

# Cheltenham Chamber of Citizens Annual Meeting

February 2, 2025 7:00 PM Via Zoom

Attendees: Edie Cerebi, Gail Post, Emily Stine, Olga McHugh, Myron Goldman, Daria Kachmar, Tom McHugh, Mark Sanders, Frank Slesinski, Ted Cerebi, Joyce Werkman, Lora Lehmann, Rebecca Roseman, Gerry Brown, Dan Norris, Ann Rappoport, Elyse McBride, Sidney Kahn, Rhonda Isser, Toby Grubman, Julie Elliott, Bill Chambers, Dan George, Donald Jones, Deb Campbell, Donna Wray, Fredericka Waugh, Bonnie Hay, Julie Mann

## Annual Organizational Meeting

1. Welcome & Introduction of Board Members
  - a. Called to order at 7:02pm by Brooke Welsh
  - b. Brooke acknowledged attendance of Commissioners Dan Norris and Ann Rappoport
  - c. Introduction of current CCC board members: Brooke Welsh, Edie Cerebi, Olga McHugh, Emily Stine, Gail Post, Judith Gratz, Daria Kachmar, Myron Goldman.
  - d. Documents and agenda are posted online at [www.cheltenhamchamberofcitizens.com](http://www.cheltenhamchamberofcitizens.com)
2. Secretary Report – Emily Stine
  - a. Motion to accept 2024 minutes – Myron Goldman
  - b. Second to the motion – Edie Cerebi
  - c. Unanimously accepted
3. Treasurer Report – Emily Stine
  - a. Balance is \$1363.69
  - b. Motion to accept – Myron Goldman
  - c. Second to the motion – Edie Cerebi
  - d. Unanimously accepted
4. Web Administrator Report – Edie Cerebi
  - a. The report is available on the website, where more information about the organization can be found. The website is going to be updated. There were 38 emails sent over the past year, with a 53% open rate, and most focused on township issues, community events and activities, and environmental information. There are 672 FB members. More information will be sent via email than Facebook this year.
  - b. Motion to accept – Myron Goldman
  - c. Second to the motion – Brooke Welsh
  - d. Unanimously accepted
5. President's Report – Brooke Welsh
  - a. Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, unless otherwise noted, and are open to public participation. The next CCC meeting is scheduled for 2/16/24 and will include a reorganization of the Board since the bylaws state that no individual can serve for more than two consecutive years, except for the treasurer.

- b. Civic engagement from the CCC this past year included participation at events sponsored by the Cheltenham African American Association, Juneteenth, Camp William Penn Day, and the Wall Park open house. Involvement with township developments have included the 1900 Ashbourne Rd. project, Melrose Country Club redevelopment, Joss Project, and Cheltenham Community Development Organization. The CCC has weighed in on the facilities study, Robinson Park development, and the Greenwood Ave./Church Rd. project. The CCC was involved in public participation with ordinance and zoning concerns, including the IThrive space and Lukoil zoning concerns.
  - c. Election of new board members. There were no nominations from the floor. The current slate of Board Members for 2025 includes Edie Cerebi, Olga McHugh, Emily Stine, Brooke Welsh, Judith Gratz, Daria Kachmar, and Myron Goldman. The slate of current members was unanimously approved.
- 6. Old Business - none
  - 7. New Business & Announcements – none
  - 8. Adjournment
    - a. Motion to adjourn – Emily Stine
    - b. Second – Olga McHugh
    - c. Unanimously adjourned.

**Presentation: Cheltenham Residents Toolbox**

Brooke Welsh introduced Lauren Walter, Cheltenham Information Officer, and emphasized the importance of civic and community involvement. When residents know how to participate, they can become more active and engaged. Lauren described a variety of procedures and directions about what branch of the township to contact with concerns.

Edie Cerebi presented additional information on building and property development, the township board meetings and committees, the process that occurs during the meetings that result in action on agenda items, and that residents may comment.

Emily Stine presented on civic involvement beyond participation in township meetings that residents could consider, such as the school district, the CCC, the library, the volunteer fire companies, the parks and various topical and neighborhood organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Post on February 3, 2025.