



March 1, 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:

105 Beaver Street – Snow on Sidewalk

03.01.21 Property posted on 02.04.21 notifying property owner of responsibility to clear sidewalk of snow and ice. Sidewalk was remediated. Item to be closed.

308 Chestnut Street – Snow on Sidewalk

03.01.21 Property posted on 02.04.21 notifying property owner of responsibility to clear sidewalk of snow and ice. Sidewalk was remediated. Item to be closed.

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.

Engineering & Surveying

100 Courson Hill Road
Washington, PA 15301
T: 724-503-4125

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Codes & Zoning

2455 Park Ave
Washington, PA 15301
T: 724-993-4505

03.01.21 Property Owner was granted a 90-day extension by the Borough to allow time for the Historic Submission/Review process.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.



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.

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.

Tallied new complaints investigated are as follows:

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

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

None

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

Building Permits:

1. 408 Beaver Street – Wall and Projecting Sign
2. 720 Blackburn Road – Sprinkler Alterations
3. 720 Blackburn Road – Interior Renovations

Zoning Permits:

1. 348 B Beaver Street – Window and Projecting Sign
2. 155 Walnut Street – Fence

ZONING MEETINGS

Historical Review Commission:

The following addresses / items are to be heard at the Historic Review Meeting on March 1, 2021.

- 1. CLG Application Update**
Holding pattern for now.
- 2. Duquesne Light Tile Mural Update**
Working on pricing and communicating with Duquesne Light.
- 3. HRC Open Seat**
Still accepting applications.
- 4. Historic Ordinance Update**
Commission is reviewing comments received from Dick Tuckers office.



Zoning Hearing Board Hearings:

The following addresses / items are to be heard at the Zoning Hearing Board hearing on February 2, 2021.

1. 327 Sprott Way

Decision to be rendered on Case 21-02; Variance application for relief of setback and impervious surface requirements to construct an addition.

2. 309-311 Elizabeth Street

Case to be heard for Case 21-03; Variance application for relief from minimum lot size related to subdividing the parcel.

Please contact our office at any time with questions.



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Randy McCray, CZO
Code & Zoning Technician

cc: File 19.077

