

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday July 25, 2015

The Annual Meeting of the Mount Gretna Campmeeting Association Members was called to order by President Dave Lloyd on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Noon in the Mount Gretna Fire Hall.

President Lloyd introduced the Board of Managers: Don Dale, Sally Marisic, Robin May, Esther Mefferd, George Resh, Ben Wiley. Pam Bishop (absent)

The minutes of the Annual Meeting from July 26, 2014 meeting were approved by the membership.

Board member Robin May presented the candidates for the Board of Managers. They are: Sally Marisic, George Resh and Ben Wiley—all of whom are incumbents—and Lisa Carr. There were no nominations from the floor. Vote was by acclamation, with the Secretary casting the ballot.

Committee Reports followed.

Finance Committee: Sally Marisic, board treasurer, noted that monthly finance statements are approved at the monthly board meetings and are posted on the website. She also reported that the association's 2014 finances were reviewed by our accountants. Anyone interested in seeing the reports can contact the office for access to them.

Parks & Rec: Margaret Hopkins, committee chair, reported that proposals were being sought for landscaping the Community Garden. She also noted that two non-native insects (Emerald Ash Borer and wooly adelgid) were attacking Campmeeting's ash and hemlock trees. Ash trees have been sprayed; hemlocks will be sprayed. Planning is underway for long-term protection and preservation the tree canopy.

Building & Grounds: President Lloyd announced that Ed Neidigh has accepted the Superintendent of Grounds position effective 7/1/15. Ed had been serving as Merv Lentz' assistant. Dan Bost and Cindy Stephens are assistants. Lloyd asked members to contact the Campmeeting office at 964-3040 to report problems, concerns, issues. In case of an emergency, members can contact Ed directly at 717-454-7693. It was noted that Debby Erb (office manager) is not a full-time employee, so members should leave a message.

President's report:

President Lloyd addressed several specific issues including:

- **Parking:** While the board is exploring how we can increase parking, it doesn't seem viable.
- **Staffing:** Success planning is underway, so that the board can continue to provide quality services.
- **Building permits:** The board is working to align our building permit process with West Cornwall Township's. An agreement exists between Campmeeting and West Cornwall Township that approval by the Campmeeting Board of Managers is a prerequisite to issuance of a building permit by WCT.
- Lloyd also noted that WCT uses Lebanon County's zoning planning officer and that the county will not issue a building permit without a property survey. This is creating issues as many properties encroach on Campmeeting land. Options for property owners under consideration are quiet titles (adverse possession) or perpetual type of energy.
- **Rules & Regulations:** Revision may be needed as we address maintenance standards.
- **Service standards:** The board is looking at scheduling green pick-ups in a more economical and efficient way.

- Snow removal: The board is investigating whether different types of equipment are needed to deliver better snow removal services.
- Communications: The board anticipates the website will be updated in order to facilitate better communication with membership.
- Infrastructure: Lloyd reported that this past winter, we had 7 major water breaks even with Merv's knowledge and GIS. Some of our membership had significant damage done until water lines were located. We may be asking members to do identify and at least isolate water lines. The board continues its infrastructure-replacement schedule according to its 5-year plan/
- Parks & Rec: Lloyd reiterated the need for a multi-year plan to protect the Campmeeting's tree canopy. He noted significant damage has been sustained by ash trees and hemlock trees. He thanked membership for helping to maintain some Campmeeting land.

Lloyd also noted that the board is investigating ways to increase revenue perhaps through additional rental storage units, special events, the Tabernacle, the library.

## **Community comments**

### **Parking:**

Lloyd said the Carter Avenue parking lot was slated to have railroad ties so as to facilitate parking. He noted that the board is investigating how best to ensure parking for residents especially at times when there are special events.

### **Renters, rentals:**

Dick Gardner (Sixth Street) asked if the Campmeeting had any guidelines about rentals and renters. Lloyd acknowledged Campmeeting rules and regulations need to be conveyed to renters in order to ensure compliance. Different methods are under consideration.

Jim Campbell (Fifth Street) suggested that Campmeeting investigate charging a fee to businesses renting cottages to cover increased services necessitated by renters.

### **Dumpster:**

Cheryl Kreider suggested Campmeeting investigate getting a dumpster. This might alleviate trash being left at the United Methodist Church.

### **Lake Conewago:**

George Leyh asked if Campmeeting could negotiate with the owners of Lake Conewago for a resident rate.

### **Winter break-ins**

It was reported that West Cornwall Township police continue to investigate the rash of burglaries that occurred during the winter. One individual has been arrested. Another is being sought.

### **Fence**

President Lloyd noted that the Campmeeting is working on a policy about decorative fencing.

### **Merv Lentz**

Former Superintendent Mervin Lentz was honored for his decades of service in multiple capacities to the Campmeeting with a standing ovation and with several gifts including a portrait of his cottage by Dave Adams and a bench to be located somewhere near the Tabernacle. .

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55p.m. after a motion by Scott Carr that was seconded by Robb Port.