

Minutes of the Bryn-Rose Civic Association Meeting of January 22, 2009

The Bryn-Rose Civic Association met in the Radnor United Methodist Church, 930 Conestoga Road, Rosemont, Pennsylvania at 7:00 P.M. on the above date.

Present

Commissioner John Fisher, 7th Ward; Peggy Gaskins, Treasurer; Lynn Ellis, Recording Secretary; and members

Minutes

Peggy Gaskins called the meeting to order and motioned to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008, meeting. Seconded by Frances Harper, the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

As of our bank statement of November 30, 2008, our balance is \$393.22 plus \$40.00 in petty cash.

Same Old Business

56 Garrett Avenue continues to have too many cars and parking on the front lawn. (4 station wagons, 2 on the street plus 2 additional cars). Mrs. Harper noted that there are too many parking permits being issued. One house on Garrett Avenue has a garage and also 2 cars and a truck with permits. Guests also get temporary permits making it very difficult.

It seems that a number of properties on Callanan Avenue were "grandfathered" by the Township as student housing in 2001 even though there was no "Student Housing" by Code at that time. Commissioner Fisher will be meeting with the Township Manager Dave Bashore, the Solicitor David Blake and Director of Community Development Bob Loeper regarding rental properties.

Mrs. Gaskins said that we worked long and hard on the Rental Housing Ordinances that are not enforced.

New Business

It was reported that there have been missing sidewalk blocks on Garrett Avenue (1 at 116) since Fall 2008. Mr. Fisher will contact Community Development to have this repaired as soon as possible. The owner in Ohio has been sent a citation. There also are rentals that leave trash out all week.

The Commissioner has met with David Blake regarding new requirements this Fall for landlords to provide a copy of the lease, complete affidavits, and provide a tenant affidavit when getting their rental permit detailing who is renting the property, etc. Rentals also must be inspected and properties maintained throughout the Township. 90% of Garrett Hill rentals haven't been inspected in five years. He told us that he's built a spread sheet to track the rental housing. The National Property Maintenance code has been adopted by the Township and now has to be enforced by the Township, not policed by the residents who fear retaliation.

Mr. Fisher noted that hundreds of hours have been spent on the Garrett Hill Overlay Plan. Under current zoning rules, the business district is more restricted now because these are non-conforming uses.

Mrs. Harper asked why there is no bridge on the Garrett Avenue P&W bridge like on Lowry's Lane.

Announcements

At the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 9, 2009, the Tuskegee Airmen will be honored. Villanova resident Luther Smith, a Tuskegee Airman, was a guest at the Obama Inauguration. Commissioner Fisher said that Police Superintendent John Rutty has filed for a \$1.7 million dollar grant for Garrett Avenue for the utility lines to be put underground, wider sidewalks, etc.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on February 26, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. All residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ellis