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RADBURN CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date: October 28, 2009
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Grange Hall
Number in attendance (signed in): 22

President Art Murray called the meeting to order.

Art Murray on behalf of The Radburn Community and its Citizens' Association extends deepest sympathy to Hank Fortmuller and family on the passing of daughter Jodi Ann. Our hearts are with you.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of minutes of the September, 2009 meeting was postponed. No copies were available for distribution.

Treasurer's Report was given by Marshall Chandler.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Julia Enerson, Jane Alania

Hospitality Chair Julia Enerson cited a successful well-attended Annual Welcoming Tea, which is an opportunity for the Radburn community to welcome its new residents. A suggestion was made to generally set the dates of social events more in advance to facilitate planning. The use of Facebook or similar methods was discussed as an information social networking tool to improve the dissemination of information to the Radburn community. A future Casual Pot Luck Dinner event was proposed by Julia, featuring contests for hors'doeuvres and desserts. Contact Julia at jmenerson@oal.com with ideas or to get involved. Jane Alania, the new Hospitality Chair, is soliciting new ideas for community social events, and encouraged getting involved in community activities. The idea of a Mommy and Me program was floated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Art Murray

The Fall Garage Sale and The Annual Halloween Costume Party and Treasure Hunt were both a big success. A big thanks to all who contributed their time and skills.

Art Murray proposed a candidates' night event to provide an opportunity to learn about the (4) candidates for the upcoming election for (2) Radburn Association trustees. The candidates are Mike Alania, Aleece Nolan, Annabel Schlair and David Stevens. The time and place will be announced.

The Radburn Citizens' Association officers election for for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will occur at the RCA meeting on November 18, with David Rosenberg and Bart Spinelli running for Vice President, Marshall Chandler running unopposed for a second term as Treasurer and Eric Schutz running unopposed for his first term as Secretary. Outgoing Secretary Larry Koplik has completed the two term maximum. President Art Murray continues for the second year of his term. David Rosenberg was nominated from the floor to run for Vice President.

Art Murray noted that the Daly Field contract is currently in a breakable state and that no new contract has been presented as of the last Radburn Trustees meeting.

On October 15, the NJ State Historic Preservation Office Historic Sites Council conducted a hearing to determine if ownership of Daly Field by the Boro of Fair Lawn will provide more protection to the historic fabric of Daly Field than ownership of Daly Field by the private Landmark developer. The Boro of Fair Lawn can not acquire Daly Field without approval of its application by the Historic Sites Council and the NJDEP Commissioner. Approval was granted. Ownership of Daly Field by the Boro of Fair Lawn will provide for historic review by the NJ Historic Sites Council of what is proposed for the site, whereas ownership by any private entity does not provide for such historic review. The RA BOT voted 8 to 1 (with Art Murray voting no) to send legal representation to the hearing, but only on a pro bono basis; however, the planner for Radburn will also attend and will be billing Radburn for his services pertaining to the hearing.

On November 17, The NJ State Appellate Court in New Brunswick will hear the Appeal (by both sides) of the Contillo decision regarding the PREDFDA case, including to determine whether and/or how the NJ PREDFDA Act applies to Radburn, and including ramifications pertaining to matters of governance.

The Radburn Democracy Petition garnered approximately 400 signatures. Art repeated that the petition was being circulated by private individuals, and is not an activity of CCRF or the Radburn Citizens' Association. A letter was sent to Bob Gordon and Governor Corzine which included the responses of the residents to the petition. The subject of the petition is Radburn Association membership and election procedures.

Art Murray stated that if the Daly Field contract had not happened, he would not have known about the election process of Radburn Association trustees. Christine Nunn questioned why Art Murray votes for trustees if he disagrees with the process. Marshall Chandler responded that participation in a process does not preclude discussing or seeking to change or improve the process. In response to a question from Tiffany Schindler, there was a discussion about eligibility and the process of becoming a trustee and therefore a member of the Radburn Association. Tiffany expressed surprise that only present and former trustees are members of the Radburn Association and not all Radburn owner-residents. The trustee nomination and election procedures were discussed. A candidate for nomination may submit his or her name to the RA BOT or the BOT will approach a candidate. The resulting list of candidates is reviewed during a closed RA BOT meeting in what Christine Nunn described as a vetting process, during which (4) candidates are selected for a community mail-in vote resulting in the selection of (2) trustees, which will then become permanent members of the Radburn Association. Art Murray stated that he felt the election system is not a fair one, since it has no open nominations, producing a revolving door of repeat trustees. Ron Coll noted that no trustee that voted for the sale of Daly Field is currently on the RA Board of Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS:

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) conducted a public meeting at the Fair Lawn Community Center on October 26 to update Fair Lawn residents on the status of the investigation and cleanup of the former Topps Cleaners site. Representatives of Anderson Mulholland Associates Inc. (AMAI), the consulting firm conducting the clean-up and representatives of the NJDEP were present. The source of the perchloroethylene (PCE or "PERC") dry cleaning fluid at the Topps site has been remediated and is no longer contributing to the PCE ground water pollution that has occurred previously. The extent of the ground water contamination plume is being monitored to determine the additional houses that may need to be tested and/or

remediated for PCE vapor intrusion by utilizing a subsurface depressurization vapor migration system, which incorporates a small powered fan to direct vapors away from the living areas and out of the building. Plume mapping techniques utilizing test wells systematically located through the test area are indicating the path of travel and boundaries of the plume and are revealing a steadily declining level of contaminants in the ground water. For additional information contact Heather Swartz (NJDEP Site Remediation Program) 609-984-7135 or Ellen Ivens (AMAI Environmental Consultant for cleanup) 914-251-0400 ext 311 (email: Toppsinfo@amaiconsult.com). Information including reports and data pertaining to the status of the Topps site are also available at the Reference Desk of the Maurice Pine Public Library.

Ron Coll thanked the Radburn community for the overwhelming support in the form of contributions for the benefit of Eva's Kitchen. He advised that Eva's Kitchen will not be able to accept and process more donations of clothes, etc. for the present season after approximately November 15.

Liz Timperman has joined the ranks of many others in the past who have observed the unacceptable conditions in the parks (in this case R-Park) which have been an ongoing problem deemed to be in part the result of youth activity from outside the Radburn and/or Fair Lawn community including but not limited to unauthorized loitering (sometimes throughout the night), vandalism, excessive littering with trash, bottles and various other items. Jane Alania and others have noted offensive graffiti on the playground equipment in R-Park. There are legal issues involved with community patrols of private property and trustee Su Mecky said that there are two off-duty policemen paid by Radburn on weekends to patrol the parks at night, but, according to Bart Spinelli, the young people from outside Radburn are adept at avoiding the surveillance. It was suggested that the Radburn maintenance staff observe the common areas on a daily basis early in the morning and remove objectionable objects and/or conditions. Trustee Lisa Meltzer-Press suggested that everyone in the community should pick up what they see in a type of ad-hoc Community Trash Patrol and that the Trustee Fall Walk has been reinstated and is scheduled for Nov 8. Improved motion-sensitive lighting in the playground areas, cameras with warning signs, and lighting on residences were discussed. As always, the Fair Lawn Police Department has advised us to call upon them whenever necessary if problems are observed and that they are best equipped to respond; however, since a significant part of the parks are private property, they are limited in their routine patrolling options but can respond to complaints.

The next meeting time and place will be November 18, 2009 at 7:30pm at Grange Hall, during which the Citizens' Association officers election will be held.

The meeting was adjourned by Art Murray.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of November, 2009 by,

Laurence ("Larry") Koplik
Radburn Citizens' Association Secretary