

College Heights Association Annual Meeting October 18, 2016, 7:30 PM

Called to order by President Steve Smith who welcomed all who were in attendance.

Introduced board members: Donna Queeney, past president; Kevin McGarry, treasurer; Linda Hendrickson, secretary; Marcia Heitzmann, vice president; Pam Monk, and Steve Mower, members at large.

Minutes from the May 5, 2016 spring meeting were read and approved.

Kevin McGarry gave the treasure's report: after the expenses for the bench honoring Police Chief Tom King, neighborhood awards, bulbs/flowers, and meeting expenses the current balance is \$9,370.59.

College Heights Association Appearance Awards were presented to Laura and Phil Boinske for their home on Park Avenue and also to Ana and Tim Gourley for their home on Ridge Avenue.

Sue Heister informed the association about the home tour of six houses in west College Heights on December 4. All proceeds will go to the Park Forest Pre-School Project.

Sarah Klinetob, a resident, reported that a meeting with PennDot, coordinated by the borough will be held soon to discuss the upcoming work on North Atherton. Construction will probably start 2019. Some topics to discuss will be how long people are willing to have the work day go – 8 hours or 24 hours per day.

Donna Queeney gave a report on the Neighborhood Coalition consisting of seven neighborhoods in the borough. It started in the 1990's to work with the borough to create a student home ordinance. Current topics: a PSU web site on which people could list homes for rent or for sale, and a committee exploring additional ways of generating income for the borough. The committee will have a draft report December 1 and a final report in February. Coalition members believe the Pennsylvania legislature should authorize municipalities like State College to have self-determination of taxes.

Election of new board members – a nominating committee, consisting of Cindy Carpenter, Milton Cole, and Donna Queeney, presented the following: Jonas Rubenson for member-at-large and Kate Elias for web master. No more nominations came from the floor, so a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. The new members were elected unanimously.

Cathy Dauler, borough council member, reported that a grant from PennDot for \$100,000 was awarded to the borough to construct a refuge island at the intersection of McKee Street and Park Avenue. A yellow pedestrian sign was placed at that intersection after a resident of College Heights requested it. Someone in the audience suggested that there is a need for one, also, on Park Avenue and the drive into the Nittany Lion Inn. Cathy suggested contacting public works.

Guest Speaker – Ed LeClear, Planning Director for the borough

Mr. LeClear went into detail about the use of residential homes in the borough for tourist homes and student homes. They are looking into ways to regulate the tourist homes and to generate income for the borough. These are growing in use, and they are looking into the impact on the community. A tourist home can only be set up in someone's primary residence. For longer than 7 days, it needs to have a rental permit. A student home needs to be licensed and cannot be less than 675 feet from another student home. If there are zoning violations, it goes to civil court and the magistrate sets the fine. There was a very informative Q&A on these topics.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Hendrickson, secretary