

Board Members in Attendance: James Rizzo, Ben Soltesz, Brittany Goldinger, Ellen Gaus
Board Members Absent: Beth Miller, Ingrid Nagin, Kyrie Bushaw, Karen Lucarelli , Gigi Lincoln

Meeting called to order on

Monday, May 1, 2023, 06:04 PM (in-person, Spring Hill Elementary School)

Meeting adjourned at

07:14 PM

Summary of meeting:

1. Call to order:

-Welcome to 2023, offer to introduce new attendees

2. Minutes and Old Business:

- o Review minutes from the November 2022 General meeting
- o There were no changes
- o Motion to accept the Minutes made by James Rizzo and Debbie Reed --none opposed- minutes passed

o Treasurer's Report:

o James gave the Treasurer's Report and we have \$3892 in checking, waiting on one more CDBG Grant to get started

New Business:

3. Public Safety Report:

- o Commander Malloy and Officer D. Peyton attended
- o Summary of last 30 days: 7 thefts, 1 burglary- car theft (unlocked with keys) **Reminder to lock your car and not leave your keys in it**-Burglar (Rhine)—someone came home to someone in apartment, dropped stolen item as fleeing-5 arrests- DUIs, simple assaults, Domestic issues.
- o Provided requested updated on fire Oct 2022-caused by fireworks (still open investigation)
- o James Rizzo—expressed concern over report of how police resumed stopping people for minor traffic offenses against City Council/asked for clarification of current policy contradicting City Council. Commander Malloy—stated the Police enforce all state/city laws, informed by City of PGH law dept that it's not constitutional. James expressed concerns about contradicting elected body, asked for improved transparency with how decisions are made. POs stated they will convey concern expressed.
- o Tim Kelley—expressed concerns about dumping by Luella/Gershon, asked if could use hunting camera on city property. Councilman Wilson-stated there are city cameras for illegal dumping, encouraged suggestions for which streets/lots they should be place to improve use. (Councilman Wilson stated he believes Christopher Mitchell runs camera program)

4. PWSA Update/Workshops Announcement (Rachel Rampa, Public Affairs)

- o Announced Workshops for Stormwater Strategic Plan
- o grilled cheese/tomato soup dinner will be provided
- o Emphasized goal to be very interactive
- o Presentation and then breakout sessions, sharing experiences encouraged
- o Northside: May 16th Brighton Heights Healthy Active Living Centre 6-8 on McCloire St.

- o Registration encouraged.
- o Come to any session if can't make Northside one—Hazelwood May 23rd, Hill District, possible virtual one? Tough to be hybrid with degree of interactivity. Fliers available.

5. Update from Councilman Wilson's Office

- o Councilman Wilson provided update; Julianne Hluska also present
- o f/u from last mtg on Waltz—entire sidewalk would be repaired. (also fix fence and widen sidewalk). No timeline on project. Debbie Reed: asked about parking—suggested poles to stop parking. Ellen Gaus brought up possible DOMI regulation about sidewalk height to deter parking. Councilman Wilson encouraged engagement with DOMI—it's been discussed to be in leases to not park there. Councilman Wilson will try to get someone from DOMI to talk about project. Suggestion was made to reach out to the property owner for support.
- o Thanked everyone that attended Spring Hill Park meeting for their engagement, DOMI on board to install sidewalks from apartments.
- o James Rizzo asked about Chestnut St project—ongoing conversation for years. Repairs made are temporary patches. Was thought to pave over—proposed at meeting to remove tracks/bricks—new concrete base and lay pavers and new sidewalks. New drains, basins. 2-3 year project. Matt Moninger asked about traffic calming---bricks part of that, line painting. Waiting on post responses—goal to start before paving season is over.
- o Resident of Rockledge St asked about blinking street light through night from baseball field in Troy Hill. Councilman Wilson investigating.
- o Schrauder St. Resident expressed frustration that street has not been paved in 18 years. Sent Faith Mudd pictures.

6. Bylaws Revisions

- o Printed copies with proposed revisions distributed. Community committee members thanked for their time and participation. James Rizzo and Brittany Goldinger summarized proposed changes (some wording/syntax, option to add additional meetings <including perhaps a hybrid option to improve accessibility>, and membership changing to meeting attendance v. paid dues)
- o Vote in September (next general meeting)

7. Upcoming Events

- o May 12th at 10:00 AM-Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will plant and mulch (1 of 2 events, 2nd will have native plants)
- o Reminder for ongoing option to submit anything of interest to the community for the community newsletter
- o Memorial Day Event, May 29th at 11:30 AM

8. Miscellaneous

- o Northside Food Pantry—read statement and passed away resources
- o Waisenhaus Lot—Pittsburgh Tub Club. Cold plunges. Every Wednesday all year long. Anyone is welcome to join. Respectful of time and volume
- o Frank Buckman-101st birthday the end of April
- o Ellen Gaus: Primary Election -Tuesday, May 16th—guide to primary in mail. New county executive w/property assessments.

9. Good of the Community

- o None expressed

Motion to Adjourn: James Rizzo; Second: Debbie Reed