

**PENN NATIONAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
October 23, 2023  
Mont Alto Fire Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Mark Orndorff. There were 128 people in attendance representing 87 households.

Mark Orndorff opened the meeting by offering thanks to numerous individuals for their efforts to support the PNCA and the community.

Mark Orndorff welcomed Jeni Smith, Director of Operations and building lead for the WellSpan facility under construction in Penn National. Ms. Smith provided an update on the facility and services that will be offered there. An opening date of March 4, 2024 is anticipated. She introduced Dr. Michael Adu and Sarah Nulton, CRNP, who will both be accepting new patients, Vera Cullum, Practice Manager, and Dr. Timothy Switaj. Dr. Switaj, who is an Army veteran and resident of Penn National, went on to speak about WellSpan in our community, indicating that WellSpan has recruited many new medical providers in the last year. He also discussed a partnership with Johns Hopkins Medicine for cancer care, including second opinions and drug trials. Dr. Switaj addressed questions from the membership including topics such as X-ray capabilities at the PN facility, which the building was not designed to support, and the recruitment of a gastroenterologist, which is anticipated.

Mark Orndorff then introduced Carol Evonick, who announced “Tee Up Fore the Cure”, a charity golf tournament for the American Cancer Society, which she is organizing for July 25, 2024. Carol indicated that more information will be available in 2024.

Mark Orndorff next introduced guest speaker Trooper Angela Laviena, Community Service Officer, who spoke on the subject of community safety. Trooper Laviena, having been informed about several incidents in Penn National, emphasized the importance of calling 911 if there is an immediate threat, using cameras to document details of suspicious activity that might otherwise be overlooked, and always reporting anything suspicious. The latter initiates documentation and makes a paper trail. If there is no immediate threat, Trooper Laviena listed three ways to report suspicious activity: 1) phone the PSP at 1-888-292-1919, 2) send email to [tips@pa.gov](mailto:tips@pa.gov), or 3) report the activity in the See Something Send Something (See Send) app on a mobile device. If there is no

immediate threat, a trooper will not be dispatched but the activity will be documented. She also provided the phone number for the PSP dispatch office in Chambersburg, which covers all of Franklin county. That number is (717) 264-5161. In response to an audience question about learning if something has been reported, Trooper Laviena replied that calls are not posted and that X (formerly Twitter) is the only publication method used to inform the public about such things as crashes, shut down roads, major police activity in the area, etc. The X account to follow is @PSPTroopHPIO, which is the Pennsylvania State Police Troop H (H for Harrisburg, which is the Troop for our area) Public Information Office. The idea of a community Facebook page was mentioned as possible way for PN residents to document activity that has been reported to the PSP. Trooper Laviena provided topics of calls to the PSP dispatch office in Chambersburg, which include scams, theft, and domestic incidents. She suggested that walkers be aware of the neighborhood by taking note of unfamiliar people and taking pictures of anything suspicious. This topic led to a discussion about vehicles exceeding the speed limit in Penn National. One resident asked whether speeding was a priority for the PSP. Trooper Laviena replied that speeding is not as high a priority as an immediate threat situation, however the PSP might be able to sit in the neighborhood during for brief times between calls. She also indicated that residents should provide the PSP information about particular vehicles and times when speeding is prevalent. Rob Ackerman, Government Liaison Director, noted that Guilford Township can provide flashing speed signs, which the PSP can enforce. In light of the recent shooting of a judge in Hagerstown, MD, someone asked if Pennsylvania has enacted extra protection for our judges. Trooper Laviena was unable to comment on this as it is an active case.

Mark Orndorff concluded the topic of community safety with a suggestion to add information about businesses which provide security systems to the *pnca.info* website and possibly provide further information via a newsletter article. A brief discussion on having a neighborhood watch program ensued.

## **REPORTS**

### Upcoming Activities – Beth Pryor

Beth Pryor announced the upcoming PNCA activities and their organizers:

- Veterans Day Event, Kevin Mayhew
- Men's luncheon, Bernie Goldberg
- Turkey Trot, Carolyn Best
- Ladies' luncheon, Pam Curro

- Men's club visit to the National Cryptologic Museum, Keith Ballentine and Jon Curro
- PN Harmony Singers Christmas concert, Sandy Curtis

Beth also mentioned future activities including the Battle of the Neighborhoods (BOTN) in May and July, men's and ladies' luncheons, wine tastings, bimonthly music nights, yard sale, Memorial Day event, PNCA picnic and the Turkey trot. Trivia Night is also a possibility. Residents are encouraged to make suggestions for new activities to Pam Curro or Tara Kellam.

Linda Gottfried announced the second annual PN Artist Studio Tour scheduled the first weekend in December. Twelve local artists will be showing and selling their work at different home/studio locations.

#### Treasurer – Steve Mitchell

Steve Mitchell reviewed the current PNCA Treasurer's Report which covers revenues and expenses through September 30, 2023. Of note, the total funds available at this time are \$6,633.17.

#### Publications – Dan Dunton

Mark Orndorff began by thanking Dan Dunton as he moves on from Publications. Eileen Grady will take over with the January 2024 edition of the newsletter. Dan Dunton gave his thanks to the many people who have contributed to the newsletter during his tenure. Dan reported that we have 190 print newsletter customers and requested that others sign up for the same as we need to send 200 copies in order to qualify for bulk mailing rates, which are 60 cents less per copy. Currently, we send an additional 12 copies of the newsletter to Pam Curro for use by the Welcome Committee. Dan also reported that we currently have 34 advertisers in the newsletter. Of these, only 27 appear in the print versions while all are included in the online version. He also indicated that we do not solicit for advertisers as interested parties reach out to us.

#### Government Liaison – Rob Ackerman

Rob reported that he continues to attend the Township Supervisors and Municipal Water and Sewer meetings.

Several residents spoke on the subject of vehicles speeding on PN streets, as pedestrian safety is a concern. Rob replied that at the Township meeting on October 19, a request for speed display signs was made and the Supervisors were receptive to the idea. The Township is also considering the addition of speed

humps although they do not seem to be on board with that idea. Rob advised that he would address the speeding issue to the Township Supervisors and again urge the placement of moveable electronic speed indicator signs on various streets throughout our community in an attempt to deter and slow drivers down. He explained that he would meet with the PSP Station Commander at the Chambersburg barracks and request that their patrols leave the state roadways on occasion to drive through our streets as a means of slowing down those who speed and enforcing the speed limit.

A resident inquired about assistance in stopping residential vehicles from entering Hot Springs Court from Mont Alto Road and subsequently driving up a gravel lane, which was not designed as a connecting street, to Farmstead Drive. Rob indicated that he would bring this to the attention of the Road Superintendent of Guilford Township as these are Township roadways/streets.

A resident inquired about cut up roadway on Fairway Drive East, asking when the roadway will be finished. Rob replied that he will inquire about this at the next Township meeting.

Rob addressed the issue of the sinkhole on Congressional Terrace, saying that the Municipal Authority was working with White Rock to move the sewer line which is contributing to the sinkhole.

Rob also mentioned the unexplained placement of counting devices on PN streets and nearby Eby Road. He noted that they were not placed by the Township or State Troopers, saying that this type of device is typically used by developers to determine traffic volume.

#### Membership – Gale Crist

Gale Crist reported that there are approximately 1200 homes in Penn National. Of those households, 615 are members of PNCA. She requested that we continue to spread the word about the benefits of membership. Gale also noted that we changed print vendors for this year's membership directory.

#### White Rock Liaison – Carolyn Best

Carolyn Best offered thanks to Kim Engman for her previous work in this role. Carolyn reminded the audience of the upcoming Turkey Trot and addressed the following topics that were detailed on a PowerPoint slide:

- White Rock real estate news – sales continue to be strong; in the process of getting street signs for the Range neighborhood and continued building there

- WellSpan medical center – an opening date has been set and there will probably be an open house event as the date approaches
- Golf courses – course landscape management is going well; golf camps in the new location were successful
- Founder's Grill – holding a Thanksgiving buffet; private events in the Founder's Grill/Black Oak Bar area may be booked for the month of December
- Leg Up Farm – continued outreach and support from local businesses and government; quarterly updates online at [legupfarm.org/franklincounty](http://legupfarm.org/franklincounty)

Welcome Committee – No report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Saundy Fielhauer  
Secretary PNCA