



## Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association

Saturday 25 July, 2009

The annual meeting of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Members was held on July 25, 2009, in the Campmeeting tabernacle, Mt. Gretna, PA.

Mr. Hurst called the meeting to order at 3PM.

Mr. Hurst opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Mr. Hurst then introduced the members of the board:

Mr. Mike Allwein  
Mrs. Mary Blackburn  
Mrs. Stephanie Bost  
Mr. Melvin Burkholder  
Mr. Jim Dwyer  
Mr. Bruce Gettle  
Mr. Jeff Hurst  
Mr. Mervin Lentz  
Ms. Julie Lynch  
Mr. Lynn Reisinger  
Mr. George Resh

### **Police Report**

An officer from the Quentin police department was present at the meeting to give statistics on the year-to-date police activity for the community. 20 calls had been received ranging from fire assists, harassment reports, 911s, parking problems, etc. The number of calls was slightly less than in previous years. He also discussed the upcoming National Night Out program in August.

### **Remembrance of homeowners who passed away in the previous year**

A moment of silence was given for the following homeowners:

Mrs. Bailey,  
Mr. & Mrs. Cox, and  
Mrs. McKeone.

### **Election Results**

Thanks were given to Robin May and David Hartman for their work as election officers. The result of 86 ballots, 6 of which were absentee, was to elect the following to the Board of Managers:

Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Marisic, Mr. Mefferd and Mr. Resh.

### **Approval of Minutes – Annual Meeting 2008**

There was a universal approval of the minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report - Mr. Dwyer**

The Treasurer's written report was distributed to all at the meeting. There were no questions. A motion was made to approve the financial reports from the past year, it was seconded and passed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **A. Playground Committee - Stephanie Bost**

Fundraising efforts continue for the improvement of the playground and the memorial park. Funds raised have enabled the addition of new equipment. A gazebo has been donated for the park and will be placed. As plants are 'sponsored' they will also be added.

#### **B. Buildings and Grounds Committee - Merv Lentz**



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Thanks and acknowledgements were said to members of the community for their help.

The water samples from the past year were all excellent.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Street water line was replaced. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street line has not yet been replaced, but is not in bad shape.

The exterminator continues preventative treatments of the Library and Tabernacle.

So many memorial trees have been planted that there is no room to plant new ones.

The trees are being treated: hemlocks for wooly adelgid, and others for gypsy moths.

The fire hydrants were all flushed and serviced in the past year.

A Campmeeting infrastructure map was drawn.

New street signs were added, painted by Elly Nicholas.

Markwood is going to have its one way driving direction changed to make for safer access to 117.

Homeowners gave Mr. Lentz a standing applause as thanks for his work for the Campmeeting properties and its residents.

### C. Communication

Two newsletters have been issued to the community to date, and the Campmeeting web site is in development. The Charter and By-Laws has been revised based on work of the Ad-Hoc By-Laws committee made up of Board and community members, and two mailings have been sent to the homeowners with regard to their work.

### **Old Business**

The revised Charter and By-Laws have been approved by 2/3 vote of the Board of Managers, and they were then presented to homeowners for their feedback.

A very animated and lengthy discussion followed. Many homeowners expressed that while they were extremely grateful for the hours of volunteer time and the great effort the Board and Ad-Hoc committee put into the revision process, that nevertheless they thought the Board needed to get final approval from the homeowners for the revised Charter and By-Laws. In addition, the actions by the Board at the previous year's meeting and the wording of the mailings sent to the homeowners led many to believe that their vote would be required at this year's Annual Meeting. Many others expressed concern and dismay about specific changes to the Charter and By-Laws. Several homeowners expressed support for the Board and their action. Throughout the discussion, Mr. Gettle and Mr. Allwein replied to concerns and protests. A motion was made by Bill Linton and seconded by Madelaine Gray to have a new meeting scheduled at which time a vote would be taken by the homeowners to approve or not approve the new Charter and By-Laws. They also included a provision in their motion for absentee ballots. Mr. Marisic made a request to amend the motion to direct the Board to schedule a special meeting for said vote. Mr. Gettle said that in order for the community to vote on the Charter and By-Laws, the Board would need to meet, rescind their final approval vote and then have the community vote on it. He said that the Board would then call a special meeting for a full discussion open to the whole community. While the Board said that the homeowners could not vote on approving the revised Charter and By-Laws, a support vote was taken by show of hands. The show of hands was to indicate who supported the action of the Board in their approval of the new Charter and By-Laws. The yes vote (including present Board members) was 28, the no vote was 26.

The Board stated that there appeared to be an impasse at that time, and that the discussion about the future of the revised Charter and By-Laws was best tabled until their next Board meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

Submitted by Deborah Erb