

## Queen Village Board Meeting Minutes –February 3, 2011

**Present:** Mike Hauptman, Ted Warren, Kathy Dilonardo, Walt Lowthian , Honey Pertnoy, Ed Bell, Jeff Rush, Bill Stewart, Carla Puppin (Executive Director) Added to the board at this meeting and attending the meeting after their appointments: Amy Shelanski and Keith Grube

**Not Present:** Richard Wolk, Bill Landy

**Appointments to the Board:** Jeff suggested that Amy Shelanski be appointed to fill a vacant position on the board. There was discussion. Honey so moved. Kathy seconded it and the board voted to approve the motion. Jeff suggested that Keith Grube appointed to fill another vacant position on the board. There was discussion. Bill so moved. Mike seconded it and the board voted to approve the motion. They both joined the meeting at this point.

**Minutes:** There was one correction to the January minutes. Mike moved and Honey seconded that we approve the minutes. They were approved by the board. They can now be posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed moved and Mike seconded that we accept the treasurer's report. It was approved by the board.

### Executive Director's Report for January 2011

**Candidates' Night?** Primary elections are May 17. If QVNA wants to sponsor a Candidates' Night at a General Meeting, it would need to be the April 21 meeting.

*There may be too many candidates to hold it all on one night. Jeff will determine how best to set it up based on numbers running for each office and availability of the candidates.*

**Moyamensing Point update.** I informed Jennifer Mahar of Philadelphia Green re the Board's decision about signing the Dept of Streets agreement as written. Jennifer informed me that there are some other issues that have cropped up and that still need to be worked out---annual water fees, etc.

**Nebinger School** I attended a meeting at the school on 2/1 in which Heidi Segall Levy, Project Manager for the Community Design Collaborative, explained CDC grant parameters and the process. Charlie Moleski (Bella Vista resident on 600 League St) has submitted an application to the CDC for a planning grant to renovate the school playground. The application will be considered in this current round and we will know by the end of February whether the application has been accepted.

**Open House Tour is Sunday, May 15.** I am ahead of the game with one house. As usual, I ask that Board members help me in suggesting possibilities—friends, neighbors (yourselves!) who might be interested or whom I might ask if they are interested.

**Community Parking Lot FYI**---there are currently 35 people on a wait list. Taye Mogus, Parkway manager for the lot says that turnover averages 2 a month, but right now, as one might expect, there are few cancellations. *We may want to consider expanding the lot to the south. We need to clarify the income and its relation to our 501c3 status.*

**Possible Shot Tower Playground Improvement:** There may be grant money available to extend the Shot Tower Playground under I-95. There is a meeting planned for Tuesday night on the subject. **Amy Shelanski will attend.**

**Forgotten Blocks Committee:** Ted reported that there is much construction going on including 4 new houses. They may try to get an additional camera to provide security for the area.

**Town Hall Meetings:** Jeff said the police are continuing to hold these meetings. It is a good way for residents to have direct access to the police about any concerns. **He will find out the time and place of the next meeting and we will e-blast it to residents.**

**Snow Removal:** It was noted that the sidewalks along the east side of Front Street have not been shoveled of snow. **Carla will check with LRC Services to get an estimate for cleaning them from Washington Ave to South Street whenever it snows.**

**Tennis Court:** There has been an increase in dogs being allowed on the tennis court again. People may be assuming that since there is snow on the court that no one can play tennis and so the dogs can run inside the enclosure. However, since it is not a dog run and many of them are not picking up after their dogs, Bill moved that we lock the gate while there is snow on the court to eliminate dog owners taking their dogs inside. The lock will be removed when the snow has melted and players can use the court for tennis. Mike seconded the motion. The board voted to approve the motion.

**Casinos:** The zoning overlay created for Foxwood's remains in place, even though their license has been revoked. What should we be recommending be done with that overlay? Jeff has a meeting with Whitman Council and Pennsport Civic Association representatives on February 10 to discuss that. Mike O'Brien, State Representative, Larry Farnese, State Senator and Councilman DiCicco will also attend.

**Zoning:** Mike reported that the proposed zoning code has taken a lot of time to review. The neighborhood coalition has been battling to get more time to conduct the review since the document is very large. The timeline for the zoning process is the most contentious element of the new code. Developers want the process to move quickly and neighborhood want to be sure they have time to review and consider the details of any variance requests. Currently neighborhoods have to respond in 21 days. This is the first time civics have been written into the process formally. Previously it was simply a courtesy for the civics to appear before the ZBA. The new plan has fewer requirements for which a variance must be requested.

**Sustainability:** The committee met in January and had a very good turnout. They have a meeting scheduled for February 16. Their first project was Christmas tree composting. 75 trees were composted as a result of their program. They have established web, energy and composting sub-committees.

**February General Meeting:** The Delaware River Waterfront Committee is looking at the south waterfront. They will make a presentation at the February meeting. Carla will not be at the meeting. Ted and Walt will come early to set up and handle the sign-in.

**Redo the community room:** There was a suggestion that we upgrade the community room to make it more attractive. We will discuss it at the next meeting and consider forming a subcommittee to address some improvements.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Dilonardo  
Recording Secretary