

Minutes of the Green Trails Improvement Association, Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Peter Bakas called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at Trinity Grounds for Hope. Board members present: Peter Bakas, Pat Coughlin-Schillo, Tony Dolinar, Linda Gilbert, Marg Hough, Les Lavin, Betty Long, Michael Olson. Excused: Lou Beccavin, Vern Goering. Absent: Bob Klaeren, Christy McGovern, Roger Sassen, William Swiderski. Management: Julie Maschmeier. Recording Secretary: Paula Gleason. A quorum was present.

Open Forum: A New Albany resident was in attendance to request support from the Board in her request for assistance with an on-going storm water problem. The resident has water overflow from her residence onto the surrounding Park District trail. She had expended substantial sums on a fix, to no avail. Permission has been granted for her to tap in to the Village line; however this would be a cost-prohibitive outlay of approximately \$5,000. Consensus of the Board was that someone from our Parks Committee would discuss the issue with the appropriate Park District personnel.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting:

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed.

Board Motion: Tony Dolinar moved to approve the June minutes, Michael Olson seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

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

Board Motion: Marg Hough motioned to accept the check register expenditures of \$29,991.23 for July, Pat Coughlin-Schillo seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Management Report

Telephone log line items were reviewed.

Management sent out 9 assessment letters and 1 re-finance letter in June.

Management will send out 8 welcome packages for sales completed in June.

Assessment income received in June was \$170.00; assessment income from prior years was \$65.00.

Management sent letters to Ray Kustush and Kevin Mally requesting short bio's in support of their interest in the Board member vacancy. Both individuals replied that they are not interested at this time.

Annuals have been planted in the accent areas. Photos of the accent areas, as well as a few island areas that are in need of maintenance were sent to the Maintenance Committee for review and discussion.

Management has received notice that the signage permit was approved by the Village of Lisle.

The Pine Grove as well as 887 tree rings have been treated.

Areas of trail maintenance (overlay, sealcoat, trip hazards) were identified and pricing for the scope has been requested from the contractor.

23 ash borer infested trees, as well as 2 other trees that need to be removed were identified and sent to a contractor for pricing.

Management submitted copies of accent area preliminary drawings for committee and Board review and discussion. The consensus of the Board was that the professional landscaping designs were appealing, fresh, up to date and will exemplify a definitive branding concept for Green Trails.

Board Motion: Les Lavin motioned to accept the signage accent area conceptual drawings as submitted, Michael Olson seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Management and several Board members will work with the contractor to identify specific planting material to be installed in the areas.

Management brought final sign material samples for Board member viewing. The consensus of the Board was that the prototype gray needs to be shaded, and some of the tan blocks need to be lightened so as not to appear yellow in the daylight. In addition, the sizing and shape of the fabricated stonework should be made to more closely resemble the samples recently submitted to the contractor. Management explained that the prototype had been developed by the contractor based upon a photo of the desired stonework but that the actual sample will now be given to him.

Board Motion: Les Lavin motioned to proceed with the fabrication of the signs, after Management obtains a revised prototype which must be reviewed and approved by members of the Maintenance Committee prior to signage fabrication, Marg Hough seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Finance Committee – Michael Olson noted that the committee will meet and discuss moving several line items to cover the tree removal costs.

Maintenance Committee – Les Lavin reported the Maintenance Committee did meet on Tuesday, June 24. One of the items discussed were the removal of infested ash trees. This issue constitutes an unanticipated expense, but must be addressed quickly.

Board Motion: Betty Long motioned to approve the removal of the infested Ash trees to prevent additional insect breeding and transfer funds from other line items to cover this expense, Marg Hough seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Les referred to a power point presentation by Betty Long at the Maintenance Committee meeting highlighting the accent areas in need of maintenance. Management is working on obtaining new proposals for these areas. In addition, Management has been in discussion with VOL Public Works to assist in clean up of at least 15 of the 40 islands requiring maintenance.

Les presented an extensive synopsis of the decaying portions of the Gazebo, which he personally has addressed by replacing some of the rotted boards and shoring up the baseboard. The Maintenance Committee and Management have been in contact with the contractor who installed the most recent roof replacement to request he honor his 10-year warranty for the roof.

Communications Committee – Marg Hough stated that the committee members had met with Jim Arnold to discuss suggestions for revisions to the website; he has not yet submitted those

revisions.

Parks Committee –Marg Hough gave a synopsis of the June Lisle Park District Board meeting; Pat will determine who is scheduled to attend the July meeting. Pat Coughlin-Schillo did obtain cost information about the use of organic products for lawn care, however at this time; there are no definitive comparisons to the weed and feed products currently applied in Green Trails.

Nominating Committee – A notice of the five Board positions up for election will be posted in the August issue of the Pathfinder.

Old Business/New Business - None

Area Reports – None

Adjournment

Board Motion: .There being no further business, Betty Long motioned to adjourn the meeting, Michael Olson seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote; the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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