committee – Bruce Gettle

Bruce distributed the nominee list with a sample ballot to the Board members.

6 people running for 4 positions for the class of 2012. Bio statements were also collected from the 6 nominees and posted on the community bulletin boards.

F. Property Purchase/Orientation Committee – Merv Lentz

Robert & Christine Burger purchased 206 Boehm on 06/19/2009 from Dottie Schmitt

G. Tabernacle Association – Mary Blackburn

Still no official Treasurer, someone is filling in temporarily. With Mr. Hurst and Mr. Reisinger leaving, some more members of the Board will need to fill seats on the Tabernacle Association.

H. Ad-Hoc: By-Laws Review Committee – Mike Allwein

Second reading.

1. Article 4, Section 5 of the By-Laws, remove “(including in the case of officers and employees, pensions, retirement pay and the cost of providing coverage under group life, accident, disability, health and medical insurance contracts, and directors’ and officers’ liability insurance).”
2. Article 6, Section 12 of the By-Laws, change “Directors” to “Managers”
3. Article 6, Section 20 part b of the By-Laws, after the phrase “may be removed from office” add the following “for not upholding their duties or the ideals of the Campmeeting as set forth in the Charter”
4. Article 10, Section 7, change “Trustee” to “Manager”.

Mrs. Blackburn motion to accept, Mr. Lentz seconded the second reading, motion passed.

Typographical mistake found – the following needs to be changed. Mr. Gettle made a motion to make change, Mrs. Bost seconded. Motion carried to fix error.

Article 6, Section 4, part e needs to be changed to read, “(1) A term for four (4) Managers that expires in 2009 and every three (3) years thereafter.” and, “(2) A term for three (3) Managers that expires in 2010 and every three (3) years thereafter.”

A letter was read from a homeowner asking the Board to reconsider its position; that the Board would allow the community to vote on the revised Charter & By-Laws at the annual meeting. After much discussion, Mr. Gettle made a motion to take a vote by show of hands at the annual meeting that would show support or not of the the revised Charter and By-Laws. Mr. Lentz seconded the motion and it passed.

I. Ad-Hoc: Personnel Committee – Julie Lynch

No meeting, nothing to report.

J. Ad-Hoc: Playground Committee – Stephanie Bost

An excavator will be removing pieces this week. Next week new pieces will be installed, and older pieces will be re-installed in new locations. Older pieces that can’t be re-used will be donated – possibly to the Children’s Center.

Phase II – beautifying gardens etc. – Scott and Jane Zellers have offered to donate gazebo. If possible, would like to donate it through the Tabernacle Association. The committee’s plans are to have Phase II be a memorial garden with different sponsorship levels for different structures. Area businesses are willing to donate some time and effort to install various pieces in the garden. Jim Keener is the landscape architect – services were donated.

Phase III – pavilion electric, plumbing, etc.



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Old Business

- None

New Business

- The Library would like to pay in advance for an additional 5 years. Motion by Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Allwein, the Board approved the motion.

Report of the Superintendent - Mr. Lentz

- Mr. Resh will be contacting Mr. Dunlevy at 209 4th St with regard to complaints about the AC compressor in the alley.
- All Board questions with regard to use of community property and addressing derelict properties will be put together and addressed to an attorney specializing in this area. Meeting with attorney will be held with Board representatives before August's Board meeting.
- Mr. Lentz was asked to look into parking and entering the PennDOT right-of-way along Rt 117. Cars entering 117 from Campmeeting may not be safe, and can often not see traffic because of parked cars. To address part of the issue (parked cars) Chief Harris suggested placing large flower pots and/or boulders to limit parking within the line of sight at the entrance from 6th & 8th. In addition, Mr. Lentz proposed reversing the one way direction on Markwood, 6th and 8th. Board approved.
- Fire hydrants – going to be serviced. Has not been done for 8 or 9 years. Are flushed at least annually, but the actual hydrants have not been serviced.
- While Bowman plumbing was doing a repair at Lisa Sweeney's property on 1st street, they discovered a leak in the street. AH Moyer (who placed the 1st St pipes) was not available to come and fix while it was torn up, so Bowman repaired the leak. The 1st St work is under warranty from AH Moyer, and they indicated they would stand by their warranty but would like to see the bill for the job when received by Bowman.
- 20 entrance pillars have been painted, gift certificate for \$75 for Ellie Nicholas?
- Other street signs have been painted with polyurethane to protect further from weathering.

Communications/Announcement

1. The next regular meeting will be held August 18, 2009 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm on a motion by Mr. Resh.