

**East Allentown Rittersville
Neighborhood Association**

MINUTES

President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on September 15, 2014 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Present: Three officers (Dennis Pearson, Bob Jacoby, and Dave Schell) and nine other neighbors were present at the meeting. Officer Mike Beidelman of the Allentown Police Department was also present.

Secretary Dave Schell handed out copies of the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2014. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion carried.

Treasurer Bob Jacoby gave his report. We had an expense of \$29.99 rent for our storage area and the balance is now have \$419.18. It was moved and seconded to approve the report as read, and the motion passed.

President Dennis Pearson reported that he had heard from Pitcher's Bar and they informed him that contrary to what we had heard last month they had not lost their liquor license, although they are not open all the time. He then read an email that he had gotten from the liquor control authorities on September 8th that said the authority will be considering the license at a future meeting.

Pearson noted that 5,500 newsletters were distributed this month from Club Avenue to the Lehigh River, including Midway Manor and Overlook Terrace. He received a note from a neighbor on Ellsworth Street stating that he found the newsletter informative but would not be able to attend due to his schedule. He asked, however, if something could be done about the overgrown trees at the rear of 32 N. Ellsworth Street (on Delp Street). The branches and weeds extend almost to the middle of the alley and cause scratching on cars if the driver is not careful.

A neighbor reported that the property at 252 E. Walnut Street is a real garbage dump and a row home in the 500 block of Hanover Avenue is similar. We have discussed these properties in the past and they have been reported to the city. Pearson noted that he has noticed that in this area some of the property owners have been working on improving the sidewalks and stairs.

Pearson noted that there is another indoor soccer facility proposed on N. Sherman Street.

A neighbor on E. Cedar Street asked whom she needs to report excessive auto noise and speed to. This happens both in the afternoons and evening. Officer Beidelman took license numbers from the neighbor and told her to give him the numbers of additional noise violators. Another neighbor noted that motorcycles are also a problem. This noise has also been a problem late night in the 100 block of E. Fairview Street.

President Pearson reported that he has been told that Mayor Pawlowski's "neighborhood walks" have been ended for this season. We are not certain why this is so.

Officer Beidelman noted that it is sufficient to put name and phone on the yellow dot information for the program discussed in last month's meeting. It is not necessary to put all of the requested information on it, which may give thieves additional information about the car owner.

The Allentown Tenant Association has a Facebook page and has found that when they post pictures of problem properties on the page the properties are invariably cleaned up within weeks. The Facebook group is Allentown Sweep Complaints.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully,

David A. Schell, Secretary