

Proposed MINUTES FOR GARRETT HILL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR JULY 20, 2010

The Garrett Hill Steering Committee (GHSC) met on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at the Radnor Township Building, 301 Iven Road, Wayne, PA for a meeting scheduled at 7 pm.

Present were Chair Rick Barker, Vice Chair Phil Ahr, and Committee members Nancy Leinwand and Jerry O'Connor. Committee Members not present were Jim Cunilio, Betty-Lou Norcini, Le Turner, and Bob Adams. Members of the public were present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Barker at 7:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Barker led the Members and public with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopting the Agenda

O'Connor moved to adopt the Agenda as submitted. Cunilio seconded the motion. No discussion was held and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approving Minutes

O'Connor moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ahr seconded motion. No discussion was held and the motion was approved unanimously.

Community Announcements

Barker announced upcoming Radnor Township meetings including Planning, Design Review Board and Board of Commissioners' meetings. The Design Review Board will review the design of the Garrett Hill park signs. He noted that Township officials will visit Clem Macrone Park on Wednesday, July 28 at 8 am to review park sign design and placement.

Reports of Officers

None.

Reports of Working Groups

Parking Strategies – Barker. Barker reported that the parking sub-committee continues considering the complex parking issues in the district.

Streetscape; Historical Preservation and Design Criteria – Ahr noted that streetscape improvement ideas are under development. He mentioned that the historic research committee is focusing on historic areas of Garrett Hill such as the Wentworth estate, the Radnor United Methodist Church and some of the properties on Beechwood Drive. Residents there have met to discuss preservation priorities. New Radnor Township manager Bob Zienkowski, Bill White (Finance), and Tammy Cohen (Parks) went with residents on a guided tour of Garrett Hill in early July.

Ahr discussed a number of projects proposed for developing awareness of historic assets in Garrett Hill. An intern is working on the inventory for the township. The history committee is considering getting GH sites listed in the Radnor Township historic inventory. They are working on developing an oral history of the area. They are looking to see if the GH historic areas can fit into exiting Radnor Township ordinances concerning historic preservation. A central concern is to preserve the GH pattern of development.

Grants and Funding - Leinwand and Cunilio – Leinwand reported that the GHCET advisory committee has met twice and named officers. The committee seeks an additional member who might help with the accounting and compliance aspects of the Trust. The GHCET will hold its next meeting on October 17, 2010.

Paul Overbeck and Sarah Pilling, reviewed the requirements and priorities for a WREN (Watershed Resources Education Network) grant through the PA League of Women Voters. WREN Funds may be used to help communities develop a stream bank and water resource improvement and education projects. Program ideas include installations that can improve stream banks and manage water runoff and cleanliness.

Park Improvements – (Norcini and Turner) Turner reported that the Boy Scout Troop of Bryn Mawr organized a spring clean up on March 29. Work consisted of cleaning up the plant waste and removing invasive species. He noted that the Bryn Mawr Boy Scout Troop will schedule a fall park clean up in September.

He noted that Sara Pilling and Paul Overbeck are proposing a plan to seek funding support for park improvements including marking a no-mow line, pruning, and planting of dominant native species. Turner also mentioned that Radnor Township has a grant for four new signs to be installed in the parks. Committee members discussed design and installation ideas.

Unfinished Business

The next GHIC meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Radnor Township Municipal Building (televised).

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Patti Barker reminded the committee that the Garrett Hill Coalition collected volunteers' contact information and interests. She noted that the Board of Commissioners is seeking a ninth GHIC committee member. She encouraged some Garrett Hill residents to consider serving.

Adjournment

O'Connor moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, the motion was seconded by Turner and approved unanimously without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Leinwand for James Cunilio
GHSC Secretary