

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

Prior to Peter Bakas' arrival, Vice President Les Lavin called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Kennedy Jr. High. Board members present: Peter Bakas, Lou Beccavin, Bill Burlein, Pat Coughlin-Schillo, Tony Dolinar, Linda Gilbert, Vern Goering, Les Lavin, Betty Long, Christy McGovern, Michael Olson, Roger Sassen, William Swiderski. Board members excused: Marg Hough, Bob Klaeren. Management: Julie Maschmeier. Paula Gleason was Recording Secretary. A quorum was present.

Open Forum: Two GTIA residents were in attendance to request Board approval to insert an informative article in the Pathfinder regarding residential Ash-borer infected tree removal contractors and costs. The residents in attendance suggested that others within Green Trails might be able to reduce their costs for removal of infected trees on private properties through collective negotiations of favorable rates from contractors. The consensus of the Board was to encourage them to prepare and submit their article with the caveat that they would receive and monitor residents' responses.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting:

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed.

Board Motion: Betty Long moved to approve the September minutes, Pat Coughlin-Schillo seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

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

Board Motion: William Swiderski motioned to accept the check register expenditures of \$86,832.81 for October, Lou Beccavin seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Management Report

Telephone log line items were reviewed.

Management sent out ten assessment and one refinance letters in September.

Management will send out ten welcome packages for sales completed in September.

Assessment income received in September was \$360; assessment income from prior years was \$30.

There have been 29 ballots received after election ballots were mailed on September 26th.

Management reported contracts have been executed for accent area renovation, tree removal and Gazebo landscaping area upkeep; the accent area renovations began the week of September 29th.

Management coordinated a meeting with Balanced Environment, Volt Electric and Parvin to finalize sign and electrical locations and coordinate contractor activity/scheduling; completion of this scope of work is anticipated to take place in the second week of November. Volt submitted

a revised bid for signage areas in the amount of \$3,020 to incorporate additional work required to meet recently-changed code.

Illini Suburban Asphalt completed the sealcoating, overlay and trip hazards. It was noted that Illini sent a letter to Management complimenting the excellent work executed by Balanced Environment in support of the trail work.

The BluePay system has been tested and should be up and running for annual assessment billing.

Management identified 6 additional diseased Ash trees for removal; four of which were already on the list but have deteriorated rapidly. Tree removal is scheduled the week of October 20.

Betty Long has identified locations for transplanting of 8 five to six foot tall trees from the nursery to specified areas along College Road. Schwarz Nursery provided a list of pricing for trees that are available for fall planting and Management will follow up with them with regard to nursery transplants in accordance with budget-approved costing.

As instructed by the Board, Management requested the GTIA owner of a “community library” to move the structure from the common area onto his property. The resident responded that he would prefer to maintain the structure as is. The consensus of the Board was for Management to send a second letter confirming the Board’s position on this issue.

A 2015 mowing and accent area contract has been submitted by Balanced Environment.

Board Motion: Pat Coughlin-Schillo motioned to approve the Balanced Environment contract as presented, William Swiderski seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

As Board-approved last month, the two TCF CDs were renewed for 11 months at 1% and the First Community Financial Bank CD was renewed for 12 months at .35%.

Management distributed copies of the proposed GTIA 2015 budget for publication in the newsletter. Discussion commenced with regard to the level of line item details to be included in the published version.

Board Motion: Michael Olson motioned to approve publication of the proposed GTIA 2015 budget in the Pathfinder, with minor adjustments as discussed, Vern Goering seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Finance Committee – No Report

Maintenance Committee – Les Lavin inquired if Management had secured quotes for new lighting of holiday lights for accent areas. Management disqualified one quote of \$5,600 but will continue to secure additional pricing. Discussion took place regarding the Village of Lisle’s reluctance to support island maintenance activities. Management reported that they have been informed that the Village has no available budget to maintain these areas, despite the apparent need to do so. The subject island maintenance falls within the purview of the Village and is not the responsibility of GTIA. Alternatives are being considered by the Board to address this issue.

Communications Committee – In Marg Hough’s absence, William Swiderski reported that the committee has been working with Jim Arnold on what items they would like incorporated into the website revision which should be completed and live by the end of October. In the interim, Marg will query Jim Arnold about shared access to website maintenance.

Parks Committee – Pat Coughlin-Schillo reviewed board member assignments to attend Park District Board meetings for the balance of the year and submitted copies of her meeting notes with Park officials’ responses to the GTIA Inspection Reports. Peter Bakas gave a synopsis of the September Park District Board meeting. Pat Coughlin will attend the October Park District Board meeting.

Nominating Committee –Peter Bakas noted the annual notice and ballots were sent to residents.

Old Business/New Business – William Swiderski suggested doing an analysis next year of all GTIA trees and subsequently prepare a five-year plan of action. Vern Goering suggested that the names of residential newcomers be published monthly in the Pathfinder.

Board Member Area Reports – None

Executive Session

Board Motion: Les Lavin motioned to adjourn to Executive Session, Michael Olson seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:10 p.m.

Board Motion: Michael Olson motioned to adjourn from Executive Session, Betty Long seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:23 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Motion: .There being no further business, Michael Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Linda Gilbert seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote; the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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