



Yeadon Borough Committee Report

Committee Name: Code Enforcement
Committee Chair(s): Councilwoman Clara Johnson and Liana Roadcloud
Meeting Date(s): 3/5/19 at 6:00 p.m.
Attendees: L. Roadcloud, Code Dir. Rufus Stokes, C. Johnson and Public Works Dir. Dan Wright

Summary Narrative

On 3/5/19 at 6:00 p.m., the above-named individuals attended the Code Committee Meeting. No one from the management team was in attendance.

I. Old Business:

- Nuisance tree located on Whitby Avenue: **tree was removed.**
- Makeshift porch on Chester & McDade: Dir. Stokes has been working with the property to resolve the eyesore. Property owner advised that he is not building a porch but a fish pond. The contraption still poses an eyesore to the community. Dir. Stokes advised that he will issue a citation to the property owner due to his refusal to remove certain materials from the contraption that poses the eyesore.
- Dumpsters: **The current dumpster fee is for 7 days of use. If a contractor needs additional time, there is not a fee for the extension. Therefore, committee discussed increasing dumpster fees; add a fee for an extension of time; and create an efficient protocol for supervision of dumpsters to enforce codes governing same. If ordinances need to be changed relating to fees, Dir. Stokes will discuss same with the solicitor.**
- Garage on Longacre not up to code: **Committee advised that a violation was initially issued when issue was first reported in January 2019 but unfortunately, the violation was inadvertently NOT served upon the property owner. Therefore, another violation was issued to the property owner a month later on 2/26/19 together with a citation. Said citation is being appealed by property owner.**

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- Graffiti on commercial buildings (McDade strip mall; Cemetery on McDade): **The cemetery received 3 citations w/maximum fines prior to removing the graffiti. However, the strip mall has received 5 citations w/maximum penalties as of the day of this committee meeting and has yet to remove the graffiti to date. Goodwill box located within the strip mall that has graffiti on same will be removed at the request of Dr. Stokes.**
- Driveway between Bullock and Yeadon Ave. with the broken fence creating a public safety hazard: **Dir. Stokes will consult with Solicitor and Borough Manager to determine whose responsible for making area safe and how same will be achieved. It was mentioned that in addition to the missing fencing, now certain areas of the ground are collapsing. It is believed that Yeadon Borough deemed this area dangerous in the 1970's. As a result, the Borough prohibited trash trucks, fire trucks and other borough owned vehicles from driving in said area. Since this unsafe condition has been known to the Borough for approximately 50 years, it would behoove the Borough to research as to who is responsible for said fencing and rectify the safety hazard in an effort to avoid being exposed to any possible liability.**

II. New Business:

- Garage on W. Cobbs Creek in violation w/obvious structural damage
- Trash on lawn located on Whitby Avenue: Violation issued; no citation. It was mentioned that the trash was construction debris which was left by the contractor renovating the home. The contractor was issued a violation w/out a citation. Because of the egregious nature of the violation, a citation was warranted but not issued.

Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)

- driveway between 700 blocks of Yeadon and Bullock.
- increase dumpster fees
- address any other business presented from February 2018 to present

Current Action Items

- driveway between 700 blocks of Yeadon and Bullock.
- increase dumpster fees
- add a fee for an extension of time to keep dumpster
- address any other business presented from February 2018 to present

Formal Motions to the Council

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- None at this time.

Note(s):

Code Enforcement Direct phone: 610-284-3110

Next Meeting Date: 4/2/19 at 6:00 p.m., 2nd Fl, Yeadon Borough Hall

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