

9/21/77

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. and conducted by Mr. Donald Reeb.

Mr. Reeb informed the group of the Zoning Ordinances and called for discussion from the floor - The Town of Guilderland proposes a new type of zoning: "Semi-Professional Residential Zoning." McKownville has much more commercial zoning than what we would like. The area where Stewart's is located on Western Avenue is being considered for a change to commercial - Hillcrest Avenue & Arcadia Ave. are zoned commercial -- at the meeting held in Guilderland recently, they were vague on what is semi-professional -- Town Officials should know how the people of McKownville feel about this.

A discussion was held on the recent rash of bicycle thefts. We have had 28-35 bicycle thefts in our area and the fires are about 4 months ahead of usual in McKownville. Parkwood and Norwood Streets have experienced car vandalism. A suggestion was made to hold a hike rodeo in October so that area children could register their bicycles and help make recovery easier. A group of State Policemen and Investigator Martin from the Guilderland Satellite Station spoke to the group - they indicated the number of men on this force and what services they are able to provide for our town - when to call them -- and passed out stickers with their telephone numbers, burglary information sheets and large window information sheets for those in private business. This was a most worthwhile discussion. They indicated that we as citizens must make the call and be willing to register and sign the complaint, once it is made.

Another area that was mentioned was the poor lighting on some of the streets in the McKownville area - we currently spend about \$1530. in lighting for about 700 homes.

Also, water expense for our town was discussed -- sewers -- the Highway Dept. is responsible for cleaning of the sewers -- the budget for this item will soon be coming up.

Prior to Election Day we hope to have a Meet the Candidates Night and this would be an appropriate time to field questions and concerns to these candidates - The Budget Hearings are usually held the 3rd or 4th Thursday after Elections -- Budget papers will try to be made available.

Election of Officers was held and the Officers for 1977-78 are;

President	Don Reeb
Vice President	John Smircich
Secretary	Kathy LeRoux
Treasurer	Jack Davis

Elected for the Board of Directors were: Wendy Barcomb, Richard Zitomer and Steve Haraus for three year terms  
Tim Cohan was elected for a two year term

Nominees were: Alice Torda, Wendy Barcomb, Tim Cohan, Steve Haraus & Richard Zitomer

A discussion was also held on the widening of Western Avenue -we hope to have a member of DOT here for our October meeting. They want to set up Western Avenue similar to Central Avenue -- have a bike path set up on each side - curbs and a turn lane -- if this project goes through it could necessitate removal of 40 trees.

Federal money has been appropriated for this -- to be able to help employ the unemployed -- a Question was raised if this ties in at all with the re-zoning -- it could be possible. The NYS Budget period is Spring of '78 so now is the time to voice our feelings that we don't want this project instituted. Further information will be forthcoming and possibly a telephone number given where those who cannot attend the meeting can raise their objections.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Association collected their annual dues and asked for various assistance in such areas as:

Traffic/Safety  
Publicity  
Conservation  
Recreation  
Planning

The next meeting will be held on 10/11/77 at 8:00 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church on Western Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

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