

**East Allentown Rittersville
Neighborhood Association**

MINUTES

President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 2017 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Present: Four officers (President Dennis Pearson, Vice President Robert Pandaleon, and Secretary Dave Schell, and Treasurer Robert Jacoby) and eight other neighbors were present at the meeting, as was Capt. James Keiser of the Allentown Police Department.

Secretary Dave Schell handed out copies of the minutes of the meetings of September 18, 2017 and October 16, 2017. (Schell was absent at the October meeting and the minutes were taken by President Dennis Pearson at that meeting.) It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes for both meetings as distributed. The motion carried.

Schell also handed out a few copies of the September and October police reports for Police Service Area 1.

Treasurer Robert Jacoby reported that our balance remains at \$577.03. It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as read.

Captain Keiser reported that with the holiday season armed robberies increase, although they are not as common on this side of town. Packages are being stolen off porches in the area. Midway Manor has reported some activity in this regard. It may be possible to have packages shipped to yourself at your work address. Amazon has a choice that you can have a package dropped off at a secure location. In addition, one can get a neighbor who is home to watch for the package.

A neighbor questioned who is responsible if a package is stolen off a porch—the customer or the shipper? This depends on the individual company and their policies.

A neighbor reported that the trucks are really starting to line up on both sides of the streets around the Harry's U-Pull-It junked car lots, and that people are still running the stop signs at American Parkway and N. Nelson Streets.

President Pearson reported that the city is looking to make up a master plan for Andre Reed/Irving Park. We will need to have variety of neighborhood opinions on the committee writing up the master plan. Among the questions to be addressed are whether to move the basketball and tennis courts and whether to continue the swimming pool as a pool or convert it to a spray park. He asked if anyone is particularly interested in having their names forwarded as potential members of the committee.

Pearson reported that the city will most likely be approving the storm water fee that we have discussed before, and which is based in part of square footage, particularly on the developed part of the property.

A discussion ensued on how the city officials like to claim that taxes are not rising, but various fees are. It was noted that the squeeze on city finances has caused our paramedics to be working twelve-hour shifts and taking more calls than larger cities. Additionally, it is a problem that people are calling the paramedics for minor issues.

President Pearson reported that the holiday materials have been removed from storage and some can be put up once permission is received from the city.

He also reported that we have been informed by the Midway Manor Association that Richard Wilburn has said that this will be his last term as president of that association. In addition, the Leonard Buck banquet in spring will be moved from the Fearless Fire Company to the Palace on the east side (where the Ice Palace used to be).

Since we had twelve neighbors present (including the officers) we have a sufficient number to elect our officers. According to procedure, the current officers were re-nominated and he asked for other nominations. There were none. It was moved and seconded to retain the current officers. The motion passed.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully,

David A. Schell, Secretary