

Meeting Minutes
Spring Hill Civic League-General Meeting
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Monday, September 9, 2019

President: Bobby Wilson
Vice President: Ben Soltesz
Treasurer: James Rizzo
Secretary: Beth Miller

Meeting called to order on
Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:02PM

Meeting adjourned at
7:03 PM

**Board members
in attendance:**

Bobby Wilson	James Rizzo
Ben Soltesz	Beth Miller
Riley Baker	Sue Lippert
Erin Tobin	Absent: Debbie Glover

Summary of meeting:

1. Call to order:

2. Minutes:

- Review minutes from the May 6th 2019 Meeting.
- There were no changes to either review
 - Motion to accept the Minutes by Ben Soltesz and Debbie Rihn

3. Treasurer's Report:

- James gave the Treasurer's Report via a short budget overview that detailed expenses, grants, revenue and dues/donations

4. Memorial Day:

- Memorial Day-this event is always has a great showing from the community. Thank you to Darlene, Tina Lippert and Mary for speaking and volunteering. Also, a thank you to Brady's for allowing us to use their property for this event

5. Public Safety:

- Sgt. Michael Burford-Zone 1 gave the community safety update (approx. 518 reportable incidents area wide of which 24 were in Spring Hill
- There are also continued reports of parking issues on Walz Street. Warning notices are being utilized to try to curtail the parking

6. Board Meeting with Mark Fatla (Executive Director for North Side Leadership Conference):

- The Board met with Mark Fatla on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019 so he could assist the Board establish priorities-these are things we will do in addition to our legacy events like Christmas and Halloween
 - i. Walz Street has been identified as priority number 1-thru traffic of this narrow 2 way street is problematic, lighting, pedestrian safety and parking issues are all identified and associated issues with this street
 - ii. Itin Street is the entry way to our community and is a mess. It is overgrown and there are mobility issues
 - iii. East Street Bridge is in very poor repair. The Bridge surface is falling onto 279, the sidewalks are deplorable and there has been no action to make repairs to this bridge which is a community connector
 - iv. We are going to try to secure funds for a Gateway Plan. We will engage an architect to assist with a plan and design. We will have to look into funding for this project which is costly

7. New Business:

- Leah –Mayor’s Office and neighborhood representative
 - i. Updated community on Diana Street -DOMI (Dept. of Mobility and Infrastructure) should be able to get Diana Street open in the next week or 2
 - ii. There is no update on Goehring Street

8. Councilwoman Darlene Harris-Community update:

- Walz Street paving is underway
- Sidewalk on Walz Street is slated to be repaired as well
- Voskamp Street house that was on fire is condemned and will be torn down
- Weeds in the City and Community are out of control- the City is directing additional efforts via overtime to see if someone of the weeds can be cut down
- Diana Street is almost done
- Goehring Street has an ongoing issue with the trees hanging over –this needs addressing for safety reasons
- Spot –Shotter –Darlene’s initiative –We have more cameras in our area than in other communities and we are seeing results

9. Board of Director Elections:

- Will be held at the November meeting
 - i. Up for election are:
 1. 2-2 year positions—Treasurer and Vice President-currently held by James Rizzo and Ben Soltesz
 2. 2-3 year positions-Director –currently held by Sue Lippert and there is one director position that remains unfilled –but is not required by the bi-laws

10. Fall Festival:

- Will be held September 29, 2019 @Waisenhaus Park from 4-7 PM
- Hot Dogs and drinks will be provided
- Games and bounce house for kids
- Neighbors are encouraged to bring a covered dish or snack to share

11. Good of the Community:

- October 19, 2019-Pitt Make a Difference Day –Pitt Students will arrive to Spring Hill Elementary via school bus with the intention of making a community impact by doing community projects or cleaning up
- September 21, 2019 – Pittsburgh Garbage Olympics –Clean-up Day
- 9:00 am meet at the Firehouse on Damas Street and the Citywide Community Event takes place between 9-11 am.
- There is a party at 12:00 PM at Threadbare on Spring Garden Avenue

12. Erin Tobin-Pittsburgh Parks Plan:

- Parks Conservancy is a Non-Profit that works with a goal of restoring Pittsburgh Parks –(distributed Parks Plan Packet)
- This is a City-Community Partnership and parks are ranked based on need and the Community will be engaged when it comes to the improvements that will be made to a community’s specific park
- Maintenance is a major issue in the City of Pittsburgh for the Parks and there will be a request on the November Ballot to raise millage to cover the cost of maintenance

13. Misc:

- Bob S. mentioned Sue and Lois and their continued efforts regarding community clean up and weed pulling. They are diligent and making an impact and should be thanked.
- Bob S. raised a question/concern about raising capital to sustain community efforts long term –especially when there was an extra and unexpected expenses when the tree fell and the shed was demolished as a result of the tree falling
 - i. Some ideas—Night at the Races
- What happened to the Movie Nights
- The Shed replacement is currently being explored through an initiative with Rivers Casino. They partner with communities to provided things communities may need and their employees will assist the community to do the work
- John praised Bobby for his efforts to get movement from the City to look into this area at 1811 Rhine Street where continual water runs and is hazardous in the winter
 - i. Report will go to the Water Dept. to address the water/running spring issue-calls to 311 can be made to ensure they stay on top of this issue
- Decorations at the Mosaic—this has come up before and several community members have addressed concerns about the abundance of decorations on the one area there. The community understands the recognition of special events and how this bench provides an outlet for the family who purchased the bench in the child’s honor but they have raised concerns about the amount of decorations placed all over the area

14. Meeting Adjourned @7:05:

- Chris Waraks—1st
- Joe (Debbie’s husband)—2nd

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