



August 4, 2020

Sewickley Council
Borough of Sewickley
601 Thorn St
Sewickley, PA 15143

Subject: Monthly Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Building Permit Report.

Dear Council,

The following are updates on action items since the previous Council meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

New complaints being investigated:

905 Beaver St – Animal Noise/Swimming Pool

08.04.20 Notice received 07.21.20 allowing for 10 days remediation of an animal nuisance. Property owner also sent letter regarding permit requirements for a swimming pool.

202 Bank St – Property Maintenance

08.04.20 Notice sent, not yet received, allowing for 30 days remediation of property maintenance issues.

Ongoing investigations/Citations:

Nevin Ave - Grass

07.08.20 Notice received 07.03.20 allowing for 10 days remediation of high grass. Reinspection scheduled for 07.13.20.

08.04.20 Property Owner contacted Code Enforcement stating a company was being hired to remediate high grass.

932 Crescent Ave – Property Maintenance

- 06.03.20 Notice returned to Code Enforcement 05.26.20. Sent via First Class on 06.03.20 for remediation of property maintenance issues.
- 07.08.20 Property reinspected and posted on 06.25.20 after Notice of Violation was returned undeliverable.
- 08.04.20 Posting period passed; reinspection showed no progress. Reviewing Dangerous Building Ordinance.

4 Gray Ln – Stop Work Order

- 06.03.20 Stop Work Order and Notice of Violation delivered to property on 05.28.20 for working without proper permitting. Visual inspection on 06.01.20 confirmed that no further work is going on at the property. Notice requested property owner contact Code Enforcement for permits and remediation needs.
- 07.08.20 Work has not continued on the property. Property owner contacted Code Enforcement regarding remediation requirements.
- 08.04.20 Work has not continued.

410 Beaver St – Stop Work Order

- 06.03.20 Stop Work Order and Notice of Violation delivered to property on 06.01.20 for working without proper permitting. Owner contacted Code Enforcement on 06.03.20 to discuss remediation.
- 07.08.20 Work has not continued on the property. Property owner contacted Code Enforcement and LSSE regarding remediation requirements.
- 08.04.20 Work has not continued.

Orchard Ter – Retaining Wall

- 04.07.20 Notice received 04.02.20 allowing for 10 days remediation to repair a deteriorating retaining wall. Notice was sent to 3 different addresses for property owner.
- 05.04.20 Property posted 04.21.20.
- 06.03.20 Property owner contacted Code Enforcement on 06.02.20 to discuss remediation. Citation remains open.
- 07.08.20 Magisterial Hearing scheduled for 09.16.20.



14 Dickson Rd – Property Maintenance, Weeds

- 12.04.19 Notice received 11.25.19 allowing for 30 days remediation for Property Maintenance issues and 10 days for overgrown pans. Reinspection scheduled for 12.05.19 for weeds.
- 01.08.20 Property was posted on 01.06.20 allowing 10 days for remediation. Reinspection scheduled for 01.16.20.
- 02.05.20 Citations were filed with the Magistrate on 01.15.20.
- 03.04.20 Citation remains open.
- 04.07.20 Citation remains open.
- 05.04.20 Citation remains open.
- 06.03.20 Citation remains open.
- 07.08.20 Citation remains open.
- 08.04.20 Citation remains open.

802 McDonald St – Property Maintenance

- 11.05.19 Notice received 11.02.19, allowing for 30 days remediation on all open Property Maintenance issues. Reinspection scheduled for 12.02.19.
- 12.04.19 Code Enforcement received a letter from the Property Owners requesting a remediation plan.
- 01.08.20 Discussion with Borough ongoing related to remediation.
- 02.05.20 Citations were filed with the Magistrate on 01.21.20.
- 03.04.20 Magisterial Hearing scheduled for 03.11.20.
- 04.07.20 Magisterial Hearing on 03.11.20 resulted in the Judge issuing a continuance until 06.03.20 to remediate property
- 05.04.20 Magisterial Hearing remains scheduled for 06.03.20.
- 06.03.20 Magisterial Hearing rescheduled to 07.01.20
- 07.08.20 Magisterial Hearing rescheduled to 08.05.20.
- 08.04.20 Property Owner applied for and received a Building Permit to demolish the structure. Work to begin on 08.04.20. Continuance requested to allow for work to be completed and inspections.

929 Crescent Ave – Dangerous Structure

- 07.01.19 At the request of the Borough, the property was inspected by Jamie Harshman, PE.
- 08.06.19 Monitoring.
- 09.04.19 Monitoring.
- 10.02.19 At the request of the Borough, Code Enforcement issued a response letter, dated 09.25.19, confirming the property to be a “Dangerous Building” based on the report of Jamie Harshman, PE on 06.25.19 and in accordance with Borough of Sewickley Ordinance §149.
- 11.05.19 Item remains open.
- 12.04.19 Item remains open.
- 01.08.20 Item remains open.



02.05.20 Item remains open.
03.04.20 Item remains open.
04.07.20 Item remains open.
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07.08.20 Item remains open.
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Tallied new complaints investigated are as follows:

- Structures – 0
- Trash / Rubbish / Junk – 0
- Grass / Trees - 1
- Other – 1

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

None

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

Building Permits:

1. 900 Thorn Street – Deck
2. 431 Broad Street – Commercial Alterations
3. 517-519 Locust Place – Renovations
4. 802 McDonald Street - Demolition

Occupancy Permits:

1. None

Zoning Permits:

1. 701 Thorn Street – Retaining Wall
2. 312 Thorn Street – Deck
3. 155 Walnut Street – Patio
4. 411 Peebles Street – Driveway
5. 703 Harbaugh Street – Fence

ZONING MEETINGS

Historical Review Commission:

The following addresses / items are to be heard at the Historic Review Meeting on August 3, 2020.

1. 21 Centennial Avenue – Exterior Work



Zoning Hearing Board Hearings:

The following addresses / items are to be heard at the Zoning Hearing Board hearing on August 4, 2020.

1. 323 Ferry Street – Variance for Reduced Front Setback

Please contact our office at any time with questions.



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