

## **Highland Park June 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Jake Pawlak**

### **Police Zone 5 updates – Officer McNeal and Office Crawford**

Last month there has not been too much crime in Highland Park. Officer Crawford spoke about two car break-ins in the neighborhood and reminded all community members to please lock your cars and homes to protect your belongings from theft. Zone 5 extended thanks to HPCC for participating in Zone 5 Community Day

### **Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority - Bob Weimar, Executive Director**

The changes needed to the reservoir and the pump systems in Highland Park require immense cost, time, and work to improve the current outdated facilities and make our water meet current water standards, which have recently changed. It is estimated that the improvements will cost more than \$700,000 million and take more than 5-10 years.

Highland Reservoir 1 is offline due to not meeting current regulations. For last several months, reservoir 2 has been producing all of the drinking water for this area. This is fine for the moment, but the system works better with both reservoirs. The PWSA goals are to improve the system and the quality of water.

PWSA used to have an annual budget of \$20 million for improvements but due to new regulatory actions and years of not doing major improvements, the organization will likely need more than \$200 million for the next several years.

### **Barry King, PSWA Chief Engineer**

3 Urgent Projects for this summer

- 1.) Two additional buildings required for Orthophosphate Facilities to treat water
  - a. Will help corrosion reduction in the pipes
  - b. Intend to meet water standards and still keep park aesthetically pleasing
  - c. Orthophosphate process was decided upon to maintain the corrosion in this area after a year of study
- 2.) UV Treatment will occur inside the current reservoir facility and not be visible to people walking in the park
- 3.) Security cameras and a security guard required to meet PA standards and avoid large and unsightly fences
  - a. Cameras are required for security. One pole structure will be required. Cameras will take 360 surveillance of reservoir 1
  - b. Security guard at all times when PSWA staff are not present

3 Strategic Projects for the next year

- 4.) Pump Station Replacement
- 5.) New Rising Main
- 6.) Replacement of Highland Park 2 reservoir cover
  - a. Timing-wise it is important to replace this concurrent with the other work

## Additional Notes from Questions Section

- PWSA has consulted with Pittsburgh Park, Pittsburgh Port Authority, Pittsburgh Zoo and others
  - Projects discussed with these partners includes the Mellon Terrace redesign to accommodate PAT Bus needs
- Permits have been placed for all “urgent” projects and work will begin after all permits are in place
- There will not be a building for the security guard. He will be in the current building
- Traffic will be taken into consideration during construction
- Non-urgent projects will be discussed at a future HPCC later this summer
- PWSA is working with Parks Conservatory to preserve as many trees as possible
- Council Women Deb Gross acknowledged the work that PWSA has done to keep the reservoir 1 an open air reservoir

## **Annual Meeting Presentation and Elections – Jake Pawlak**

Nominations accepted for Officers and Board Members

Nominee for President – Monica Watt

Nominee for Vice President – Stephanie Walsh

Nominee for Treasurer – Paul Miller

Nominee for Secretary – Karin Manovich

Nominees for Board Member:

- Betsy Rogers
- Mac Lynch
- Justin Sandherr

All Officer and Board nominees were elected unanimously.

Glenn Schultz stated the HPCC Board has approved the budget for the upcoming year. He also encouraged that all community members to make their \$25 annual donation and to consider a larger donation this year if you have the capacity to do so.

## **The Environmental Charter School – Nikole Sheaffer, teacher**

- 5 core principles of the Environmental Charter School
  - Integration
  - Getting students outside
  - Environment
  - Authentic Learning
  - Whole Child
- Currently 2 Campus with a third building in development near Highland Park area, due to increase demand
  - K-3 in Point Breeze
  - Milton building/Frick Park

- James E. Rogers School 3<sup>rd</sup> building (in Development) former CAPP building
- In 2019 there will 26 additional slots open in each grade level K-9 due to increasing demand
- Applications will go live on their website in October