



April 6, 2021

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:

607 Hill St –Sidewalk Repair/Building without a Permit.

04.06.21 Notice received 03.06.21 allowing for 30 days remediation to repair the sidewalk/driveway apron and 14 days for submission of a Building Permit application for a rear deck. The property owner contacted Code Enforcement noting that the contractor for a driveway (open permit) would also be repairing the sidewalk/apron. The Building Permit application was submitted and approved for the deck.

915 Nevin Ave – Trash Collection

04.06.21 Notice received 03.19.21 allowing for 5 days remediation to remove a collection of trash. Property owner also to register for trash collection, per the Sewickley Ordinance. Reinspection scheduled for 04.08.21.

703 Nevin Ave – Sidewalk

04.06.21 Notice received 04.05.21 allowing for 30 days remediation for repair of the sidewalk. Property owner has an open Building Permit. Time for remediation allows for continuation of construction activity. Property owner contacted Code Enforcement to discuss remediation efforts.

Engineering & Surveying

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Codes & Zoning

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Ongoing investigations/Citations:

201 Frederick Ave – Installation of product not approved by HRC.

- 02.04.21 Notice received 01.27.21 allowing for 30 days remediation to replace railings and a deck and front entry that do not have a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Review Commission and Borough Council. The property owner contacted Code Enforcement to request a longer remediation period of 90 days to allow for approvals and product lead time.
- 03.01.21 Property Owner was granted a 90-day extension by the Borough to allow time for the Historic Submission/Review process.
- 04.06.21 Remediation timeline ends 04.27.21. Monitoring until then.

897 Dickson Rd – Building Exterior Maintenance and Weeds

- 11.05.20 Notice received 10.30.20 allowing 30 days remediation for repair of the exterior of building and trimming of weeds. Reinspection scheduled for week of 11.29.20.
- 12.03.20 Property being monitored for progress. Reinspection to be scheduled.
- 01.05.21 Property reinspected 12.15.20. Citation to be filed for property maintenance issues.
- 02.04.21 Citation open with Magistrate for Property Maintenance violations.
- 03.01.21 Citation awaiting plea.
- 04.06.21 Citation awaiting plea.

875 Dickson Rd – Building Exterior Maintenance and Grass

- 11.05.20 Notice received 10.13.20 allowing 30 days remediation for repair of the exterior of building and trimming of weeds. Reinspection to be scheduled for week of 11.30.20.
- 12.03.20 Property being monitored for progress. Reinspection to be scheduled.
- 01.05.21 Property reinspected 12.15.20. Citation to be filed for property maintenance issues.
- 02.04.21 Citation open with Magistrate for Property Maintenance violations.
- 03.01.21 Magisterial Hearing scheduled for 04.21.21.
- 04.06.21 Magisterial Hearing remains scheduled for 04.21.21.

335 Logan St – Building Exterior Maintenance

- 10.07.20 Notice received 10.05.20 allowing 30 days remediation for repair of the exterior of the building. Reinspection scheduled for 11.04.20.
- 11.05.20 Reinspection to take place on 11.06.20.
- 12.03.20 Property was Posted on 11.06.20 allowing for 30 days remediation. Property owner contacted Code Enforcement on 11.13.20 to discuss



- remediation of maintenance violations. Will monitor for progress before filing for Citation.
- 01.05.21 Property reinspected 12.15.21. Citation to be filed for property maintenance issues.
- 02.04.21 Citation open with Magistrate for Property Maintenance violations.
- 03.01.21 Magisterial Hearing scheduled for 04.21.21.
- 04.06.21 Property currently under remediation. Observed construction efforts do not require a permit. Magisterial Hearing remains scheduled for 04.21.21 until remediation complete.

713 Orchard Ter – Building Exterior Maintenance

- 10.07.20 Notice received 10.05.20 allowing 30 days remediation for repair of the exterior of the building. Reinspection scheduled for 11.04.20.
- 11.05.20 Reinspection to take place on 11.06.20.

- 12.03.20 Property was Posted on 11.06.20 allowing for 30 days remediation. Property owner contacted Code Enforcement on 11.10.20 to discuss remediation of maintenance violations. Will monitor for progress before filing for Citation.
- 01.05.21 Property reinspected 12.15.21. Citation to be filed for property maintenance issues.
- 02.04.21 Citation open with Magistrate for Property Maintenance violations.
- 03.01.21 Citation awaiting plea.
- 04.06.21 Citation awaiting plea.

860 Nevin Ave – Dangerous Building Notice

- 10.07.20 Notice deeming the property a Dangerous Building due to the condition of the exterior of the building, lack of illumination, appearance of abandonment, and open property maintenance violations received 10.02.20 allowing 10 days remediation and 10 days appeal as set by the Borough. Property posted with Notice on 10.07.20 in accordance with the Ordinance.
- 11.05.20 The notice was not appealed. Per Ordinance §149, the Borough has options to remediate the property.
- 12.03.20 Code Enforcement attended a Magisterial Hearing on 11.18.20 for property maintenance violations. The Judge granted a 30-day continuance to allow for submission of a construction schedule by 12.02.20 and to apply for necessary permits. The follow-up Magisterial Hearing is scheduled for 01.06.21.
- 01.05.21 Notice received from Magisterial Court that the hearing was moved to 02.03.21.
- 02.04.21 Notice received from Magisterial Court notifying Code Enforcement that the hearing was moved to 03.03.21.



- 03.01.21 Notice received from Magisterial Court notifying Code Enforcement that the hearing was moved to 05.12.21.
- 04.06.21 Magisterial Hearing remains scheduled for 05.12.21.

202 Bank St – Exterior Property Maintenance

- 08.04.20 Notice sent, not yet received, allowing 30 days remediation for repair of the exterior of the building.
- 08.31.20 Notice not yet received.
- 10.07.20 Notice not yet received.
- 11.05.20 Notice returned to Code Enforcement. Property to be posted on 11.06.20 for open maintenance violations.
- 12.03.20 Property was Posted on 11.06.20 allowing for 30 days remediation.
- 01.05.21 Property reinspected on 12.15.20. Multiple issues remediated. Citation to be filed for open items.
- 02.04.21 Citation open with Magistrate for Property Maintenance violations.
- 03.01.21 Citation awaiting plea.
- 04.06.21 Citation awaiting plea.

932 Crescent Ave – Property Maintenance/Dangerous Building Notice

- 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.
- 08.31.20 Next Enforcement action will be under Dangerous Building Ordinance.
- 10.07.20 Notice deeming the property a Dangerous Building due to the condition of the exterior of the building, lack of illumination, appearance of abandonment, and open property maintenance violations received 10.02.20 allowing 10 days remediation and 10 days appeal as set by the Borough. Property posted with Notice on 10.07.20 in accordance with the Ordinance.
- 11.05.20 The notice was not appealed. Per Ordinance §149, the Borough has options to remediate the property.
- 12.03.20 Borough is reviewing remediation options.
- 01.05.21 Borough is reviewing remediation options.
- 02.04.21 Borough is reviewing remediation options.
- 03.01.21 Borough is reviewing remediation options.
- 04.06.21 Borough boarded up property. Reviewing further options.



Orchard Ter – Deteriorating Retaining Wall

- 04.07.20 Notice received 04.02.20 allowing 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.
- 08.04.20 Magisterial Hearing scheduled for 09.16.20.
- 08.31.20 Magisterial Hearing scheduled for 09.16.20.
- 10.07.20 Magisterial Hearing continued by Judge until 11.04.20.
- 11.05.20 Code Enforcement attended a Magisterial Hearing on 11.05.20. The Judge granted a 60-day continuance to allow for remediation discussion with the Borough. The follow-up Magisterial Hearing is scheduled for 01.27.01.
- 12.03.20 Magisterial Hearing remains scheduled for 01.27.01.
- 01.05.21 Magisterial Hearing remains scheduled for 01.27.01.
- 02.04.21 Notice received from Magisterial Court notifying Code Enforcement that the hearing was moved to 03.10.21
- 03.01.21 Notice received from Magisterial Court notifying Code Enforcement that the hearing was moved to 04.07.21.
- 04.06.21 Borough Council discussed interest of a person(s) for a sheriff sale of the property. Magisterial hearing moved at direction of the Solicitor to 05.19.21 to allow for completion of the sheriff sale. Continuances will remain in 30-day increments until complete.

14 Dickson Rd – Exterior Property Maintenance and Weeds

- 12.04.19 Notice received 11.25.19 allowing 30 days remediation for repair of the exterior of the building and trimming of weeds. Reinspection scheduled for 12.05.19 for weeds.
- 01.08.20 Property was posted on 01.06.20 allowing 10 days for repair of the exterior of the building. Reinspection scheduled for 01.16.20.
- 02.05.20 Citations were filed with the Magistrate on 01.15.20 for open maintenance violations.
- 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.
- 08.31.20 Certified Summons Accepted, no plea entered.
- 10.07.20 No plea entered.



11.05.20 Magistrate awaiting plea; continuing to monitor status.
 12.03.20 Monitoring Citation status.
 01.05.21 Magisterial Hearing scheduled for 02.03.21.
 02.04.21 Notice received from Magisterial Court notifying Code Enforcement that the hearing was moved to 03.03.21.
 03.01.21 Notice received from Magisterial Court notifying Code Enforcement that the hearing was moved to 05.12.21.
 04.06.21 Magisterial Hearing remains scheduled for 05.12.21.

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.
 05.04.20 Item remains open.
 06.03.20 Item remains open.
 07.08.20 Item remains open.
 08.04.20 Item remains open.
 08.31.20 Borough discussing remediation options/investigations.
 10.07.20 Borough discussing remediation options.
 11.05.20 Continuing to monitor.
 12.03.20 Continuing to monitor.
 01.05.21 Borough is reviewing remediation options.
 02.04.21 Borough is reviewing remediation options.
 03.01.21 Borough is reviewing remediation options.
 04.06.21 Borough boarded up property. Reviewing further options.

Tallied new complaints investigated are as follows:

- Structures –
- Trash / Rubbish / Junk – 1
- Grass / Trees - 0
- Other – 2
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MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

None

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

Building Permits:

1. 607 Hill Street – Rear deck
2. 719 Harbaugh Street – Residential Addition
3. 307 Grant Street – Residential Addition

Zoning Permits:

1. 549 Beaver Street – Business Occupancy
2. 348 B Beaver Street – Business Occupancy
3. 302 Bank Street – Fence

ZONING MEETINGS

Historical Review Commission:

The following addresses / items are to be heard at the Historic Review Meeting on April 5, 2021.

1. **CLG Application Update**
No new update
2. **Duquesne Light Tile Mural Update**
No new update
3. **HRC Open Seat**
Still accepting applications.
4. **Historic Ordinance Update**
Commission is reviewing comments received from Dick Tuckers office.
5. **227 Walnut Street**
Consideration of a window replacement/resize. Recommendation for approval carried 3-0.
6. **324 Broad Street**
Consideration of an addition, garage, swimming pool. Recommendation for approval carried 2-0-1



Zoning Hearing Board Hearings:

The following addresses / items are to be heard at the Zoning Hearing Board hearing on April 6, 2021.

1. 327 Sprott Way

Case 21-02; Variance granted for relief of setback and impervious surface requirements to construct an addition.

2. 309-311 Elizabeth Street

Case 21-03; Case continued until May hearing for variance for relief from minimum lot size related to subdividing the parcel.

3. 617 Broad Street

Case 21-04; Case continued until May hearing for variance for relief from minimum setback requirements for a deck/addition.

4. 615 Mulberry Street

Case 21-05; Variance granted for relief of open off-street parking in a front yard.

Please contact our office at any time with questions.



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Randy McCray, CZO
Code & Zoning Technician

cc: File 19.077

