



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Board of Managers was held on Tuesday, September 15 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:

Mrs. Mary Blackburn
Mrs. Stephanie Bost
Mr. Mel Burkholder
Mr. Bruce Gettle
Mr. Jeff Hurst
Mr. Mervin Lentz
Mr. Lynn Reisinger
Mr. George Resh

Members excused were:

Mr. Mike Allwein
Mr. Jim Dwyer
Ms. Julie Lynch

Introduction of Guests / Community Comments

Sally Marisic, 2 Batdorf Ave
Betsy Barnhart and Tim Dailey, 50 Third St
Madelaine Gray, 910 Fifth Street
Nancy Rogers and Dr. David Rogers, 200 Otterbein
Barbara Hoffsomer, 709 Sixth St
Eric Sheffer & Emily Hitz, 109 Third St

Mrs. Blackburn indicated that she had received many compliments about the new playground equipment and its layout. They not only enjoyed the pieces, but appreciated the fact that it was a safe enclosed area where the children were visible at all times.

After the close of the meeting, Mrs. Gray shared that she and other members of the community still have concerns with regard to the new Charter and By-Laws. As a comparison, she reviewed the Charter and By-Laws of the Heights and of the Chautauqua and learned that their members vote on any changes to said documents, and that they also have term limits for Board members. She would like for the Campmeeting Board to reconsider those issues.

Approval of Minutes - Board of Managers Meeting August 2009

August minutes were edited and approved via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Dwyer, presented on his behalf by Mrs. Erb

The year's expenses are as expected, though miscellaneous expenses are close to budget and therefore may go over for the year.

Delinquent accounts are gradually being paid. The names on the list are all familiar, and we expect them to be paid by the end of the year. Though statements are mailed on a monthly basis, we are going to send a courtesy letter to the delinquent account homeowners reminding them of the 20% penalty which will be added Oct 1st to any unpaid assessment.

Finance committee will be meeting in October and November. In October we will put together a rough draft of the budget and finalize our proposal early in November. This budget will be submitted to the Board in November for their review, to be edited and then voted upon in the December meeting.

Any budget requests for 2010 should be submitted to the office by the end of September.



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Committee Reports

- A. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Merv Lentz
All matters are reported under the Superintendent's report.
- B. Communications Committee – Stephanie Bost
The web project will be resumed shortly.
- C. Community Activities Committee – Mike Allwein
No meeting, nothing to report.
- D. Finance Committee – Jim Dwyer
No meeting, nothing to report.
- C. Nominating Committee – Bruce Gettle
No meeting, nothing to report.
- D. Property Purchase/Orientation Committee – Merv Lentz
Mr. & Mrs. Cox both passed away this year. The property ownership of their cottage at 400 Otterbein has transferred to their daughter Stefanie Cox.
- E. Tabernacle Association –Mary Blackburn
The Tabernacle Association Board will meet next week.
- F. Ad-Hoc: By-Laws Review Committee – Mike Allwein
This committee has been dissolved.
- G. Ad-Hoc: Personnel Committee – Julie Lynch
No meeting, nothing to report.
- H. Ad-Hoc: Playground Committee – Stephanie Bost
The Memorial Garden project has begun with advertising to the community in the latest newsletter.

Report of the Superintendent - Mr. Lentz

- Tim Diehm, surveyor (7th & Glossbrenner), was contacted in regard to establishing Campmeeting property lines. Discussed survey of certain properties, and discussed survey of all Campmeeting property. After some discussion, given that there are 240 properties, offered to do a complete survey for \$100/property. This allows economy of scale to do a detailed mapping of the complete Campmeeting property. Idea is to establish lines and then have basis for future building requests. To only do the Campmeeting property borders would be much more expensive than to do all the property lines. Plan and payment to be discussed in Finance Committee meeting.
- Bruce Gettle made a motion to take a survey of all properties (public and private) on the Campmeeting grounds. Seconded by Mary Blackburn. Unanimous support. A letter will be sent to the homeowners informing them that the Campmeeting has decided to survey all properties in the Campmeeting grounds. If they would like to have a copy of the survey of their property, they can do so for a cost of \$100. Sally Marisic to draft letter.
- Steps that lead off Pinch Rd onto Campmeeting property that were closed off by motion of the Board have been opened three times by an unknown person. George Resh made a motion to leave the steps as they are (open), seconded by Bruce Gettle. After some discussion, the Board passed the motion 5 for and 3 against. Mr. Lentz may put planters on steps.
- Speed bump requests for Markwood Ave have been received, one at 6th and one at 2nd for playground crossing. Consensus to put one in at 2nd.
- Board decided to have a letter sent to Mr. Birt from Attorney Harlan with regard to derelict properties using the nuisance laws as reference.



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- Mr. Lentz reported that loss of power affected two events this summer at the Tabernacle. He got a quote for a generator. It would cost approximately \$5,500 and would have to run for a short time weekly. Mr. Sheffer, a guest at the meeting, indicated that he would be more than happy to have the Tabernacle connect to his generator in times of emergency as his cottage is next to the Tabernacle.
- Mr. Lentz indicated that there are at least six locations where Campmeeting residents regularly park their cars on Campmeeting property. He would like this issue to be addressed. The Board agreed that a letter would be sent to the homeowners with regard to the use of Campmeeting property for parking after the survey was complete.

New Business

1. There was some discussion with regard to the development of a Campmeeting directory. No action was taken, and homeowners would need to be contacted for interest and permission before such a directory is made.

Communications/Announcement

1. Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 29th from 6pm-8pm.
2. The next regular meeting will be held October 20, 2009 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm on a motion by Mr. Resh.