

Minutes of the Green Trails Improvement Association, Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Peter Bakas called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM at Kennedy Junior High. Board members present: Peter Bakas, Lou Beccavin, Pat Coughlin-Schillo, Tony Dolinar, Linda Gilbert, Vern Goering, Marg Hough, Bob Klaeren, Les Lavin, Betty Long, Christy McGovern, Roxanne Nagel, Michael Olson, Roger Sassen, William Swiderski. Absent (excused) Paula Gleason; Recording Secretary, Bob Klaeren served as recording secretary during the meeting. Management: Julie Maschmeier. A quorum was present.

Open Forum: None

Minutes of the Prior Meeting:

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. It was requested that under the "Election of Officers" portion of the minutes, it be corrected to read that Linda Gilbert was appointed, not elected. The other change was under "Management Report"; it was noted that the minutes should reflect that the annual reimbursement received from the Village of Lisle was a check for right of way grass cutting and not island area cutting.

Board Motion: Roger Sassen moved to approve the December minutes as amended, Michael Olson seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Olson reviewed the December Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement.

Board Motion: Lou Beccavin motioned to accept the check register expenditures of \$16,595.02 for January, Vern Goering seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Management Report

Telephone log line items were reviewed.

Management sent out 5 assessment letters in December.

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Payment was received by management from the Lisle Park District for the cost of transplanting 18 evergreens in the Green Trails Parks, by Swartz Nursery.

Blue Pay: unfortunately the Blue Pay system was not yet functional for this year's assessments to be paid utilizing that system. The system will be implemented for next year's annual assessment.

Management requested that the Board write off \$190.00 from a bad debt for SR 2008; the new owner has paid the 2013 and 2014 assessments.

Board Motion: Marg Hough motioned that the Board approve to write off the \$190.00 in past assessments due from SR 2008, Betty Long seconded, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Management provided a list of December newcomers. Board Directors are encouraged to call on newcomers in their respective areas.

Finance Committee – Michael Olson noted that the CD discussed at the December meeting was purchased and will mature in September of 2014.

Maintenance Committee – Les Lavin said that he would like to schedule a meeting of the Maintenance Committee prior to the next Board meeting. Les reported that the chain link fence between Green Trails and Four Lakes had been cut again. Betty long requested that Management inform the Lisle Police Department of this issue.

Les asked if this was a good time to discuss the entry signs, Mr. Bakas indicated yes. Mr. Lavin then asked Roxanne Nagel to speak on the issue.

Roxanne passed out samples of sign material from the two proposed vendors who the committee has spoken with to date; she also passed out drawings of the proposed signs. The Board discussed the benefits of both types of sign materials and the construction of the sign lettering. Roxanne told the Board that she polled the sign committee to see which sign they liked better, and committee members who would state their preference were evenly split. The Board asked questions regarding the toughness and longevity of the materials being proposed and the matter continued to be discussed. Mr. Bakas directed Management to look into getting another proposal from a third potential vendor; then put together a package of information for the Board, detailing the three proposals for either the February or March meeting so the Board may take action.

Communications Committee – None

Parks Committee – Pat Coughlin-Schillo asked that the Board members who had not yet signed up to attend a Park District Board meeting in 2014 look at the meeting dates on the signup sheet to see if they are available to attend one of the available meetings. Vern attended the last meeting of the Park District Board and at the end of that meeting spoke with Aaron Cerrutti regarding algae in the ponds. Vern asked what the strategy of the Park District would be to decrease the amount of algae seen last summer. Vern then told the GTIA Board about his conversation with Aaron regarding various methods of minimizing the algae this upcoming year.

Nominating Committee – None

Sign Committee – Provided under Maintenance Committee.

Old Business/New Business

Peter Bakas asked Vern Goering to review the idea of the proposed Green Trails block party at the College Square Mall for the new Board members. Vern then described the idea of a Green Trails Block Party to be held on the first Saturday in May. The block party would be held in conjunction with the management company that runs the mall, as well as the merchants. Vern described that they previously had a band that was willing to play for free.

Mr. Goering then mentioned that the largest sticking point was insurance and financial responsibility in the event of an accident at the event. He told the Board that Seneca, the mall's management company, was asking GTIA to provide all insurance plus the mall's company be provided a waiver under GTIA's insurance policy. This issue of liability was discussed at length; the Board was very concerned with the possibility of financial exposure over the rider's limits. The Board also was concerned about, and discussed, who would be financially responsible for any contracts for items such as generators, porta potties and barricades.

Mr. Bakas asked if the Board would please provide Mr. Goering guidance under which they would consider supporting the Green Trails block party. Peter asked if the Board would be willing to lend its support for the event where the GTIA is essentially responsible; holding the insurance

rider, seeking the permits and being responsible for any contracts necessary to hold the event; the majority of the Board indicated that they were not willing to support the event under those circumstances.

Mr. Bakas then asked the Board if they would support a Green Trails Block Party where the GTIA would share responsibilities with Seneca, College Square's Management Company, if they were willing to also provide an insurance rider on their policy for GTIA's benefit. This scenario would have the GTIA still responsible for some aspects of the event and insurance would be provided by both parties; the majority of the Board did not support this idea either.

There not being a consensus for the two previous proposals, Mr. Bakas then asked if the Board would support the idea of Seneca being responsible for the event and providing the required insurance and Board members and residents would assist with the event; the majority of the Board was willing to support this idea.

Board Member Area Reports – None

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

Board Motion: .There being no further business, Betty Long motioned to adjourn the meeting, Christy McGovern seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote; the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gleason, Recording Secretary, Signature on File