

Tavistock Civic Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

Talleyville Fire Hall

March 24, 2010

- **Attendance: ~32**
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- **Bob Weiner**
 - Information concerning the New Castle County Programs and Dept. of Planning can be reviewed on Bob's website at www.bobweiner.com.
 - **Pilot School:** Bob expressed his disappointment of County Council approving the Pilot School as a redevelopment project on Garden of Eden Road.
 - **Stoltz projects:** Bob is concerned about the Stoltz projects on both the Woodlawn Trustee's site at Rt. 202 and Beaver Valley Road and their projects in Greenville.
 - **Talley Day Park:** Discussed the Talley Day Park cleanup and mulching program (April 2) where students will receive a service day credit for helping clean up the park.
 - **Brandywine Cleanwater Program:** The County is spending several million dollars in sewer projects to redo the sewers in northern New Castle County and there will be testing for illegal hookups. A letter will be mailed out in June to all households.
 - **Greenway Projects:** Various trail days events are planned this year. Go to www.delawaregreenways.org for further information. A Gala Event is also scheduled on May 6th at the Blue Ball Barn. Try to attend and support Delaware Greenways.
 - **Report Violations:** To report code violations in your neighborhood call the County at (302) 395-5555.
 - The budget process has started for the new fiscal year at the County.
 - Citizen's Anti-Graffiti Committee has been very successful.
 - The Claymont Renaissance is selling two units a week and they are selling at approximately \$230,000 - \$240,000.
 - If there are any questions, please direct them to Lou Hinkle, Bob Weiner's county aide.
 - Acknowledgement was read by Judy Magee acknowledging Bob Weiner's help on the Pilot School rezoning, etc.
- **Lanny Weaver & Bill Parsons – Brandywine Valley Baptist Church**
 - A short presentation was made concerning their church mission and their various outreach programs that are coordinated through their church.
 - They also said the flashing sign in front of the church is off the table and they are back to redesigning it. They will let the community know when they've decided on a final version of the sign.
- **Corp. Amy Kevis – County Police**

- 23 calls in the neighborhood, nothing spectacular, but if you see anything unusual don't hesitate to call her or the numbers that she provided; (302) 573-2800 or just 911.
- Reminder to everyone that they should be locking patio doors and garage entrance doors to the main house.
- **State Rep. Dennis Williams, District 10**
 - Discussed the Pilot School rezoning. Dennis will check on the possibility of closing the connector road to Tavistock on Garden of Eden Road.
 - Discussed potential additional speed bumps in Tavistock.
 - Discussed what is going on in Dover with the budget.
 - Two bills that were introduced: (1) regulation for door-to-door salesmen to try and prevent scams the exception to the proposal would be for non-profits; (2) discussion of a small road, Beaver Dam Road located in PA, that could potentially be annexed as Delaware since no one is taking care of it now.
 - Further discussions on the legislation proposing two or three additional casino locations.
 - Basically, his point of view is it's just a short term solution until some other additional revenue streams can be developed in Delaware.
 - Although it was not a vote, the general opinion was that the Tavistock Civic Association did not want any new gambling venues.
 - It was also mentioned that there is a casino group looking at the Tri-State Mall as well as other locations in the city.
 - **Healthcare**
 - The new healthcare law will push back more costs to the states.
 - The number of employees that work for the State and County per capital as compared to other states in the country was discussed. It's generally thought that we are one of the highest per capita. Dennis will be reviewing these statistics and getting back to us.
 - **Contact:** Dennis' direct number is (302) 373-0115 (cellphone)
- **New Business**
 - Don Thureau announced that Maryann McConnell would become the new Secretary and they are still looking for a replacement for the Treasurer. The other officers would remain the same.
 - **Tree Committee:** Frank Maderich reported that the landscape contractor will begin working on the various winter-damaged trees by starting at the bottom of Mt. Lebanon Road and working east on Mt. Lebanon Road. Don Thureau noted that there may be a potential infestation of webworms or gypsy moth in the neighborhood and that it might require aerial helicopter spraying which may require a special homeowners' assessment (Frank Maderich commented after the meeting that Delaware's Natural Resources Dept. should be involved if Brandywine Creek State Park is also showing infestation which then would mean State funds would pay for aerial spraying of the whole area).
 - **Pilot School:** Frank reported that the County Council voted for the redevelopment 9-4 on March 4. County executives signed off. There's still work to be done on the recording of the plan. The Working Group is still considering challenging it and is staying involved through the process. The Pilot School itself is still short on fundraising, so the sale and redevelopment could still be three years away.

- Another written statement was read by Nancy Hannigan indicating a meeting with Chris Coons did not go well as it relates to the Pilot School encouraging people to write to reconsider as it may violate the county code on several matters.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Report was handed out at the meeting. See report below.
- At this time Maryann McConnell, as Treasurer, was able to get all but three residents to pay their delinquent civic association dues.
- Comment was made that the snow plow contractor did a great job and that we have already received money back from the State per the reimbursement plan.
- Also, there was information from DelDot handed out at the meeting for reimbursement from DelDot for mailboxes and light posts that were knocked over by the snow plows.

- **Other**

- The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled on Wed., May 19th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Don Thureau's home.
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
(Signed)
Carmen Facciolo