

Tuesday April 2 Polish Hill Civic Association Community Meeting

Minutes taken by Colleen Shuda

Meeting ran by Colleen Shuda, President

Meeting Began: 6:38

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00

Old Business

- Document request from the State is complete, State has concluded review and had no concerns.
- IHM School Conservatorship Hearing scheduled for May 2, 2024.
- Bylaws revisions are still in progress.

New Business

The Learn & Earn Summer Youth Employment Program (Learn & Earn) is designed to provide meaningful work experiences and career exposure to low-income young adults ages 14-24, residing in Allegheny County.

<https://www.partner4work.org/learn-earn>

Allegheny County Lead Safe Homes Program

Offers qualifying homeowners and renters in the county free lead-paint testing and hires a certified lead-abatement contractor to stabilize or eliminate lead paint.

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Projects-and-Initiatives/Economic-Development/Residents-Housing-Support/Lead-Safe-Homes-Program>

Free soil lead testing event sponsored by Allegheny County Conservation District

Multiple drop off sites between April 3-7.

Registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-soil-lead-screening-spring-drop-off-event-tickets-853720309427?aff=oddtdtcreator>

Spray Park renovations at West Penn playground have begun! Should be functional by Memorial Day.

Norfolk Southern outreached regarding use of Wiggins Garden property. Board is following-up.

Board is going to apply for Public Service Grant -Try to get funds to use on the ongoing Food Security Project

City of Bridges Firesite Homes

All 4 homes on Brereton are complete, under agreement and have certificates of occupancy.

Construction on Dobson St. homes should begin by June.

The original plan of 4 homes is now 3 homes due to PWSA stating that a sewer main runs underneath 3107 Brereton & 3108 Dobson St.

Updates from State Rep Lindsay Powell's Office:

- Bigelow tunnel was not ADA compliant, which is why it was not repaired. Lanes will be painted and light for pedestrians will be longer. They are in the conversation with Penn Dot for continued for solutions.
 - Members shared concern for 28th street and Herron Ave Bridge construction, repaving of bigelow within the next few years. Concerning traffic on Finland from Bigelow. Asking for update of rebuilding the walking bridge at Finald over Bigelow.
- Next VA events April 8 and May 13.
- Free Paper Shredding event 4/27 9-11am @ Kiwanis Park
- Seniors for Safe Driving class - May 18 @ Goodwill in Lawrenceville
 - <http://Seniorsforsafedriving.com>
 - \$17 cost and completion = 5% discount on insurance

Updates from Mayor Gainey's office:

- Sign up for the Mayor's e-newsletter:
<https://pittsburghpa.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e562dca418a41a4ab246a3bb1&id=b3186fb918>
- City Cuts program: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/citycuts/>
- Spread the word for Lifeguards for City Pools this summer!
 - We should know by May which pools are opening.
- City in the Streets events <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/city-streets>
 - Upcoming: Spring Hill, Hill District, Hazelwood, Knoxville, Homewood

Safety & Mobility Committee is looking for members from the western side of the neighborhood to ensure all areas of concern are acknowledged.

Upcoming Events:

Trash Clean-up Sunday April 14, 12-3pm

Polish Hill May Day Variety Show May 3 @7pm @ Diamond Beach

Polish Hill Mayday Parade Saturday May 4 - Parade begins at noon

Next community meeting Tuesday, May 7.