

Minutes

1. 6:32 pm Call to Order

Members of the Board present: Heather, Jamie, Chris, Courtney, Matt, Lily, Evan
Not present: Josephine, Ted
Community members in attendance: 5

2. 6:33 pm Guest Speaker Vicki Riley, City of Phila Dept of Revenue Public Info Officer

- The Dept of Revenue collects real estate taxes and water bills.
- About 96% of money owed to the Dept of Revenue is collected each year.
- There are a number of assistance programs, including:
 - Homestead Exemption (40K, up from 30K last year)
 - Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP)
 - Abatements
 - Senior citizen Real Estate Tax freeze
 - The 9/13/18 deadline was extended to 3/15/19.
- An account can have both the Senior Freeze and the Homestead Exemption.
- Ms. Riley suggested residents should apply for everything.
- When receiving your water bill, check for 3 things. Call immediately if any of these are true:
 - (1) Did my bill increase? The meter may have malfunctioned or you may have a leak.
 - (2) Did you receive an estimated bill? The meter was not read and you will be back-billed.
 - (3) Are either water usage and stormwater charges missing? If so, you will be back-billed.
- It was recommended that individuals utilize atlas.phila.gov.
- The Dept of Revenue has extended hours: Monday - Friday until 7 pm and Saturday 10 am - 2 pm.
- Courtney requested an [electronic copy](#) of the information distributed at the meeting.

3. 6:56 pm Approval of January Community/Board Meeting minutes

*Jamie motioned to approve the January Community/Board Meeting minutes.
Evan seconded. No Board members objected.*

4. 6:58 pm Committee Reports

- a. Marketing/Communications Committee
 - Courtney motioned to approve the formation of the Marketing/Communications Committee.
Jamie seconded. No Board members objected.
 - Jamie reported the new website should be live within 1 week. The committee will plan another meeting after the site has launched.
- b. Beautification Committee
 - Courtney applied to host a Community Yard Tree Giveaway on 4/27/19 (1st choice) or 4/20/19 (2nd choice) at Sacks Playground. Last year, DSWCA was not awarded our 1st or 2nd choice date, but Courtney will keep the Board posted. Since the application deadline was extended, Courtney was not sure when the grant recipients would be announced. The grant would be \$300 for 50 trees.
 - Courtney is meeting with Pennsport Civic on 2/18/19 to discuss the [Community Cans Program](#).
 - The Spring Cleanup is 4/6/19. Our table will be set up at 5th/Moore. Moore St Community Garden gave the OK. We will also encourage community members to organize their own projects.
 - Nic Esposito and Mark Squilla both confirmed that 4th-8th, Mifflin-Oregon will be included in the City's street sweeping pilot.
- c. Zoning Committee: Courtney announced the Zoning Committee meeting on 2/26/19 that will discuss a variance for an auto repair shop of 431-35 Moore St (through to Pierce).
- d. Fundraising Committee: Nothing to report.

5. 7:10 pm New Business

- Board Secretary vacancy was announced. Heather appointed Courtney as the Board Secretary. The Board vacancy to be filled will be a Director.
*Jamie motioned to approve the appointment of Courtney as the Board Secretary.
Evan seconded. No Board members objected.*
- Chris reported that filing our revised Articles of Incorporation will require paying a \$70 fee and suggested we postpone this action until October, when we (hopefully) have more cash to spend. No one objected.

6. 7:17 pm Heather offered the opportunity to raise questions and/or concerns. None were raised.

7. 7:18 pm Lily motioned to adjourn. Chris and Heather seconded. No Board members objected.